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Best Books for Children and Young Adults of 2016  
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***Picture Books***

- Alexie, S., & Morales, Y. (2016). ***Thunder Boy Jr.*** New York, NY: Little Brown Books for Young Readers.
- Archer, M. (2016). ***Daniel Finds a Poem.*** New York, NY: Nancy Paulsen Books.
- Arrhenius, I. P. (2016). ***Animals.*** Somerville, MA: Candlewick.
- Arena, J., & Dominguez, A. N. (2016). ***Marta! Big & Small.*** New York, NY: Roaring Brook Press.
- Austin, M. (2016). ***Rescue Squad No. 9.*** New York, NY: Random House Books for Young Readers.
- Baker, K. (2016). ***Little Green Peas.*** New York, NY: Little Simon, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Division.
- Barton, C., & Thomas, L. (2016). ***88 instruments.*** New York, NY: Knopf Books for Young Readers.
- Beaty, A., & Roberts, D. (2016). ***Ada Twist, Scientist.*** New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers.
- Becker, A. (2016). ***Return.*** Boston, MA: Candlewick.
- Bogart, J. E., & Smith, S. (2016). ***The White Cat and the Monk: A Retelling of the Poem "Pangur Bán"*** Toronto, CA: Greenwood Books.
- Brosgol, V. (2016). ***Leave Me Alone!*** New York, NY: Roaring Brook Press.
- Cecil, R. (2016). ***Lucy.*** Boston, MA: Candlewick.
- Clanton, B. (2016). ***It Came in the Mail.*** New York, NY: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.
- Cronin, D., & Small, D. (2016). ***Bloom.*** New York, NY: Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books.
- Curato, M. (2016). ***Little Elliot, Big Fun.*** New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company.
- Davies, B. (2016). ***Grandad's Island.*** Boston, MA: Candlewick.
- Ehlert, L. (2016). ***Rain Fish.*** New York, NY: Beach Lane Books.
- Fan, T., & Fan, E. (2016). ***The Night Gardener.*** New York, NY: Simon & Schuster Books.
- Félix, L. (2016). ***Apples and Robins.*** San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books.
- Ferrell, S. (2016). ***The Snurtch.*** New York, NY: Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.
- Frazee, M. (2016). ***The Bossier Baby.*** New York, NY: Beach Lane Books.
- Gerstein, M. (2016). ***The Sleeping Gypsy.*** New York, NY: Holiday House.
- Gomi, T. (2016). ***Presents Through the Window: A Taro Gomi Christmas Book.*** San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books.
- Hadfield, C., & Fillion, K. (2016). ***The Darkest Dark.*** New York, NY: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.
- Heide, F. P., & Groenink, C. (2016). ***How to Be a Hero.*** San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books.
- Hemingway, E. (2016). ***Field Guide to the Grumpasaurus.*** New York, NY: Clarion Books.
- Huddy, D., & Sutton, E. (2016). ***The Christmas Eve Tree.*** Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press.

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- John, J., & Smith, L. (2016). ***Penguin Problems***. New York, NY: Random House Books for Young Readers.
- John, J., & Shea, B. (2016). ***Quit Calling Me a Monster!*** New York, NY: Random House.
- MacLachlan, P., & DePaola, T. (2016). ***The Moon's Almost Here***. New York, NY: Margaret K. McElderry Books.
- Maclear, K., & Turnham, C. (2016). ***The Wish Tree***. San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books.
- McGhee, A., & Wheeler, E. (2016). ***Tell Me a Tattoo Story***. San Fransisco, CA: Chronicle Books.
- McGrory, A. (2016). ***The Christmas Fox***. New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf.
- Mitchell, H. (2016). ***Toby***. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press.
- Nash, S., H., Shelley, M. W., Melville, H., Brontë, C., Shakespeare, W., . . . Proust, M. (2016). ***Shrunken Treasures: Literary Classics Short, Sweet, and Silly***. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press.
- Olshan, M., & Blackall, S. (2016). ***A Voyage in the Clouds: The (Mostly) True Story of the First International Flight By Balloon in 1785***. New York, NY: Farrar, Straus, Giroux.
- Pak, K. (2016). ***Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn***. New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company.
- Park, B. (2016). ***First Snow***. San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books.
- Park, L. S., & Reinhardt, J. B. (2016). ***Yaks Yak: Animal Word Pairs***. Boston, MA: Clarion Books, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
- Perkins, C., & Equihua, S. (2016). ***Cinderella***. New York, NY: Little Simon.
- Perkins, C., & Saburi, M. (2016). ***Snow White***. New York, NY: Little Simon.
- Perkins, L. R. (2016). ***Frank and Lucky Get Schooled***. New York, NY: Greenwillow Books.
- Pinfold, L. (2016). ***Greenling***. Somerville, MA: Templar Books, an imprint of Candlewick
- Puttapipat, N., Hoffmann, E. T., Dumas, A., & Tchaikovsky, P. I. (2016). ***The Nutcracker***. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press.
- Rex, A., & Robinson, C. (2016). ***School's First Day of School***. New York, NY: Roaring Book Press.
- Robinson, M., & Ashdown, R. (2016). ***Odd Socks***. New York, NY: Holiday House.
- Ruzzier, S. (2016). ***This is Not a Picture Book!*** San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books.
- Sabuda, R. (2016). ***The Christmas Story***. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press.
- Sanna, F. (2016). ***The Journey***. London, UK: Flying Eye Books.
- Sidman, J., & Krommes, B. (2016). ***Before Morning***. Boston, MA: HMH Books for Young Readers.
- Stosuy, B., & Martin, A. (2016). ***Music is...*** New York, NY: Little Simon.
- Sullivan, T. (2016). ***I Used to Be a Fish***. New York, NY: Balzer Bray, an imprint of HarperCollins.

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Swanson, M., & Behr, R. (2016). ***Babies Ruin Everything***. New York, NY: Imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Wenzel, B. (2016). ***They All Saw a Cat***. San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books.

Yaccarino, D. (2016). ***I Am a Story***. New York, NY: HarperCollins.

### **Concepts**

Deneux, X. (2016). ***ABC: Touch Think Learn***. San Francisco, CA: Handprint Books, an imprint of Chronicle Books.

Félix, L (2016). ***Give and Take***. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Studio; Ina Brdbk edition.

Krans, K. (2016). ***123 Dream***. New York, NY: Random House.

Niemann, C. (2016). ***Words***. New York, NY: Greenwillow Books, an imprint of HarperCollins.

Nouvion, J., & Krones, C. A. (2016). ***Numbers***. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Reiss, J. J. (2016). ***Colors***. New York, NY: Little Simon, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Division.

Reiss, J. J. (2016). ***Shapes***. New York, NY: Little Simon, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Division.

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## **Chapter Books**

- Alexander, K. (2016). **Booked**. Boston, MA: HMH Books for Young Readers.
- Anderson, J. D. (2016). **Ms. Bixby's Last Day**. New York, NY: Walden Pond Press.
- Appelt, K., & McGhee, A. (2016). **Maybe a Fox**. New York, NY: Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books.
- Avi. (2016). **The Most Important Thing: Stories about Sons, Fathers, and Grandfathers**. Boston, MA: Candlewick.
- Blakemore, M. F. (2016). **The Firefly Code**. New York, NY: Bloomsbury.
- Eagar, L. (2016). **Hour of the Bees**. Boston, MA: Candlewick.
- Gidwitz, A., & Aly, H. (2016). **The Inquisitor's Tale, Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog**. New York, NY: Dutton Children's Books
- Hecht, T. (2016) **The Nocturnals : The Mysterious Abductions**. New York, NY: Fabled Films Press.
- Hoge, R. (2016). **Ugly**. New York, NY: VIKING, an imprint of Penguin Random House LLC.
- Lin, G. (2016). **When the Sea Turned to Silver**. New York, NY: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.
- MacLachlan, P. (2016). **The Poet's Dog**. New York, NY: Katherine Tegen Books.
- Medina, J. (2016). **Juana & Lucas**. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press.
- Messner, K. (2016). **The Seventh Wish**. New York, NY: Bloomsbury.
- Phelan, M. (2016). **Snow White: A Graphic Novel**. Candlewick Press (MA).
- Reynolds, J. (2016). **As Brave As You**. New York, NY: Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books.
- Rhodes, J. P. (2016). **Towers Falling**. New York, NY: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.
- Sherman, D. (2016). **The Evil Wizard Smallbone**. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press.
- Stewart, T. L., & Sudyka, D. (2016). **The Secret Keepers**. New York, NY: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.
- Telgemeier, R., & Lamb, B. (2016). **Ghosts**. New York, NY: Graphix, an imprint of Scholastic.
- Young, K. R. (2016). **Hundred Percent**. San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books.
- Weiner, J. (2016). **The Littlest Bigfoot**. New York, NY: Aladdin Books.
- White, W. A., & Epelbaum, M. (2016). **The Adventurer's Guide to Successful Escapes**. New York, NY: Little, Brown and Company.
- Wolk, L. (2016). **Wolf Hollow: A Novel**. New York, NY: Dutton Books for Young Readers.

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***Juvenile Non-Fiction***

- Adler, D. A., & Miller, E. (2016). ***Circles***. New York, NY: Holiday House.
- Adler, D. A., & Miller, E. (2016). ***Place Value***. New York, NY: Holiday House.
- Barretta, G. (2016). ***Lincoln and Kennedy: A Pair to Compare***. New York, NY: Henry Holt & Company.
- Bryan, A. (2016). ***Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life***. New York, NY: Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books.
- Bryant, J., & Kulikov, B. (2016). ***Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille***. New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf.
- Burns, K., Powell, C., Blistein, D., & Kelley, G. (2016). ***Grover Cleveland, Again! : A Treasury of American Presidents***. New York, NY: Knopf Books for Young Readers.
- Corey, S. (2016). ***The Secret Subway***. New York, NY: Schwartz & Wade.
- Cornille, D., & Broad, Y. S. (2016). ***Bridges: An Introduction to Ten Great Bridges and Their Designers***. New York, NY: Princeton
- Fleming, C. (2016). ***Presenting Buffalo Bill: The Man Who Invented the Wild West***. New York, NY: Roaring Brook Press.
- Fleming, C., & Rohmann, E. (2016). ***Giant Squid***. New York, NY: Roaring Brook Press. Architectural Press.
- Fogliano, J., & Morstad, J. (2016). ***When Green Becomes Tomatoes: Poems for All Seasons***. New York, NY: Roaring Book Press.
- Gianferrari, M., & Ibatoulline, B. (2016). ***Coyote Moon***. New York, NY: Roaring Brook Press
- Guiberson, B. Z., & Spirin, G. (2016). ***The Deadliest Creature in the World***. New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company.
- Jenkins, M., & Hopgood, T. (2016). ***Fabulous Frogs***. Boston, MA: Candlewick.
- Levy, D., & Baddeley, E. (2016). ***I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark***. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers
- Marcus, L. S., Small, D., Bliss, H., Chien, C., Hayes, G., Kibuishi, K., . . . Yang, G. L. (2016). ***Comics Confidential: Thirteen Graphic Novelists Talk Story, Craft, and Life Outside the Box***. Boston, MA: Candlewick.
- Mazzeo, T. J., Farrell, M. C., & Torok, S. (2016). ***Irena's Children: A True Story of Courage by Tilar J. Mazzeo***. New York, NY: Margaret K. McElderry Books.
- Nolan, J., & Gonzalez, T. (2016). ***Seven and a Half Tons of Steel***. Atlanta, GA: Peachtree.
- Pinkney, A. D., Johnson, S., & Fancher, L. (2016). ***A Poem for Peter: The Story of Ezra Jack Keats and the Creation of The Snowy Day***. New York, NY: Viking / Penguin Young Readers Group.
- Powell, D., Davidson, Z., & Sebag-Montefiore, M. (2016). ***Walk This World at Christmastime***. Somerville, MA: Big Picture Press, an imprint of Candlewick Press.

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Pulver, R., & Reed, L. R. (2016). ***Me First! : Prefixes Lead the Way.*** New York, NY: Holiday House.

Rockliff, M., & Bruno, I. (2016). ***Anything But Ordinary Addie: The True Story of Adelaide Herrmann, Queen of Magic.*** Boston, NY: Candlewick.

Singer, M., & Masse, J. (2016). ***Echo Echo: Reverso Poems About Greek Myths.*** New York, NY: Dial Books.

Steptoe, J. (2016). ***Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat.*** New York, NY: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

Sweet, M., & White, M. (2016). ***Some Writer! : The Story of E. B. White.*** Boston, NY: HMH Books for Young Readers.

Weatherford, C. B., & Weatherford, J. B. (2016). ***You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen.*** New York, NY: Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books.

Verde, S., & Reynolds, P. H. (2016). ***The Water Princess.*** New York, NY: G. P. Putnam's Sons, an imprint of Penguin Random House LLC.

### **Instructional**

Peterson, A., & Pearce, C. (2016). ***Everything You Need to Ace Math in One Big Fat Notebook: The Complete Middle School Study Guide.*** New York, NY: Workman Publishing.

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## ***Young Adult Books***

### **Fiction**

- Anderson, L. H. (2016). *Ashes*. New York, NY: Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books.
- Barnhill, K. R. (2016). *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*. New York, NY: Algonquin Young Readers.
- Brown, S. (2016). *To Stay Alive: Mary Ann Graves and the Tragic Journey of the Donner Party*. Somerville,, MA:  
Candlewick Press
- Chee, T. (2016). *The Reader*. New York, NY: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers.
- Federle, T. (2016). *The Great American Whatever*. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.
- Garner, P. (2016). *Phantom Limbs*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press.
- Hooper, M. (2016). *Poppy*. New York, NY: Bloomsbury.
- Linn, L. (2016). *Draw the Line*. New York, NY: Margaret K. McElderry Books.
- Nelson, M. (2016). *American Ace*. New York, NY: Dial Books, an imprint of Penguin Random House LLC.
- Powell, P. H., & Strickland, S. (2016). *Loving vs. Virginia: A Documentary Novel of the Landmark Civil Rights Case*.  
New York, NY: Chronicle Books.

### **Non - Fiction**

- Anderson, M. T. (2015). *Symphony for the City of the Dead: Dmitri Shostakovich and the Siege of Leningrad*.  
Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press.
- White, R. (2016). *Cleared for Takeoff: The Ultimate Book of Flight*. San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books.