

Best New Children's Books of 2022

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Picture Books

Capucilli, Alyssa Satin *THE LIBRARY FISH*

Illus. by Gladys Jose unp. Simon & Schuster 2022 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-5344-7705-6

Carzoo, Breanna *LOU*

Unp. HarperCollins 2022 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-305405-9

Denise, Christopher *KNIGHT OWL*

Unp. Christy Ottaviano Books (Hachette Book Group) 2022 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-316-31062-8

Fairbank, Sorsche *TRUCKS ON TRUCKS*

Illus. by Nik Henderson unp. Greenwillow (HarperCollins) 2022 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-284209-1

Fleming, Meg *I WAS BORN A BABY*

Illus. by Brandon James Scott unp. HarperCollins 2022 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-315721-7

Freeman, Deborah *TINY DINO*

Unp. Viking (Penguin Random House) 2022 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-593-35264-9

Gehl, Laura *THE HIKING VIKING*

Illus. by Timothy Banks unp. Capstone Editions 2022 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-68446-427-2

George, Jean Craighead *CROWBAR*

Illus. by Wendell Minor unp. Katherine Tegen Books (HarperCollins) 2021 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-000257-2

Giovanni, Nikki ***A LIBRARY***

Illus. by Erin K. Robinson unpub. Versify (HarperCollins) 2022 \$18.99 ISBN 978-0-35-838765-7

Hale, Shannon ***THIS BOOK IS NOT FOR YOU***

Illus. by Tracy Subisak unpub. Dial Books (Penguin Random House) 2022 \$18.99 ISBN 978-1-9848-1685-6

Henderson, Leah ***DADDY SPEAKS LOVE***

Illus. by E. B. Lewis unpub. Nancy Paulsen Books (Penguin Random House) 2022 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-593-35436-0

Kuefler, Joseph ***THE DIGGER AND THE DUCKLING***

Unpub. Balzer + Bray HarperCollins) 2022 \$18.99 ISBN 978-0-06-306254-2

Meyers, Seth ***I'M NOT SCARED, YOU'RE SCARED!***

Illus. by Rob Sayegh Jr. unpub. Flamingo Books (Penguin Random House) 2022 \$18.99 ISBN 978-0-593-35237-3

Miller, Pat Zietlow ***IN OUR GARDEN***

Illus. by Melissa Crowton unpub. G. P. Putnam's Sons (Penguin Random House) 2022 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-9848-1210-0

Noor, Nabela ***BEAUTIFULLY ME***

Illus. by Nabi H. Ali unpub. Simon & Schuster 2021 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-5344-8587-7

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Illus. by Brian Pinkney unpub. Orchard Books (Scholastic Press) 2021 \$18.99 ISBN 978-0-545-87229-4

Reynolds, Aaron ***CREEPY CRAYON!***

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Rubin, Adam ***GLADYS THE MAGIC CHICKEN***

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Shea, Bob ***CHEZ BOB***

Unpub. Little, Brown & Co. 2021 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-316-48311-7

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Illus. by Madelyn Goodnight unp. Charlesbridge 2022 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-58089-948-2

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Van Dusen, Chris **BIG TRUCK, LITTLE ROAD**

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