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## 2018 Reading List

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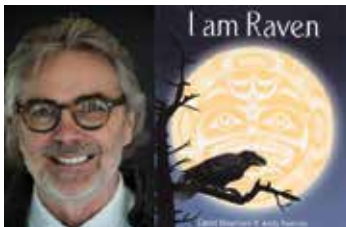
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### DAVID BOUCHARD



#### I Am Raven

2007, MTW Publishers

**Themes:** legends, Indigenous, identity

**ISBN:** 9780978432706

**Ages:** 4-12

#### Seven Sacred Teachings

2009, MTW Publishers

**Themes:** legends, Indigenous, values

**ISBN:** 9780978432720

**Ages:** 4-12

#### Rainbow Crow

2012, Red Deer Press

**Themes:** legends, Indigenous, perseverance

**ISBN:** 9780889954588

**Ages:** 4-12

[davidbouchard.com](http://davidbouchard.com)

### LANA BUTTON



#### My Teacher's Not Here

2018, Kids Can Press

**Themes:** picture book, school, feelings

**ISBN:** 9781771383561

**Ages:** 3-7

#### Willow Finds a Way

2013, Kids Can Press

**Themes:** picture book, school, bullying

**ISBN:** 9781554538423

**Ages:** 3-7

#### Willow's Smile

2016, Kids Can Press

**Themes:** picture book, school, self-expression

**ISBN:** 9781771385497

**Ages:** 3-7

[lanabutton.com](http://lanabutton.com)

### HEATHER CAMLOT



#### Clutch

2017, Red Deer Press

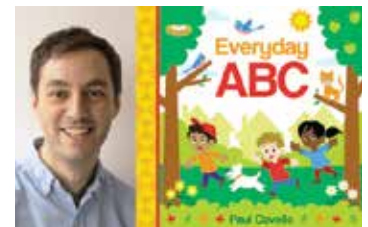
**Themes:** historical fiction, coming of age, family

**ISBN:** 9780889955486

**Ages:** 8-12

[heathercamlot.com](http://heathercamlot.com)

### PAUL COVELLO



#### Everyday ABC

2018, HarperCollins Canada

**Themes:** board book, literacy, alphabet

**ISBN:** 9781443454414

**Ages:** 0-4

#### Canada 123

2017, HarperCollins Canada

**Themes:** board book, Canada, numbers

**ISBN:** 9781443453813

**Ages:** 0-4

#### Canada ABC

2016, HarperCollins Canada

**Themes:** board book, Canada, alphabet

**ISBN:** 9781443448840

**Ages:** 0-4

[paulcovello.com](http://paulcovello.com)

**MELANIE FLORENCE****Stolen Words**

2017, Second Story Press  
**Themes:** picture book, Indigenous, residential schools  
**ISBN:** 9781772600377  
**Ages:** 6-9

**Missing Nimâmâ**

2015, Clockwise Press  
**Themes:** picture book, Indigenous, sensitive material  
**ISBN:** 9780993935145  
**Ages:** 8-12

**He Who Dreams**

2017, Orca Book Publishers  
**Themes:** middle reader fiction, Indigenous, identity  
**ISBN:** 19781459811027  
**Ages:** 12-18

[melanieflorence.com](http://melanieflorence.com)

**SARA GENERAL****Treaty Baby**

2016, Spirit & Intent  
**Themes:** picture book, Indigenous, treaties  
**ISBN:** 9780994004765  
**Ages:** 4-8

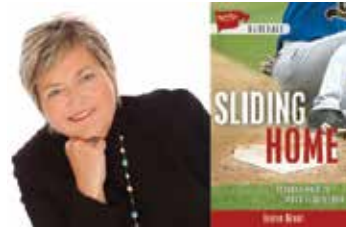
**The Skeleton Key**

2016, Spirit & Intent  
**Themes:** young adult mystery, Indigenous, vampires  
**ISBN:** 9780994004772  
**Ages:** 14+

**The Vampire Skeleton**

2014, Spirit & Intent  
**Themes:** young adult mystery, Indigenous, vampires  
**ISBN:** 9780994004741  
**Ages:** 14+

[sarageneral.com](http://sarageneral.com)

**JOYCE GRANT****Sliding Home**

2018, Lorimer Kids & Teens  
**Themes:** fiction, newcomer experiences, sports  
**ISBN:** 9781459412842  
**Ages:** 8-12

**Tagged Out**

2016, Lorimer Kids & Teens  
**Themes:** fiction, sports, LGBTQ+  
**ISBN:** 9781459410756  
**Ages:** 8-12

**Gabby: Wonder Girl**

2016, Fitzhenry & Whiteside  
**Themes:** picture book, early literacy, superheroes  
**ISBN:** 9781554553846  
**Ages:** 4-8

[joycegrantauthor.com](http://joycegrantauthor.com)

**VICKI GRANT****36 Questions That Changed My Mind About You**

2017, Running Press (Hachette Canada)  
**Themes:** teen romance, family, relationships  
**ISBN:** 9780762463183  
**Ages:** 12-18

**Short for Chameleon**

2017, Harper Trophy Canada  
**Themes:** mystery, identity, family  
**ISBN:** 9781443448987  
**Ages:** 12-18

**Small Bones**

2015, Orca Book Publishers  
**Themes:** young adult fiction, mystery, identity  
**ISBN:** 9781459806535  
**Ages:** 12-18

[vickigrant.com](http://vickigrant.com)

**JESS KEATING****Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist**

2017, Sourcebooks  
**Themes:** biography, women in STEM, marine biologists  
**ISBN:** 9781492642046  
**Ages:** 4-8

**How to Outfox Your Friends**

2015, Sourcebooks  
**Themes:** fiction, friendship, identity  
**ISBN:** 9781492617945  
**Ages:** 8-12

**How to Outswim a Shark**

2014, Sourcebooks  
**Themes:** fiction, identity, popularity  
**ISBN:** 9781402297588  
**Ages:** 8-12

[jesskeating.com](http://jesskeating.com)

**ANDREW LARSEN****The Bagel King**

2018, Kids Can Press  
**Themes:** picture book, diversity, responsibility  
**ISBN:** 9781771385749  
**Ages:** 3-7

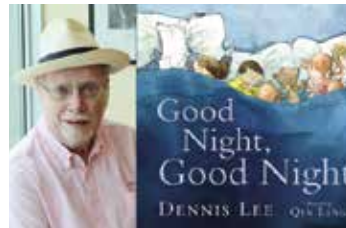
**A Squiggly Story**

2016, Kids Can Press  
**Themes:** picture book, early literacy, imagination  
**ISBN:** 9781771380164  
**Ages:** 3-7

**In the Tree House**

2018, Kids Can Press  
**Themes:** picture book, family, treehouses  
**ISBN:** 9781525300172  
**Ages:** 3-7

[andrewlarsen.ca](http://andrewlarsen.ca)

**DENNIS LEE****Good Night, Good Night**

2018, HarperCollins Canada  
**Themes:** picture book, poetry, bedtime  
**ISBN:** 9781443411653  
**Ages:** 0-5

**Zoomberry**

2016, HarperCollins Canada  
**Themes:** picture book, poetry, bedtime  
**ISBN:** 9781443411660  
**Ages:** 0-5

**Garbage Delight**

2015, HarperCollins Canada  
**ISBN:** 9781443446471  
**Themes:** picture book, poetry, humour  
**Ages:** 0-5

**QIN LENG****Shelter**

2017, Kids Can Press  
**Themes:** picture book, animals, community  
**ISBN:** 9781771389273  
**Ages:** 3-7

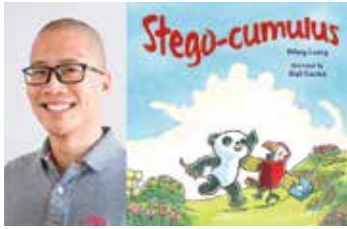
**The Better Tree Fort**

2018, Groundwood  
**Themes:** picture book, treehouse, community  
**ISBN:** 9781554988631  
**Ages:** 4-8

**Ordinary Extraordinary Jane Austen**

2018, Balzer + Bray  
**Themes:** picture book, biography, authors  
**ISBN:** 9780062373304  
**Ages:** 4-8

[qinillustrations.com](http://qinillustrations.com)

**HILARY LEUNG****Stego-cumulus**

2018, Scholastic  
**Themes:** picture book, imagination, friendship  
**ISBN:** 9781443157537  
**Ages:** 4-8

**Will Bear Share?**

2018, Scholastic  
**Themes:** board book, animals, sharing  
**ISBN:** 9781338215595  
**Ages:** 0-3

**Will Sheep Sleep?**

2018, Scholastic  
**Themes:** board book, animals, bedtime  
**ISBN:** 9781338215625  
**Ages:** 0-3

[hilaryleung.com](http://hilaryleung.com)

**SARAH MLYNOWSKI****Whatever After: Two Peas in a Pod**

2018, Scholastic  
**Themes:** fiction, fairy tales, family  
**ISBN:** 9781338162899  
**Ages:** 8-12

**Whatever After: Fairest of All**

2012, Scholastic  
**Themes:** fiction, fairy tales, family  
**ISBN:** 97805485715  
**Ages:** 8-12

**Upside Down Magic**

2016, Scholastic  
**Themes:** fiction, magic, school  
**ISBN:** 9780545800464  
**Ages:** 8-12

[sarahm.com](http://sarahm.com)

**JENNIFER MOOK-SANG****Captain Monty Takes the Plunge**

2017, Kids Can Press  
**Themes:** picture book, pirates, courage  
**ISBN:** 9781771386265  
**Ages:** 3-7

**Speechless**

2015, Scholastic  
**Themes:** fiction, friendship, bullying  
**ISBN:** 9781443142670  
**Ages:** 8-12

[jennifermooksang.com](http://jennifermooksang.com)

**EVAN MUNDAY****Loyalist to a Fault**

2015, ECW Press  
**Themes:** mystery, Canadian history, ghosts  
**ISBN:** 9781770410749  
**Ages:** 8-12

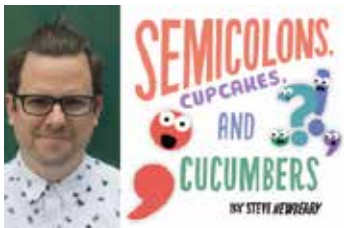
**Dial M for Morna**

2013, ECW press  
**Themes:** mystery, Canadian history, ghosts  
**ISBN:** 9781770410732  
**Ages:** 8-12

**Dead Kid Detective Agency**

2011, ECW Press  
**Themes:** mystery, Canadian history, ghosts  
**ISBN:** 9781550229714  
**Ages:** 8-12

[idontlikemundays.com](http://idontlikemundays.com)

**STEVE NEWBERRY****Semicolons, Cupcakes, and Cucumbers**

2017, Innovation Press  
**Themes:** picture book, punctuation, friendship  
**ISBN:** 9781943147298  
**Ages:** 4-8

[scratchgarden.com](http://scratchgarden.com)

**KENNETH OPPEL****The Nest**

2015, HarperCollins Canada  
**Themes:** adventure fiction, family, horror  
**ISBN:** 9781443438636  
**Ages:** 8-12

**Every Hidden Thing**

2016, HarperCollins Canada  
**Themes:** historical fiction, sensitive material, action adventure  
**ISBN:** 9781443410304  
**Ages:** 12-18

**The Boundless**

2014, HarperCollins Canada  
**Themes:** historical fiction, fantasy adventure, family  
**ISBN:** 9781443410274  
**Ages:** 8-12

[kennethoppel.ca](http://kennethoppel.ca)

**ITAH SADU****Greetings, Leroy**

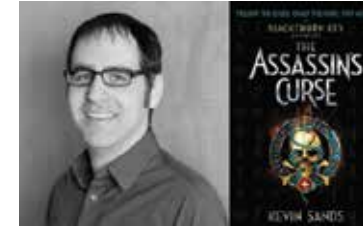
2017, Groundwood Books/House of Anansi Press  
**Themes:** picture book, newcomer experiences, diversity  
**ISBN:** 9781554987603  
**Ages:** 4-8

**Please Clean Up Your Room**

2013, Scholastic Canada  
**Themes:** picture book, family, bugs/spiders  
**ISBN:** 9781443124355  
**Ages:** 4-8

**Christopher Changes His Name**

2013, Scholastic Canada  
**Themes:** picture book, humour, individuality  
**ISBN:** 9781443124812  
**Ages:** 4-8

**KEVIN SANDS****The Assassin's Curse: Blackthorn Key #3**

2017, Simon & Schuster  
**Themes:** historical fiction, friendship, secret societies  
**ISBN:** 9781534405240  
**Ages:** 8-12

**Mark of the Plague: Blackthorn Key #2**

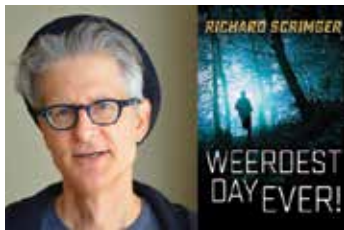
2016, Simon & Schuster  
**Themes:** historical fiction, friendship, secret societies  
**ISBN:** 9781481446754  
**Ages:** 8-12

**The Blackthorn Key**

2015, Simon & Schuster  
**Themes:** historical fiction, friendship, secret societies  
**ISBN:** 9781481446525  
**Ages:** 8-12

[kevinsandsbooks.com](http://kevinsandsbooks.com)



**RICHARD SCRIMGER****Weerdest Day Ever**

2016, Orca Books  
**Themes:** fiction, War of 1812, camping, humour  
**ISBN:** 9781459811553  
**Ages:** 9-12

**Downside Up**

2016, Tundra Books  
**Themes:** fiction, family grief, alternate world, illusion/reality, dragons  
**ISBN:** 9781770498457  
**Ages:** 10+

**Lucky Jonah**

2016, HarperCollins Canada  
**Themes:** fiction, identity, magic, inclusion, LGBT  
**ISBN:** 978443410717  
**Ages:** 8-12

[scrimger.ca](http://scrimger.ca)

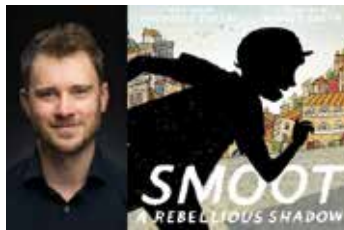
**HEATHER SMITH****Ebb & Flow**

2018, Kids Can Press  
**Themes:** fiction, family relationships, poetry  
**ISBN:** 9781771388382  
**Ages:** 9-12

**The Agony of Bun O'Keefe**

2017, Penguin Teen Canada  
**Themes:** young adult fiction, family relationships, runaway teenagers  
**ISBN:** 9780143198659  
**Ages:** 12-18

[heathertsmith.com](http://heathertsmith.com)

**SYDNEY SMITH****Smoot: A Rebellious Shadow**

2017, Tundra  
**Themes:** picture book, bravery, following dreams  
**ISBN:** 9780735263567  
**Ages:** 4-8

**Town is by the Sea**

2017, Groundwood  
**Themes:** picture book, history, Maritimes  
**ISBN:** 978554988716  
**Ages:** 4-8

**Sidewalk Flowers**

2015, Groundwood  
**Themes:** picture book, family, nature  
**ISBN:** 9781554984312  
**Ages:** 4-8

[sydneydraws.ca](http://sydneydraws.ca)

**CHAD SOLOMON****Rabbit and Bear Paws: Sacred Seven - Courage**

2011, Little Spirit Bear Productions  
**Themes:** First Nations, animals  
**ISBN:** 9780986846205  
**Ages:** 6 to 8

**Adventures of Rabbit and Bear Paws: The Sugar Bush**

2007, Little Spirit Bear Productions  
**Themes:** graphic novel, First Nations, Canadian history  
**ISBN:** 9780973990508  
**Ages:** 8 to 12

**Adventures of Rabbit and Bear Paws: The Voyageurs**

2008, Little Spirit Bear Productions  
**Themes:** graphic novel, First Nations, Canadian history  
**ISBN:** 9780973990621  
**Ages:** 8 to 12

[rabbitandbearpaws.com](http://rabbitandbearpaws.com)

**KEVIN SYLVESTER****MiNRS3**

2018, Simon & Schuster Canada  
**Themes:** action-adventure fiction, space, friendship  
**ISBN:** 9781501195280  
**Ages:** 8-12

**MiNRS2**

2016, Simon & Schuster Canada  
**Themes:** action-adventure fiction, space, friendship  
**ISBN:** 9781481440431  
**Ages:** 8-12

**MiNRS**

2015, Simon & Schuster Canada  
**Themes:** action-adventure fiction, space, friendship  
**ISBN:** 9781481440400  
**Ages:** 8-12

[kevinsylvesterbooks.com](http://kevinsylvesterbooks.com)

**VIKKI VANSICKLE****The Winnowing**

2017, Scholastic Canada  
**Themes:** young adult fiction, government secrets, paranormal activity  
**ISBN:** 9781443148863  
**Ages:** 12+

**Summer Days, Starry Nights**

2013, Scholastic Canada  
**Themes:** young adult fiction, family issues, summer  
**ISBN:** 9781443119917  
**Ages:** 12+

**Days That End in Y**

2013, Scholastic Canada  
**Themes:** young adult fiction, friendship, identity  
**ISBN:** 9781443124324  
**Ages:** 10-14

[vikkivansickle.wordpress.com](http://vikkivansickle.wordpress.com)

**ERIC WALTERS****Fourth Dimension**

2018, Penguin Teen  
**Themes:** dystopian fiction, survival, science fiction  
**ISBN:** 9780143198444  
**Ages:** 12-18  
**Cover:** provided

**From the Heart of Africa**

2018, Tundra Books  
**Themes:** picture book, diversity, cultural proverbs  
**ISBN:** 9781770497191  
**Ages:** 4-12

**The Rule of Three: Fight for Power**

2014, Razorbill  
**Themes:** dystopian fiction, technology, communities  
**ISBN:** 9780143187530  
**Ages:** 12-18

[ericwalters.net](http://ericwalters.net)

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