

Reading Suggestions From Wapiti Regional Library
Kids Books By Canadian Authors

Title: The Good Little Book

Author: Maclear, Kyo

Description: It's not quite love at first sight, but a good little book grows on a boy, soon becoming his loyal companion . . . until, one day, the book is lost. Will the boy get back his good little book? Will the good little book survive on its own without a proper jacket? Open up this good little book to find out.

Title: Painted Skies

Author: Mallory, Carolyn

Description: Leslie is new to the Arctic, and no one told her there would be so much snow, and so many interesting animals to see. Along with her new friend, Oolipika, Leslie soon discovers one of the Arctic's most unique and breathtaking natural wonders, the northern lights. Having never seen such lights before, Leslie is understandably shocked by them. Oolipika, on the other hand, knows that the ancient lights are more than just colors and that the mischievous, playful spirits that the northern lights hold can be dangerous. This contemporary narrative introduces young readers to an Inuit legend about the northern lights, followed by an epilogue that explains the science behind this amazing phenomenon.

Title: Not In Love

Author: Adderson, Caroline

Description: Isabel loves Jasper, and it's making life complicated. He just wants to play knights and dragons with Ori and Leon, but Isabel makes him play babies and tries to set up their wedding. The only good thing about Isabel is the trampoline at her house. But will the highs of their trampoline playdates be enough to cure Jasper's girl-itis?

Title: Skydiver: Saving the Fastest Bird in the World

Author: Godkin, Celia

Description: Retells the story of several generations of peregrine falcons and the efforts of scientists and volunteers to save the endangered species as the raptors are raised in a sanctuary and reintegrated into the wild.

Title: The Rat

Author: Gravel, Elise

Description: Celebrates the rat, sharing humorous scientific facts about everything from its powerful tail to its disease carrying nature

Title: Sometimes We Think You Are a Monkey

Author: Skibsrud, Johanna and Blacker, Sarah

Description: A book for both young children and their parents, especially every new parent who can't stop marveling at their baby.

Title: Rosario's Fig Tree

Author: Wahl, Charis

Description: "Every spring the little girl who lives next door to Rosario helps him plant vegetables. One spring, Rosario plants a fig tree, which soon bears sweet purple fruit. But when fall comes, he bends it over and buries it in the ground"

Title: The Swallow: a ghost story

Author: Cotter, Charis

Description: In 1960s Toronto, two girls retreat to their attics to escape the loneliness and isolation of their lives. Polly lives in a house bursting at the seams with people, while Rose is often left alone by her busy parents. Polly is a down-to-earth dreamer with a wild imagination and an obsession with ghosts; Rose is a quiet, ethereal waif with a sharp tongue. Despite their differences, both girls spend their days feeling invisible and seek solace in books and the cozy confines of their respective attics. But soon they discover they aren't alone--they're actually neighbors, sharing a wall. They develop an unlikely friendship, and Polly is ecstatic to learn that Rose can actually see and talk to ghosts. Maybe she will finally see one too! But is there more to Rose than it seems? Why does no one ever talk to her? And why does she look so... ghostly?

Title: Chris Hadfield

Author: Donaldson, Chelsea

Description: "Simple text and full-color photographs describe the life of Chris Hadfield."

Title: The Dreaded Ogress of the Tundra

Author: Christopher, Neil

Description: "This revised, expanded edition, originally published as Stories of the Amautalik, shares two spine-tingling tales of the dreaded ogress of the tundra, a creature that carries away unsuspecting children on her back! New illustrations in this edition ring the amautalik to life in even greater, creepier detail than the original. Revised text and additional content make this new edition a must-buy for young readers who are intrigued with the dark and dreaded beings of Inuit mythology!"

Title: Ruby Goldberg's Bright Idea

Author: Humphrey, Anna

Description: Ruby is determined to win the gold with her fifth-grade science fair project, a Rube Goldberg machine to help her grandfather, but the real prize turns out to be something completely unexpected.

Title: The Spotted Dog Last Seen

Author: Kerrin, Jessical Scott

Description: When a new book arrives at the library with a secret code written inside, Derek, with the help of his friends, follows the clues from one novel to the next and makes a discovery that may help him get past a terrible loss.

Title: Super Scorers

Author: Zweig, Eric

Description: Hockey Hall of Fame Super Scorers features 43 Hall of Famers and 14 of today's greatest players -- and all of them can put the puck in the net! These super scorers come alive through color action photography, fun illustrations, Hockey Hall of Fame artifacts and great information on the best goal scorers in the history of the game.

Title: On the Shoulder of a Giant: an Inuit Folktale

Author: Christopher, Neil

Description: (Based on a pan-Arctic Inuit traditional story, this book continues the familiar trope of the friendly giant, while featuring some uniquely Arctic elements and scenery.) Inukpak was big, even for a giant. He loved to walk across the tundra, striding over the widest rivers and wading through the deepest lakes. He could walk across the Arctic in just a few days. But being so big, and traveling so far, Inukpak was often alone. Until one day when he came across a little hunter on the tundra. Thinking that the hunter was a little boy alone on the land, Inukpak decided to adopt him.

Title: A Canadian Wildlife Poem

Author: Elliott, Max

Description: How does a beaver warn of danger? What's the advantage of being a tiny wood frog? Where do walrus like to live? Kids love to learn about wildlife, and the colours and textures of Max Elliott's mixed media art work make it even more fun to engage with a variety of Canadian animals, their habits and their habitats!

Title: Stephen Harper

Author: Yasuda, Anita

Description: About former Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Title: The Hidden Agenda of Sigrid Sugden

Author: MacLean, Jill

Description: Sigrid Sugden is a Shrike, a member of one of the toughest group of girls in school. They are experts at blackmail, extortion and bullying their terrorized classmates. But one day, the Shrikes go too far. Sigrid realizes that their favourite victim, Prinny Murphy, is in real danger. She makes a decision that will save Prinny from danger but will turn the Shrikes anger and bullying against the former friend who betrayed them to the authorities. For Sigrid, this is a transformative moment. She wants to be a better person and begins to reflect on the events that led to her being a Shrike.

Title: Caillou. Caillou Helps Out

Author: PBS Kids

Description: Caillou loves to help out! From helping his dad make pizza to learning the importance of tidying up the classroom, Caillou realizes that lending a hand and working together makes everything easier and more fun!

Title: The Bus Ride

Author: Dubuc, Marianne

Description: "This is the first time I'm taking the bus by myself. Mom packed me a snack -- and had me bring my sweater in case I get cold." But Mom likely didn't imagine the adventure her little girl would have as she rides to her grandmother's house in this sweet picture book. While the bus is taking her down the streets, through a forest and into a pitch-black tunnel, the little girl encounters an assortment of animal characters who enliven her journey, including a goat who offers her a flower from a bouquet, a wolf child with whom she happily shares her cookies and a fox who attempts to pickpocket a bear. Adding to the fun are lots of running visual gags, such as the changing headlines on the newspaper that hides one passenger's face, a sleeping sloth who mysteriously appears in different seats without ever having woken up and a nervous-looking turtle whose head and arms pop in and out of its shell

Title: Trash-Talk: Moving Toward a Zero-Waste World

Author: Mulder, Michelle

Description: Humans have always generated garbage, whether it's a chewed-on bone or a broken cell phone. Our landfills are overflowing, but with some creative thinking, stuff we once threw away can become a collection of valuable resources just waiting to be harvested. *Trash Talk* digs deep into the history of garbage, from Minoan trash pits to the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, and uncovers some of the many innovative ways people all over the world are dealing with waste.

Title: The Princess and the Pony

Author: Beck, Andrea Lynn

Description: Princess Pinecone would like a real war horse for her birthday, instead of which she gets a plump, cute pony -- but sometimes cuteness can be a kind of weapon, especially in a fight with dodgeballs and spitballs and hairballs and squareballs.

Title: Ready, Set, Go!

Author: Munsch, Robert

Description: Miranda's dad is running his first big race, and Miranda is there to cheer him on. But wait... Is it really the other way around?

Title: The Candy Conspiracy: a tale of victory

Author: Snyder, Carrie

Description: In Candyville, the Juicy Jelly Worm rules over a land where lollipop trees grow beside rivers of root beer and powdered sugar falls like snow. Every day, he devours his candy throne, jujube crown and cupcake castle. Day in and day out, the children of Candyville must make new ones -- never getting so much as a nibble of nougat for themselves. Finally, one child comes up with an idea to outsmart the self-centered tyrant.

Title: Unleashed

Author: Korman, Gordon

Description: "An uncontrollable Doberman. A wacky invention contest. A boys vs. girls rivalry. A mysterious theft. And a whole lot of laughs."

Title: Walk on the Wild Side

Author: Oldland, Nicholas

Description: "There once was a bear, a moose and a beaver who loved adventure. But sometimes their competitive natures got in the way of having fun."

Title: Starring You and Me

Author: Côté, Geneviève

Description: The two friends from Me and You and Without You have decided to put on a play. While Piggy and Bunny encourage each other's inner stars, they discover that the same feeling can be expressed in very different ways. This gently funny story sets the stage for preschoolers learning how to play together after years of being stars of their own show.

Title: Dojo Daytrip

Author: Tougas, Chris

Description: The six little ninjas of *Dojo Daycare* are back and rowdier than ever during a field trip to the farm. From the moment the ninja boys and ninja girls step off their minibus, mayhem ensues.

Title: Charlie's Dirt Day

Author: Larsen, Andrew

Description: Charlie learned about the life cycle of butterflies in *Bye Bye Butterflies* and now is back for another *Tell Me More Storybook* adventure. When Charlie and his dad follow a parade of their neighbours through the local park they discover everyone is walking towards a big pile of dirt! But this isn't just any pile of dirt - this is compost. Charlie learns from his neighbors about the gardens they have and the delicious vegetables they grow in them.

Title: Where Are My Books?

Author: Ohi, Debbie Ridpath

Description: Spencer loves books and reads one every night, sometimes aloud, then puts the book back in its place, but one morning his favorite book is missing, and the next day another, each replaced by a different object.

Title: First Hockey Words

Author: Gürth, Per-Henrik

Description: "The players have their helmets, skates and sticks -- all they need is a goal! Cheer on a winning team of characters and learn the basics of our favorite winter sport in this lively primer for the littlest hockey fans. Go, team, go!"

Title: The First Day: a story of courage

Author: Vermette, Katherena

Description: "Makwa has to go to a new school-- and he doesn't want to. How will he face his first day?"

Title: Colossal Canada

Author: MacLeod, Elizabeth

Description: From Chris Hadfield to the maple leaf, peacekeeping to poutine, and mukluks, tuques, grizzlies, and chinooks, this fast-moving and eye-opening book will give young Canadians plenty to cheer about. Colossal Canada is a wide-ranging round-up of the people, places, animals and events that make us uniquely Canadian.

Title: Who is Wayne Gretzky?

Author: Herman, Gail

Description: After breaking or tying more than sixty records in hockey, it's no wonder that Wayne Gretzky is known as "The Great One." Born in Brantford, Ontario, on January 26, 1961, in a nation obsessed with the sport, he threw himself into the game practically from the time he first laced up a pair of skates. When he retired from the NHL in 1999, he had led several teams to Stanley Cup victories, competed in the Olympics, and changed the way hockey was played forever. Known for his love for family and as a truly decent human being, Wayne Gretzky is revealed as more than a sports legend in this easy-to-read biography.

Title: The Spirit of the Sea

Author: Hainnu, Rebecca

Description: This illustrated picture book tells the story of the spirit of the sea, known by many Inuktitut names including Nuliajuq, Sedna, and Takannaaluk, who is a key figure from the pantheon of Inuit lore. Sedna was once a young woman who refused to marry, but the lies and deception of a treacherous bird and her own father's cowardice lead her to a life of solitude at the bottom of the ocean as the powerful, and at times vengeful, spirit of the sea. Steeped in Inuit traditional values and lifestyle, this book serves as an ideal introduction to the mythology of the first peoples to inhabit North America.

Title: Finding Grace

Author: Citra, Becky

Description: Ten-year-old Hope is a bit of a loner with a wonderful imagination. Growing up in the 1950s with a single mother and a mysteriously absent father, the letters she writes to her imaginary friend, Grace, help her cope with the difficult times in her life: her mother's depression, their money worries, struggles to make friends at school and her grandmother's death.

On her eleventh birthday, Hope is shocked to learn that Grace is a real person—her twin sister, who contracted polio and was adopted when they were toddlers. Hope believes that finding Grace is the only way she can help her mother deal with her guilt. Hope's hunt for her sister takes her and her mother to the tiny community of Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia. There she finally meets Grace, who is all the things Hope wishes she could be. They become friends, but Hope doesn't know how to tell Grace the truth. How can she have a relationship with her sister based on lies and secrets? A crisis will force her mother to be the adult she needs to be and allow Hope and Grace the chance to be children together.

Title: Frostbite Hotel

Author: Adams, Karin

Description: Kirby Katz has big dreams of making his fortune as an entrepreneur, just like his role model, hotel magnate William T. Williamson. But Kirby discovers that operating a "snow hotel" in the schoolyard comes with its own set of challenges: sourcing the best snow blocks, staff "team-building," marketing, and competition from Brewster's Best Five-Star Inn -- run by the Bear and his gang of the meanest kids in Grade 6. Worst of all, when Brewster's gang starts stealing Kirby's best ideas, all evidence points to a "mole" among his own staff. Will Kirby's vision for the Frostbite Hotel survive the cold reality of corporate recess espionage?

Title: Wisdom From Our First Nations

Author: Sigafus, Kim

Description: In Indigenous cultures, elders serve as a bridge across time: they are connected to the past, they live in the present and they offer wisdom for the future. In these fascinating biographical essays, twelve First Nation and Native American elders share stories from their lives and tell what it was like to live in a time before television, cell phones and video games. Their stories explain how their humble childhoods shaped the adults they became and the lessons they share as elders.

Title: Julia, Child

Author: Maclear, Kyo

Description: A fictional story about Julia Child as young girl in which she and her best friend Simca have many cooking adventures.

Title: Paint

Author: Dance, Jennifer

Description: The life story of a painted mustang set against the backdrop of America's Great Plains in the late 1800s. It is the late 1800s. A Lakota boy finds an orphaned mustang foal and brings her back to his family's camp, naming her Paint for her black-and-white markings. Boy and horse soon become inseparable. Together they learn to hunt buffalo, their fear of the massive beasts tempered by a growing trust in each other.

Title: Hailey Wickenheiser

Author: Donaldson, Chelsea

Description: In this book, simple text and full-color photographs describe the amazing life of Hayley Wickenheiser! Hayley is a Canadian women's ice hockey player who was the first woman to play full-time professional hockey in a position other than goalie. She is also a member of the Canadian women's national ice hockey team, and has won several golds for Canada at the Olympic Games.

Title: Dinosaurs From Head to Tail

Author: Roderick, Stacey

Description: Dig into Dinosaurs from Head to Tail for colorful close-ups of weird and wondrous prehistoric parts. Take a guess which dino they belong to and then turn the page for fun facts about each creature. Which one had a crested head? Who sported claws as long as baseball bats? Stomping through the pages are familiar favorites like the Tyrannosaurus and lesser-known beasts like the Parasaurolophus. Dinosaur fans will be roaring for more!

Title: This is Sadie

Author: O'Leary, Sara

Description: Sadie is a little girl with a big imagination. She has been a girl who lived under the sea and a boy raised by wolves. She has had adventures in wonderland and visited the world of fairytales. She whispers to the dresses in her closet and talks to birds in the treetops. She has wings that take her anywhere she wants to go, but that always bring her home again. She likes to make things -- boats out of

boxes and castles out of cushions. But more than anything Sadie likes stories, because you can make them from nothing at all. For Sadie, the world is so full of wonderful possibilities ... This is Sadie, and this is her story.

Title: Jimmy Tames Horses

Author: Gottfriedson, Garry

Description: A story about a little boy from the city who tries to fit in with his cousins who have always lived on the Kamloops Indian Reserve. Throughout the summer Jimmy works with a colt, overcoming initial fears and eventually becoming a famous horse breaker.

Title: Harry Holten Takes the Ice

Author: Bradley, Sandra

Description: Henry Holton comes from an ice hockey-obsessed family, but despite his comfort on the ice, his aspirations lead him to pursue another sport -- ice dancing.

Title: The Spider

Author: Gravel, Elise

Description: Part of a series of hilarious nonfiction about disgusting creatures, this book looks at the spider. It covers such topics as the spider's habitats (pretty much everywhere but outer space), the silk it spins (it can trap prey and makes a nifty bowtie), and its parenting practice (female spiders carry around their eggs in a silk purse). Although silly and off-the-wall, *The Spider* contains real information that will both amuse and teach.

Title: The Red Sash

Author: Pendziwol, Jean E.

Description: A Métis boy helps a stranded representative of the North West Company make it to Fort William.

Title: The Boundless

Author: Opper, Kenneth

Description: Aboard "The Boundless," the greatest train ever built, on its maiden voyage across Canada, teenaged Will enlists the aid of a traveling circus to save the train from villains.

Title: Ice Time

Author: Trifunov, David

Description: Paul Bidwell dreams of playing on a hockey team but knows that his mother can't afford to pay for the registration fees or the equipment. So he plays boot hockey with his friends and practises alone every night on the open-ice rink in the park. When the flu and mononucleosis hit Paul's school and his best friend, Vincent, is laid up with a concussion, an opening is created on Vincent's team, the Wildcats. Paul finally gets the chance to prove to the other players -- and to himself -- that he deserves his time on the ice.

Title: Outstanding in the Rain

Author: Viva, Frank

Description: Rhyming text tells of a boy's birthday at Coney Island, while each turn of the page reveals a new meaning for an ononym--a pair of words or phrases which sound the same but have different spellings and meanings.

Title: Drive: a look at roadside opposites

Author: Hatanaka, Kellen

Description: A road trip that takes readers into a big, wide world — and into a small, narrow one, too! *Drive* is an exploration of opposites. Any child (or adult) who has stared out the window of their family's car counting license plates and state lines will recognize the highs and lows of being on the road. Sit back, or front, if you'd prefer, and come along for the ride.

Title: Nowhere Wild

Author: Beernink, Joe

Description: A dark and riveting survival story set against a rugged northern landscape . . . Izzy is just thirteen when a flu pandemic turns the world upside down. After her sister is attacked by a roving gang of looters in what remains of their town, Izzy flees to the wilderness with a man who claims he will protect her. Sixteen-year-old Jake is stranded and alone in the unforgiving northern Manitoba backcountry. His mother and grandfather have died and his father has gone missing while searching for help. Desperate to find a way home, Jake begins a trek over some of the most forbidding landscape in the country. Both Jake and Izzy are forced to make decisions and take on responsibilities they could never have imagined. They must draw on every shred of resourcefulness and courage as they try to save themselves and, ultimately, each other.

Title: The Journal

Author: Donovan, Lois

Description: (Young Adult fiction) While rummaging through family boxes, Kami finds an old diary written by her great-grandmother. Reading the newspaper clippings inside, she's sent hurtling back in time to 1929, where she encounters extreme prejudice because of her Asian features. After a number of disturbing adventures, Kami is taken in as a domestic servant by Judge Emily Murphy, one of the "Famous Five," at the time of her battle to have women declared "persons"—a defining moment in the struggle for women's rights. Although Kami views Judge Murphy as a "heroine," she is startled to discover that Murphy holds racist views. On her return to the present, Kami must come to terms, not only with her own heritage, but how she views the ongoing struggle for the rights of all persons.

Title: Dipnetting With Dad

Author: Sellars, Willie

Description: BUMP, BUMP - SLAP, river sockeye salmon are pulled onto shore! Set in the beautiful landscape of the Cariboo Chilcotin region, DIPNETTING WITH DAD is a delightful and colourful story of a father teaching his son the Secwepemc method of fishing known as dipnetting. Together they visit the sweat lodge, mend the nets, select the best fishing spot and catch and pack their fish through rugged bush back to the family home for traditional preparation.

Title: Who Needs A Prairie?: a grassland ecosystem

Author: Patkau, Karen

Description: One of the Ecosystem series, *Who needs a prairie?* is brimming with captivating creatures, ecological features, fact-filled notes, a useful glossary, and a comprehensive map.

Title: Ride the Big Machines Across Canada

Author: Mok, Carmen

Description: A playful cross-country adventure in which a young boy on a family car trip imagines himself behind the wheel of the big machines he sees through the window as they travel through the provinces and territories. This is both a tribute to Canada from sea to sea and an imagination-sparking celebration of big machines.

Title: Metis**Author:** Mitchell, Sara**Description:** Canadian Aboriginal Art and Culture recounts the history of Canada's Aboriginal Peoples and how they adapted to their surroundings. Readers are taken on a journey through time, learning about the different roles, communities, and tools developed by each Aboriginal group.**Title: The Highest Number in the World****Author:** MacGregor, Roy**Description:** 9-year-old Gabe (Gabriella) Murray lives and breathes hockey. She's the youngest player on her new team, she has a nifty move that her teammates call "the Gabe," and she shares a lucky number with her hero, Hayley Wickenheiser: number 22. But when her coach hands out the team jerseys, Gabe is stuck with number 9. Crushed, Gabe wants to give up hockey altogether. How can she play without her lucky number? Gabe's grandmother soon sets her straight, though--from her own connection to the number 9 in her hockey-playing days to all the greats she cheered for who wore it, she soon convinces Gabe that this new number might not be so bad after all.**Title: The Slug****Author:** Gravel, Elise**Description:** One in a series of humorous books about disgusting creatures, *The Slug* is a look at the land slug. It covers such topics as the slug's two pairs of tentacles, one pair for seeing, one pair for smelling (it can see you're a kid and smell like broccoli), its breathing hole (on the side of its head!), and its pretty gross mucous covering (in order to find a partner, the slug can follow another slug's mucous trail. True love!).**Title: Gerbil, uncurled****Author:** Hughes, Alison**Description:** Little Gerbil has learned all of the important Gerbil Mottos from Grandpa: Always Keep Your Whiskers Clean, Celery Tops Come to Those Who Wait, et cetera But there is one motto that Little Gerbil just can't manage to keep: Curl Up Nose to Toes when it comes time to go to sleep. At the weekly Gerbil Circle meeting she knows she has to tell the truth. Little Gerbil discovers that she is not the only one that has problems following some of the Gerbil Mottos.**Title: My First ABC (Maple Leaf Learners)****Author:** Corrigan, Kathleen**Description:** Photographic Canadian alphabet board book.**Title: The Madman of Piney Woods****Author:** Curtis, Christopher Paul**Description:** Even though it is now 1901, the people of Buxton, Canada (originally a settlement of runaway slaves) and Chatham, Canada are still haunted by two events of half a century before--the American Civil War, and the Irish potato famine, and the lasting damage those events caused to the survivors.**Title: Head Lice****Author:** Gravel, Elise**Description:** Part of a series of hilarious nonfiction books about disgusting creatures, this book examines head lice. It covers such topics as head lice habitats (human heads only, dogs are gross) anatomy (his body is slightly see through, so he can always see what he ate for lunch), and parenting practice (the female louse sticks eggs to human hair and uses the leftover glue for her model airplanes).

Title: Snap!**Author:** Hutchins, Hazel

Description: Snap! Scritch! Whoosh! There goes another crayon! What could be more perfect than a brand new set of crayons? Evan can't wait to use them, until Snap!, the brown one breaks in two. Then one by one, the others break, get crushed, are blown away, or simply disappear. How can he possibly draw when there's no green, purple, or even black? Evan feels like throwing things, but instead, he scribbles using all the bits and pieces that are left. But what's this? Where yellow and blue cross, there's green, and when blue and red get all mixed up, it creates just the right purple to draw monsters. Soon, all he's left with are tiny stubs of red, yellow, and blue, but Evan discovers that even with just a few crayons, he can create new and exciting art---his imagination is the only tool he needs.

Title: My First Colors**Author:** Corrigan, Kathleen**Description:** Photographic Canadian colors book**Title: Not in Love****Author:** Adderson, Caroline

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