



Our Legacy: Their Inheritance

Some new best children's books from 2018

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List *not* in presentation order

Picture Books

- Agee, Jon. *The Wall in the Middle of the Book*. HarperTeen
- Bauer, Marion Dane. *The Stuff of Stars*. Illustrated by Ekoa Holmes. Candlewick
- Blackall, Sophie. *Hello Lighthouse*. Little, Brown
- Clarke, Maxine Beneba. *The Patchwork Bike*. Illustrated by Van Thanh Rudd. Candlewick
- de Sève, Randall. *Zola's Elephant*. Illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski. Houghton Mifflin
- James, Matt. *The Funeral*. Groundwood Books
- Jenkins, Emily. *All-of-a-Kind Family Hanukkah*. Illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky. Schwartz & Wade
- Lê, Minh. *Drawn Together*. Illustrated by Dan Santat. Hyperion.
- Lin, Grace. *A Big Mooncake for Little Star*. Little, Brown
- Love, Jessica. *Julián is a Mermaid*. Candlewick
- Mahin, Michael. *When Angels Sing: the Story of Rock Legend Carlos Santana*. Illustrated by Jose Ramirez. Simon & Schuster
- Martinez-Neal, Juana. *Alma and How She Got Her Name*. Candlewick
- Mora, Oge. *Thank You, Omu!* Little, Brown
- Morales, Yuyi. *Dreamers*. Holiday House.
- Partridge, Elizabeth. *Boots on the Ground: America's War in Vietnam*. Penguin
- Pinkney, Andrea. *Martin Rising: Requiem for a King*. Illustrated by Brian Pinkney. Scholastic.
- Schmidt, Gary. *So Tall Within: Sojourner Truth's Long Walk Toward Freedom*. Illustrated by Daniel Minter. Roaring Brook.
- Scotto, Thomas. *Jerome by Heart*. Illustrated by Olivier Tallec. Enchanted Lion.
- Tamaki, Jillian. *They Say Blue*. Abrams.

Early Reader

- Ruzzier, Sergio. *Fox + Chick: The Party and Other Stories*. Chronicle
- Serlin, David. *Baby Monkey, Private Eye*. Illustrated by Brian Selznick. Scholastic

Middle Grade

- Anderson, M.T. *The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge*. Illustrated by Eugene

Yelchin. *Candlewick*

Curtis, Christopher Paul. *The Journey of Little Charlie*. Scholastic
DiCamillo, Kate. *Louisiana's Way Home*. Candlewick
Johnson, Varian. *The Parker Inheritance*. Scholastic
Medina, Meg. *Merci Suárez Changes Gears*. Candlewick
Sells, Chad. *The Cardboard Kingdom*. Random House
Wang, Jen. *The Prince and the Dressmaker*. First Second
Woodson, Jacqueline. *Harbor Me*. Penguin
Yang, Kelly. *Front Desk*. Scholastic

Young Adult

Acevedo, Elizabeth. *Poet X*. HarperTeen
Adeyemi, Tomi. *Children of Blood and Bone*. Holt.
Ireland, Justina. *Dread Nation*. HarperCollins
Judge, Lita. *Mary's Monsters: Love, Madness, and How Mary Shelley Created
Frankenstein*. Roaring Brook
Krosoczka, Jarrett. *Hey, Kiddo*. Scholastic
Lee, Mackenzi. *A Lady's Guide to Petticoats and Piracy*. HarperCollins

Further Recommended Reading:

Hudson, Wade & Cheryl. *We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices*. Crown
Books
Woodson, Jacqueline. *The Day You Begin*. Penguin