

# MFAC Publications and Awards

Our students and alumni do more than hone their craft -- they get their work published. Many of the projects that students work on while they are enrolled in the Creative Writing Programs become successful books. These works catch the attention of publishers and critics alike, earning awards and gaining literary recognition.

**Here are books by our students and alumni that have been published or are forthcoming in the world of literature for children and young adults.**

## **Sarah Ahiers**

*Thief's Cunning* (YA Novel)

HarperTeen, 2017

Finalist for Minnesota Book Award

*Assassin's Heart* (YA novel)

HarperTeen, 2016

Finalist for Minnesota Book Award

## **Cecilia Aragon**

*Flying Free: My Victory Over Fear to Become the First Latina Pilot on the U.S. Aerobic Team*  
(YA/adult memoir)

Blackstone Publishing, 2020

*Writers in the Secret Garden: Fanfiction, Youth, and New Forms of Mentoring, with Katie Davis*  
(nonfiction)

MIT Press, 2020

## **Megan Atwood**

*The Devils You Know* (YA Novel)

Soho Tee, 2017

*Ice Cream Summer (An Orchard Novel)*, illustrated by Natalie Andrewson (middle-grade novel)  
Aladdin, 2017

*Once Upon a Winter (An Orchard Novel)*, illustrated by Natalie Andrewson (middle-grade novel)  
Aladdin, 2017

Also author of *Dear Molly*, *Dear Olive* series, *Real Life Ghost Stories*, *The Contest Book* series, *The Dario Quincy Academy of Dance* series, *The Paranormalists Book* series, and more.

## **J. J. Austrian**

*Worm Loves Worm*, illustrated by Mike Curato (picture book)

Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, 2016

Winner of a Minnesota Book Award

**Cheryl Bardoe**

*Nothing Stopped Sophie* (nonfiction)

Little Brown Books for Young Readers, 2018

*The Ugly Duckling Dinosaur* (picture book)

Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2011

*Mammoths and Mastodons: Titans of the Ice Age* (picture book)

Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2010

*Gregor Mendel: The Friar Who Grew Peas* (picture book),

Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2006

**Daniel Bernstrom**

*A Bear, A Bee, and a Honey Tree*, illustrated by Brandon James Scott (picture book)

Hippo Park, 2022

*Song in the City*, illustrated by Jenin Mohammed (picture book)

Amistad Books for Young Readers, 2022

*Big Papa and the Time Machine*, illustrated by Shane W Evans (picture book)

HarperCollins, 2020

Winner, 2021 Minnesota Book Award in Children's Literature; Bank Street's Best Books of the Year

*Gator, Gator, Gator*, illustrated by Fran Preston-Gannon (picture book)

HarperCollins, 2018

Bank Street College Best Children's Books of the Year

*One Day in the Eucalyptus, Eucalyptus Tree*, illustrated by Brendan Wenzel (picture book)

Harper Collins, 2016

**Molly Burnham**

*Teddy Mars Almost an Outlaw*

Katherine Tegan Books, 2017

*Teddy Mars Almost a Winner*

Katherine Tegan Books, 2016

*Teddy Mars Almost a World Record Breaker*

Katherine Tegan Books, 2015

Winner of the Sid Fleischman Humor Award

**Miriam Busch**

*Raisin, the Littlest Cow*, illustrated by Larry Day (picture Book)  
Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, 2017

*Lion, Lion*, illustrated by Larry Day (picture book)  
Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, 2014  
Junior Library Guild Selection  
Bank Street College Best Children's Books of the Year  
Indie Next List Great Reads  
NPR's Best Books of 2014

**Meg Cannistra**

*How to Heal a Gryphon* (middle-grade novel)  
Inkyard Press, 2022

*The Trouble with Shooting Stars* (middle-grade novel)  
Simon & Schuster, 2019

**Jyoti Chand**

*Fitting Indian* (graphic novel)  
HarperCollins, 2024

**Sherryl Clark**

*Mina and the Whole Wide World*, illustrated by Briony Stewart (verse novel)  
University of Queensland Press, 2021

*Our Australian Girl: The Rose Stories* (4-book series) (middle-grade novels)  
Penguin eBooks, 2017

*Do you Dare: Jimmy's War* (middle-grade nonfiction)  
Puffin, 2015

*Dying to Tell Me* (middle-grade novel)  
Kane/Miller Book Publishers, 2011

*Farm Kid* (verse novel)  
Penguin, 2005  
NSW Premier's Literary Award for Children's Books, Patricia Wrightson Prize

*Sixth Grade Style Queen (Not!)*  
Puffin, 2008  
Children's Book Council of Australia Honour Award

Author of *Ellyse Perry* series, *Meet Rose* series, *Nibbles* series, and *Aussi Bites* series

**Jennifer Wilson Coates**

*Someday We'll Find It* (YA Novel)

Harper Teen, 2022

**Ailynn Collins**

*Mars or Bust!: Orion and the Mission to Deep Space* (middle-grade nonfiction)

Capstone Press, 2019

Author or co-author of multiple books in the *Michael Dahl Presents: Mysteries* series for Capstone Press.

**Melinda Cordell**

*Courageous Women of the Civil War: Soldiers Spies, Medics, and More* (nonfiction)

Chicago Review Press, 2016

**Jill Davis**

*Orangutans Are Ticklish* (picture book)

Schwartz & Wade, 2010

*The First Rule of Little Brothers* (picture book)

Knopf, 2008

**Naomi Kinsman Downing**

*Brilliant Hues (Faithgirlz/From Sadie's Sketchbook Book 4)* (middle-grade novel)

Zonderkidz, 2012

*Waves of Light (Faithgirlz/From Sadie's Sketchbook Book 3)* (middle-grade novel)

Zonderkidz, 2012

*Flickering Hope (Faithgirlz/From Sadie's Sketchbook Book 2)* (middle-grade novel)

Zonderkidz, 2011

*Shades of Truth (Faithgirlz/From Sadie's Sketchbook Book 1)* (middle-grade novel)

Zonderkidz, 2011

**Loretta Ellsworth**

*Tangle-Knot*, illustrated by Annabel Tempest (picture book)

Page Street Kids, 2023

*Stars Over Clear Lake* (novel)

St. Martin's Press, 2017

*Unforgettable* (novel)

Walker Books for Young Readers, 2011

*In a Heartbeat* (novel)

Walker & Company/Macmillan, 2010

*In Search of Mockingbird* (novel)  
Henry Holt, 2007

*The Shrouding Woman* (novel), Henry Holt, 2002

**Elizabeth Fixmer**

*Saint Training* (middle grade novel)  
ZonderKidz, 2010

**Olivia Ghafoerkhan**

*Siblings: The Ultimate Teen Guide* (nonfiction book)  
Bowman and Littlefield Publishing Group, 2019

**Amanda Glaze**

*The Second Death of Edie and Violet Bond* (YA novel)  
Union Square & Company, 2022  
Barnes & Noble YA Book Club Pick

**Rebecca Grabill**

*A Year with Mama Earth*, illustrated by Rebecca Green (picture book)  
Eerdman's Books for Young Readers, 2019

*Violet and the Woof*, illustrated by Dasha Tolstikova (picture book)  
HarperCollins, 2018

*Halloween Goodnight*, illustrated by Ella Okstad  
Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2017

**Kesha Grant**

*Women in the Civil Rights Movement* (middle-grade nonfiction)  
Children's Press, 2020

**Molly Beth Griffin**

*Just Us*, illustrated by Anait Semirdzhyan (picture book)  
Charlesbridge, 2024

*Ten Beautiful Things*, illustrated by Maribel Lechuya (picture book)  
Charlesbridge, 2021

*Rhoda's Rock Hunt*, illustrated by Jennifer A. Bell (picture book)  
MHS Press, 2014

*Silhouette of a Sparrow* (novel)  
Milkweed Editions, 2012  
Winner of Milkweed Prize for Literature

*Loon Baby* (picture book)  
Houghton Mifflin, 2011

**Erin Berger Guendelsberger**

*Little Red Sleigh*, illustrated by Elizaveta Kretyakova (picture book)  
Sourcebooks, 2021  
*USA Today* bestseller list

*Goodnight ABCs* (board book)  
Sourcebooks, 2021

*Can You Put Me to Bed?* (board book)  
Sourcebooks, 2021

**Amanda Henke**

*Not a Book About Bunnies*, illustrated by Anna Davis court (picture book)  
Starry Forest Books, 2023

**Christine Heppermann**

*What Goes Up* (YA Novel)  
Greenwillow Books, 2020

*Ask Me How I Got Here* (YA Verse Novel)  
Greenwillow Books, 2016

*Maya's Story (Backyard Witch)* with Ron Koertge (middle-grade series)  
Greenwillow Books, 2018

*Jess's Story (Backyard Witch)*, with Ron Koertge  
Greenwillow Books, 2017

*Sadie's Story (Backyard Witch)*, with Ron Koertge  
Greenwillow Books, 2016

*Poisoned Apples* (YA poetry collection)  
Greenwillow Press, 2014

*City Chickens*  
Houghton Mifflin, 2012

**Barbara Herkert**

*This Old Madrone Tree*, illustrated by Marlo Garnsworthy (Nonfiction PB)  
Web of Life Children's Books, September 2023

*A Boy, a Mouse, and a Spider: The Story of E.B. White*, illustrated by Lauren Castillo (nonfiction picture book)

Christy Ottaviano Books/Henry Holt/Macmillan, 2017

*Mary Cassatt: Extraordinary Impressionist Painter*, illustrated by Gabi Swiatkowska  
Christy Ottaviano Books/Henry Holt/Macmillan, 2015

*Sewing Stories: Harriet Powers' Journey from Slave to Artist*, illustrated by Vanessa Brantley  
(picture book biography)  
Knopf Children's Books, 2015

**Jonathan Hillman**

*The Wishing Machine*, illustrated by Nadia Alam (picture book)  
Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, October 2023

*Big Wig*, illustrated by Levi Hastings (picture book)  
Paula Wiseman Books/Simon & Schuster, 2022

**Melanie Heuiser Hill**

*Around the Table That Grandad Built*, illustrated by Jaime Kim (picture book)  
Candlewick Press, 2019

*Giant Pumpkin Suite* (middle-grade novel)  
Candlewick Press, 2017  
Winner of the Mathical Book Award Honor

**Bonnie Sue Hitchcock**

*Everyone Dies Famous in a Small Town* (stories)  
Wendy Lamb Books/Penguin Random House, 2021

*The Smell of Other People's Houses*  
Wendy Lamb Books, 2016  
William C. Morris Award finalist  
New York Public Library's Best Books for Teens

**Justina Ireland**

*Chaos and Flame*, with Tessa Gratton (YA novel)  
Razorbill, 2023

*Rust in the Root* (YA novel)  
Balzer + Bray, 2022

*Ophie's Ghosts* (middle-grade novel)  
Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, 2021  
Cybil's Award finalist  
Scott O'Dell Award

*Deathless Divide* (YA novel)

Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, 2020  
2020 Locus Award

*Dread Nation* (YA novel)  
Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, 2018  
*New York Times* Bestseller  
2019 Locus Award

*Promise of Shadows* (YA novel)  
Simon & Schuster, 2015

*Vengeance Bound* (YA novel)  
Simon & Schuster, 2014

*Star Wars The High Republic: Mission to Disaster* (middle-grade novel)  
Disney Lucas Films Press, 2022

*Star Wars The High Republic: Out of the Shadows* (middle-grade novel)  
Disney Lucas Films Press, 2021

*Star Wars: A Test of Courage* (middle-grade novel)  
Disney Lucas Films Press, 2021

*Star Wars: Spark of the Resistance* (middle-grade novel)  
Disney Lucas Films Press, 2019

*Star Wars: Lando's Luck*  
Disney Lucas Films Press, 2018

**Landra Jennings**  
*Wand* (middle-grade novel)  
Clarion Books, 2023

*The Whispering Fog*, illustrated by Nikolai Lockertsen (middle-grade novel)  
HarperCollins, 2022

**Janel Kolby**  
*Winterfolk* (YA Novel)  
HarperTeen, 2018

**Lilly LaMotte**  
*Chloe's Lunar New Year*, illustrated by Michelle Lee (debut picture book)  
HarperCollins, 2023

*Unhappy Camper*, illustrated by Ann Xu (middle-grade graphic novel)  
HarperCollins, 2022

*Measuring Up* (middle-grade graphic novel)

HarperCollins, 2021

Junior Library Guild Selection, finalist for Washington Book Award and Cybil's Award

**Susan Latta**

*Bold Women of Medicine* (middle-grade nonfiction)

Chicago Review Press, 2017

Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People 2018, Sixth to Eighth Grade

**Aimee Lucido**

*Recipe for Disaster* (middle-grade novel)

Versify, 2021

*Second Banana*, illustrated by Kate Berube (picture book)

Harry N. Abrams, 2020

*Emmy in the Key of Code*, illustrated by Abigail Dela Cruz (middle-grade novel)

Versify, 2019

Winner of the Northern California Book Award, long-listed for 2021 Carnegie Medal

**Ann Matzke**

*My Life as a Native American (Little World Social Studies)* (nonfiction series)

Roarke Educational Media, 2019

*Reading Maps (Little World Social Studies)* (nonfiction series)

Roarke Educational Media, 2019

*My Life as a Pioneer (Little World Social Studies)* (nonfiction series)

Roarke Educational Media, 2012

*What Are the Branches of Democracy (Little World Social Studies)* (nonfiction series)

Roarke Educational Media, 2012

*Hedgehog (You Have a Pet What?!)* (nonfiction series)

Roarke Educational Media, 2018

*Skunk (You Have a Pet What?!)* (nonfiction series)

Roarke Educational Media, 2017

*Mini-Horse (You Have a Pet What?!)* (nonfiction series)

Roarke Educational Media, 2015

*Can You Guess?* (picture book)

Rourke, 2010

*Plus 1, Minus 1* (picture book)  
Rourke, 2010

**Tracy Nelson Maurer**

*Lady Bird Johnson, That's Who!*, illustrated by Ginnie Hsu (nonfiction picture book)  
Henry Holt & Co., 2021

*Samuel Morse, That's Who!*, illustrated by el primo Ramon (nonfiction picture book)  
Henry Holt & Co., 2019  
Junior Library Guild Selection

*John Deere, That's Who!*, illustrated by Tim Zeltner (nonfiction picture book)  
Henry Holt & Co., 2017  
Junior Library Build Selection, American Farm Bureau Foundation Book of the Year, National Science Teachers of America STEM Book

*Noah Webster's Fighting Words*, illustrated by Ginnie Hsu (nonfiction picture book)  
Millbrook Press, 2017  
New York Public Library 2017 Best Picture Book list

*Storm Codes* (picture book)  
Windward, 2007

**Debra McArthur**

*A Voice for Kansas* (middle-grade novel)  
Kane Miller Books, 2012  
Bank Street College Best Children's Books of the Year  
Kansas Notable Books

*Raoul Wallenberg: Rescuing Thousands from The Nazis' Grasp (HOLOCAUST HEROES AND NAZI CRIMINALS)* (YA nonfiction)  
Enslow Publishing Inc., 2005

**Christine McDonnel**

*Kip Tiwernan and Rosie's Place, the Nation's First Shelter for Women*, illustrated by Victoria Tentler-Krylov (nonfiction biography)  
Candlewick, March 2022

*When the Babies Came to Stay*, illustrated by Jeanette Bradley (picture book)  
Viking, 2020

*Goyangi Means Cat*, illustrated by Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher (picture book)  
Viking, 2011

**Gary Metivier**

*Cody and Grandpa's Christmas Tradition*, illustrated by Traci Van Wagoner (picture book)

Pelican, 2016

*Until Daddy Comes Home*, illustrated by Robert Rath (early reader)  
Pelican, 2014

*Saluting Grandpa*  
Wild Horses Publishing, 2011

**Kalena Miller**

*Shannon in the Spotlight* (YA novel)  
Random House, 2023

*Becoming Brigitte* (MG novel)  
Delacorte, spring 2022

*The Night When No One Had Sex* (YA novel)  
Adams Books for Young Readers, 2021

**Diane Mullen**

*One Little Lot: The 1-2-3s of an Urban Garden*, illustrated by Oriol Vidal (picture book)  
Charlesbridge, 2020

*Tagged* (YA novel)  
Charlesbridge, 2015

**Jane O'Reilly**

*The Notations of Cooper Cameron* (middle-grade novel)  
Carolrhoda Books, 2017

*The Secret of Goldenrod* (middle-grade novel)

**Cristina Oxta**

*What Lolo Wants*, illustrated by Jamie Baugh (picture book)  
Kids Can Press, fall 2024

*Tara and the Towering Wave: An Indian Ocean Tsunami Story*, illustrated by Francesca Ficorilli  
(middle-grade novel)  
Capstone Publishing, 2020

*Red Riding Hood*, illustrated by Miguel Riaz Rivas (early reader)  
Picture Window Books, 2020

*Tae Kwon Do Test*, illustrated by Amanda Erb (early reader)  
Picture Window Books, 2020

*Stan Lee: Get to Know the Comics Creator* (middle-grade nonfiction)

Capstone Press, 2020

*Stephen Hawking: Get to Know the Man Behind the Theory* (middle-grade nonfiction)  
Capstone Press, 2019

**Bobbie Peyton**

*Dancing the Tinikling* (picture book)  
Sleeping Bear Press, spring 2023

**Melody Reed**

*The Major Eights 6: The Secret Valentine*, illustrated by Emilie Pepin (early chapter book)  
little bee books, 2020

*The Major Eights 5: The New Bandmate*, illustrated by Emilie Pepin (early chapter book)  
little bee books, 2018

*The Major Eights 4: Starstruck*, illustrated by Emilie Pepin (early chapter book)  
little bee books, 2020

*The Major Eights 3: The Goo Disaster*, illustrated by Emilie Pepin (early chapter book)  
little bee books, 2018

*The Major Eights 2: Scarlet's Big Break*, illustrated by Emilie Pepin (early chapter book)  
little bee books, 2018

*The Major Eights 1: Battle of the Bands*, illustrated by Emilie Pepin (early chapter book)  
little bee books, 2018

**Lisa Frenkel Riddiough**

*Letters to Live By: An Alphabet Book with Intention*, illustrated by Asa Gilland (picture book)  
Running Press, 2022

*Elvis and the World as It Stands* (middle-grade novel)  
Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2021

**Barbara Carroll Roberts**

*A Rose Named Peace*, illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline (nonfiction PB)  
Candlewick, 2021

*Nikki on the Line* (middle-grade novel)  
Little Brown Books for Young Readers, 2019

**Brita Sandstrom**

*Hollow Chest* (middle-grade novel)  
Walden Pond Press/HarperCollins, 2021

**Melissa Savage**

*Kharma Moon, Ghost Hunter* (middle-grade novel)  
Crown Books for Young Readers, 2021

*Nessie Quest* (middle-grade novel)  
Yearling, 2021

*The Truth About Martians* (middle-grade novel)  
Yearling, 2020

*Lemons* (middle-grade novel)  
Crown Books for Young Readers, 2018

*Bigfoot, Tobin, and Me* (middle-grade novel)  
Chicken House, 2017

**Ari Schwieters**

*Saints of the Household* (verse novel)  
Farrar Strauss & Giroux, 2022

**Sonja Solter**

*When You Know What I Know* (middle-grade novel-in-verse)  
Little Brown Books for Young Readers, 2020

**Caren Stelson**

*Stars of the Night: The Courageous Children of the Czech Kindertransport*, illustrated by Selina Alko (picture book)  
Carolrhoda Books, 2023

*A Bowl Full of Peace: A True Story*, illustrated by Akira Kusaka (nonfiction picture book)  
Carolrhoda Books, 2020  
Finalist for the 2021 Minnesota Book Award in Children's Literature

*Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story* (middle-grade nonfiction)  
Carolrhoda Books, 2016  
2017 Robert F. Sibert Honor Book  
Bank Street College's Best Children's Books  
Cybill's Award  
Jane Adams Children's Book Award  
Junior Library Guild Selection  
New York Public Library Best Books for Teens  
Orbis Pictus Award

**Eija Sumner**

*The Good Little Mermaid's Guide to Bedtime*, illustrated by Nici Gregory (picture book)  
Penguin Random House, 2024

*Crocodile Hungry*, illustrated by John Martz (picture book)  
Tundra Books, 2022

**Melanie Sumrow**

*Girls Like Her* (YA novel)  
Balzer + Bray (HarperCollins), 2024

**Patricia Sutton**

*Capsized: The Forgotten Story of the SS Eastland Disaster* (middle-grade nonfiction)  
Chicago Review Press, 2018  
New York Public Library's 100 Best Books for Kids  
Kirkus Reviews' Best Books of 2018  
Society of Midland Authors Literary Award Honoree  
Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People List  
Cybils Literary Award Winner  
Cooperative Children's Book Center's Choice  
Tofte/Wright Children's Literary Award

**Jamie Swenson**

*We Want Snow: A Wintry Chant*, illustrated by Emilie Boone (picture book), published by  
Sleeping Bear Press in September, 2021

*Chirp: Chipmunk Sings for a Friend*, illustrated by Scott Magoon (picture book)  
Simon & Schuster, 2021

*A Fall Ball for All*, illustrated by Chiara Fidele (picture book)  
Millbrook Press, 2018

*Big Rig*, illustrated by Ned Young (picture book)  
Little Brown Books for Young Readers, 2016

*If You Were a Dog*, illustrated by Chris Raschka (picture book)  
Straus & Giroux, 2014

*Boom, Boom, Boom!*, illustrated by David Walker (picture book)  
Farrar Straus & Giroux, 2013

**Blair Thornburgh**

*Second Banana*, illustrated by Kate Berube (picture book)  
Harry N. Abrams, 2020

*Skulls*, illustrated by Scott Campbell (picture book)  
Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2019

*Ordinary Girls* (YA Novel)

HarperTeen, 2019  
*Publishers Weekly* Best Book  
Booklist Editors Choice for Books for Youth

*Skulls*, illustrated by Scott Campbell (picture book)  
Atheneum, 2019

*Who's That Girl* (YA Novel)  
HarperTeen 2017

**Kim Tomsic**

*The Elephants Come Home: A True Story of Seven Elephants, Two People, and One Extraordinary Friendship*, illustrated by Hadley Hooper (picture book)  
Chronicle Books, 2021  
Finalist for Cybil's Award

*The 12<sup>th</sup> Candle* (middle-grade novel)  
Katherine Tegan Books, 2020

*The 11:11 Wish* (middle-grade novel)  
Katherine Tegan Books, 2019

**Hebah Uddin**

*A Bit of Earth* (as Karuna Riazi) (middle-grade novel)  
Greenwillow Books, 2023

*The Battle* (as Karuna Riazi) (middle-grade novel)  
Salaam Reads/Simon & Schuster, 2020

*The Gauntlet* (as Karuna Riazi) (middle-grade novel)  
Salaam Reads/Simon & Schuster, 2018)

**Elizabeth Verdick**

*Trusty Bus*, illustrated by Jeff Harter (picture book)  
Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books, 2025

*Try Again Time*, illustrated by Marieka Heilein (board book)  
Free Spirit Publishing, 2021

*Small Walt Spots Dot*, illustrated by Marc Rosenthal (picture book)  
Simon & Schuster, 2020

*Bike and Trike*, illustrated by Brian Biggs (picture book)  
Simon & Schuster, 2020

*Small Walt and Mo the Tow*, illustrated by Marc Rosenthal (picture books)

Simon & Schuster, 2018

*Small Walt*, illustrated by Marc Rosenthal (picture book)  
Sion & Schuster, 2017

*Peep Leap*, illustrated by John Bendall-Brunello (picture book)  
Two Lions, 2013

**Alicia D. Williams**

*The Talk*, illustrated by Briana Mukodin Uchendu (picture book)  
Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, 2022  
Coretta Scott King Honor Award, Golden Kite Honor Award

*Shirley Chisholm Dared: The Story of the First Black Woman in Congress*, illustrated by Jane Harrison (NF picture book)  
Anne Schwartz Books (Random House), 2022  
2022 Jane Adams Children's Book Award

*Jump at the Sun: The True Life Tale of Unstoppable Storycatcher Zora Neale Hurston*, illustrated by Jacqueline Alcantara (nonfiction picture book)  
Antheneum/Simon & Schuster, 2021  
Named an NEA Read Across America March 2022 read

*Genesis Begins Again* (middle-grade novel)  
Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books (January 15, 2019)  
Newbery Medal Honor Award  
Winner of the Coretta Scott King—John Steptoe for New Talent Award  
William C. Morris Prize Finalist  
An NPR Favorite Book of 2019  
A *School Library Journal* Best Middle Grade Book of 2019  
Kirkus Prize Finalist

*Jump at the Sun: The True Life Tale of Unstoppable Storycatcher Zora Neale Hurston*, illustrated by Jacqueline Alcantara (nonfiction picture book)  
Antheneum/Simon & Schuster, 2021

TOTAL Books Published and Sold (July 29, 2023):

189 Books

65 Authors

65 Awards and Best Lists

Many more books written for hire and many individual poems, stories, and articles published.