

BC SRC 2021: Crack the Case!

Booklists – BC Publishers

Contributions by: Crwth Press, Greystone Books, and Raincoast Books (Members of the Association of Book Publishers of British Columbia)

***The Fifth Beethoven*, Melanie Jackson, 2020 Crwth Press (BC)**

Nate gets his dream job playing piano outside a fancy high-rise. But there's a Beethoven-costumed thief in the area and Nate is determined to find out who it is. Ages 9-12.

Theme 1

***Complete the Quest: The Poisonous Library*, Brian McLachlan, 2021 Imprint Books (CA)**

Save your kingdom in this interactive role-playing adventure, which reads like a graphic novel but also plays like a game! It's perfect for fans of all ages who are interested in the exciting world of fantasy gaming. Ages 8-12.

Theme 1

***On the Other Side of the Forest*, Nadine Robert, 2021 Greystone Books (CA)**

A young rabbit and his father are determined to find out what's on the other side of the forest in this classically-inspired picture book, reminiscent of Beatrix Potter. No one ever goes in the forest to see what's on the other side—until one day, when Arthur's dad has a magnificent idea. What will they see on the other side? Ages 4-8.

Theme 1

***InvestiGators Off the Hook*, John Patrick Green, 2020 First Second**

InvestiGators Mango and Brash don their fanciest vests for *InvestiGators: Off the Hook*, the next mystery in the hilarious adventure series from John Patrick Green. Ages 5-8.

Theme 1

***Pranklab*, Chris Ferrie, 2020 Sourcebooks Explore (CA)**

Using everyday household items, kids can exploit the laws of physics, biology, and chemistry through entertaining (and perfectly safe) activities. Each prank includes easy-to-understand instructions, step-by-step diagrams, and diary-style illustrations. Additional notes in each prank explain the science behind the fun. Ages 8-12.

Theme 2

***Palm Trees at the North Pole*, Marc ter Horst, 2019 Greystone Books**

An approachable and creative guide to the science and history of climate change, for both young activists and kids new to the issue. *Palm Trees At the North Pole* will help kids understand climate change and what we can do about it! Ages 8-12.

Theme 2

***How to Make a Friend*, Stephen W. Martin, 2021 HMH Books (CA)**

A girl's efforts to build a robot friend go comically awry when the robot attempts world domination in this witty metaphor for the ups and downs of friendship. Ages 5-8.

Theme 2

***Plasticus Maritimus*, Ana Pêgo, 2020 Greystone Books**

An imaginative guide to ocean plastics, filled with tips and tricks for identifying—and combating—pollution in our oceans. Inspired by biologist Ana Pêgo’s life’s work, and filled with engaging science and colorful photographs, this foundational look at plastic pollution in the ocean explains why it is such an urgent contemporary issue. Ages 10+.

Theme 2

***Do You Know Where the Animals Live?*, Peter Wohlleben, 2021 Greystone Books**

The middle-reader follow up to *Can You Hear the Trees Talking?*, from the New York Times bestselling author of *The Hidden Life of Trees*. A scientific investigation into animals all around the world and how we can make the world a better place for them, featuring recent research and unique insight into animal emotions, plus fun facts, interactive activities, and more. Ages 8-12.

Theme 2

***We All Play*, Julie Flett, 2021 Greystone Books (BC)**

From critically acclaimed, award-winning author and illustrator Julie Flett, *We All Play* is a joyous celebration of animals and children playing in nature, based on the Cree concept of wâhkôtowin: interconnectedness with the world around us. The book includes a glossary of Cree words. Ages up to 7.

Theme 3

***Catch the Sky*, Robert Heidbreder, 2020 Greystone Books (BC)**

A collection of thirty pocket-sized poems from award-winning children's poet Robert Heidbreder that capture the magic and beauty of all the wonderful things kids can see when they gaze at the sky. This celebration of the natural world will lift kids' spirits and let their imaginations soar. Ages 3-8.

Theme 3

***Rescue at Lake Wild*, Terry Lynn Johnson, 2021 HMH Books (CA)**

Outdoor School: Hiking & Camping is your go-to wilderness guide from Odd Dot, featuring sturdy, metal corners and more than 400 full-color, highly-illustrated pages with immersive activities. Ages 8-12.

Theme 3

***Hello, Rain!*, Kyo Maclear, 2021 Chronicle Books (CA)**

Internationally acclaimed writer Kyo Maclear has partnered with printmaker Chris Turnham to create a colorful and lively celebration of rain. Flowers bloom in the garden. Umbrellas bloom on the streets. There are puddles for jumping and, later, a cozy home for hot chocolate and books. So much to love about the rain! Ages 3-5.

Theme 3

***Outdoor School: Hiking and Camping*, Jennifer Pharr Davis, 2021 Odd Dot**

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Theme 3

***Show Us Where You Live, Humpback*, Beryl Young, 2021 Greystone Books (BC)**

Swimming, singing, and blowing bubbles—children and baby whales love many of the same things! Peppered with facts about humpback whales, this evocative picture book celebrates our connection and kinship with these extraordinary marine mammals. Ages 3-7.

Theme 3

***The Sea-Ringed World*, Maria Garcia Esperon, 2021 Levine Querido**

A collection of stories from nations and cultures across our two continents—the Sea-Ringed World, as the Aztecs called it—from the Andes all the way up to Alaska. Ages 8-12.

Theme 4

***Let's Time Travel*, Chris Ferrie, 2020 Sourcebooks Explore (CA)**

Equip the next generation of scientists with a brand new series from Chris Ferrie, the #1 science author for kids. Backmatter includes a glossary, comprehension questions aligned with Bloom's Taxonomy and experiments kids can easily do at school or at home! Ages 8-12.

Theme 4

***Astronauts Mission Two: The Water Planet*, Jon Scieszka, 2021 Chronicle Books**

Featuring full-color illustrations throughout, an out-of-this-world gatefold, and how-to-draw pages in the back, eager and reluctant readers alike will be over the moon about this new mission, where AstroWolf, LaserShark, SmartHawk, and StinkBug must find a planet fit for human life after we've finally made Earth unlivable. Ages 8-12.

Theme 4

***Starboy*, Jami Gigot, 2021 Henry Holt and Co. (BC)**

A starry-eyed ode to self-expression and staying true to yourself, inspired by the life and lyrics of beloved icon David Bowie. Ages 5-8.

Theme 5

***Gone to the Woods*, Gary Paulsen, 2021 FSG**

A mesmerizing memoir from a living literary legend, giving readers a new perspective on the origins of Gary Paulsen's famed survival stories. Ages 8-12.

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***Boy From Buchenwald*, Robbie Waisman and Susan McClelland, 2021 Bloomsbury (BC) (CA)**

Along with hundreds of other traumatized boys liberated from a brutal concentration camp, Robbie Waisman spent several years following the war in a home for rehabilitation. The humanitarian and Canadian governor general award recipient, shares his remarkable story of transforming pain into resiliency and overcoming incredible loss to find incredible joy. Ages 8-12.

Theme 5

***Dino Dana: Dino Field Guide*, J.J. Johnson, 2020 Mango Media (CA)**

Following up on the #1 Bestseller comes *Dino Dana: Dino Field Guide, Volume 2 - Pterosaurs and Other Prehistoric Creatures*. Part paleontology field guide, part encyclopedia for kids, this colorful second volume explores some of the amazing creatures that once flew through the sky, swam in the oceans, and stomped on prehistoric earth. Ages 8-12.

Theme 6

The Three Spartans, James McCann, 2019 Crwth Press (BC)

Art is obsessed with ancient Greece. When he gets bullied, he uses his knowledge of the Spartans to rally the other kids to stand up for themselves in an epic paintball battle. Ages 9-12.

Theme 6

Science Comics Dinosaurs, MK Reed, 2016 First Second

This fascinating look at dinosaur science covers the last 150 years of dinosaur hunting, and illuminates how our ideas about dinosaurs have changed - and continue to change. Ages 8-12.

Theme 6

Monster and Boy: Monster's First Day of School, Hannah Barnaby, 2021 Henry Holt and Co. (CA Illus.)

When Monster (who lives under the bed) meets Boy (who sleeps in the bed), Boy starts to scream--and Monster promptly swallows him. It's the beginning of a beautiful friendship! Ages 5-8.

Theme 7

The Druid and the Dragon, Kristin Butcher, 2020 Crwth Press (BC)

Maeve is a simple blacksmith's daughter who is told by a seer that she has a special gift. She doesn't believe him until she meets a dragon who tells her she has a part to play in the future of the kingdom.

Theme 7

ParaNorthern and the Chaos Bunny A-hop-calyipse, Stephanie Cooke, 2021 HMH Books (CA)

A witch named Abby and her three friends--a wolf-girl, a ghost, and a pumpkinhead--band together to try and save their supernatural town from an invasion of rabid (but adorable!) chaos bunnies in this enchanting middle-grade graphic novel illustrated by Mari Costa. Ages 8-12.

Theme 7

*BC = British Columbian author or
illustrator
CA = Canadian author or illustrator*

*Theme 1 – Super Sleuths
Theme 2 – Crack the Code
Theme 3 – Hot on the Trail
Theme 4 – Secret Missions
Theme 5 – Whodunnit?
Theme 6 – History's Mysteries
Theme 7 – Is it Real?*