

BC SRC 2021: Crack the Case!

Booklists – Picture Books

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Charlotte the Scientist is Squished, Camille Andros, 2017 (CE)

Charlotte the rabbit considers herself a serious scientist, but it's hard to do that when you're crammed in with an enormous and very active family! Can she find a scientific solution to her problem?

Theme 2

Explorers of the Wild, Cale Atkinson, 2016 (BC) (CE)

A bear and a boy both love exploring the wilderness, although they do so in different ways. Eventually they meet, and find common ground in their shared appreciation for nature and discovery.

Theme 3, 4

Ada Twist, Scientist, Andrea Beaty, 2016 (CE)

A curious young girl with a scientific mind tries to deduce the source of a pervasive bad smell.

Theme 2

The Case of the Missing Chalk Drawings, Richard Byrne, 2018

Chalk sticks of various colours wonder who keeps stealing the artwork they've made, and launch an investigation. When the culprit is finally revealed, the motive isn't what they thought.

Theme 1

A Day with Yayah, Nicola Campbell, 2018 (BC) (NN)

A young girl forages for wild plants with her grandmother (Yayah) and learns to identify and name them in Nle?kepmxcmn.

Theme 3

Sky Pig, Jan Coates, 2016 (CA)

A pig named Ollie is determined to fly. With help from a human friend, Ollie tries several different inventions and ideas before he finds success.

Theme 2

Poesy the Monster Slayer, Cory Doctorow, 2020 (CA)(AUD)

Many children fear monsters at bedtime, but Poesy is the opposite. She eagerly awaits them, and the opportunity to vanquish them - much to her parents' dismay.

Theme 7

The Hike, Alison Farrell, 2019 (CE)

Three friends love to hike more than anything. As they make their way along the trail, they navigate, take notes, and have fun discovering the wonders of the great outdoors.

Theme 3, 4

***West Coast Wild*, Deborah Hodge, 2015 (BC)**

An alphabet book exploring the ecosystem of the Pacific coast, including the rainforest, ocean, and beach, and the many animals and plants that live there.

Theme 2, 3

***Not-so-great outdoors*, Madeline Kloepper, 2019 (BC)**

A grumpy city girl is not happy to be camping with her family, and doesn't understand why they are so eager to experience the "great outdoors". But as she spends time and explores, she finds a new appreciation for nature.

Theme 3, 4

***Wallpaper*, Thao Lam, 2018 (CA)**

A girl finds a magical imaginary world behind the wallpaper in her new house.

Theme 4, 7

***Not-so-faraway adventure*, Andrew Larsen, 2016 (CA)**

A young boy takes his Poppa to the beach, and learns that you don't have to travel far from home to have an adventure!

Theme 4

***Never Follow a Dinosaur*, Alex Latimer, 2016**

Two children follow a set of mysterious footprints, uncovering clues along the way. Could they really be dinosaur tracks?

Theme 1, 6

***7 Ate 9*, Tara Lazar, 2017**

Numbers and letters are the stars of this picture book mystery. Private I investigates a rumor that 7 ate 9, encountering a number of clever and funny math jokes and puns along the way.

Theme 1, 2

***Small World*, Ishta Mercurio, 2019 (CA)**

This book tells the story of a girl, who will grow up to be an astronaut, from babyhood to her adulthood in space.

Theme 2, 4

***Treasure*, Mireille Messier, 2019 (CA) (AUD) (NN)**

Two siblings take a walk through nature in search of treasure. But what exactly is treasure?

Theme 3, 4

***Shark Detective!*, Jessica Olien, 2015**

A city-dwelling shark is determined to be a real detective, just like Sherlock Holmes. When he sees a missing pet poster, he seizes the opportunity to pursue his dream.

Theme 1

***Alma and the Beast*, Esme Shapiro, 2019 (CE)**

A monster and a human girl meet, and find they have more in common than expected.

Theme 4, 7

Fairy Science, Ashley Spires, 2019 (BC)

Esther's fairy friends believe in magic, not science. But after she saves a dying tree through observation and research, she piques the curiosity of some of her magic-loving friends.

Theme 2, 3, 7

Fossil, Bill Thomson, 2013

A boy finds different fossils, which come to life when broken. When things go awry, he must figure out how to reverse the effect.

Theme 6

*BC = British Columbian author or
illustrator
CA = Canadian author or illustrator
AUD = Audiobook
CE = CELA
NN = NNELS*

*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?*