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Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch, Tuan Ho & Brian Deines
Pajama Press

All the Dirt: A History of Getting Clean
Katherine Ashenburg & Capucine Mazille
Annick Press

Blood and Belonging
Vicki Delany
Orca Book Publishers

The Bootlegger’s Goddaughter
Melodie Campbell
Orca Book Publishers

Fight to Learn: The Struggle to Go to School
Laura Scandiffio
Annick Press

John McCrae: Beyond Flanders Fields
Susan Raby-Dunne
Heritage House

No Trace
Brenda Chapman
Grass Roots Press

Town is by the Sea
Joanne Schwartz & Sydney Smith
Groundwood Books

2017

10 Ships That Rocked the World
Gillian Richardson, Kim Rosen
Annick Press

Child Soldier: When Boys and Girls Are Used in War
Michel Chikwanine, Jessica Dee Humphreys, Claudia Dávila
Kids Can Press, Ltd.

Epic Game
William Kowalski
Orca Book Publishers

Exposed: Retribution
Judith Graves
Orca Book Publishers

Give Me Wings: How a Choir of Former Slaves Took on the World
Kathy Lowinger
Annick Press

★ Missing Nimâmâ ★
Melanie Florence, François Thisdale
Clockwise Press

Next Round: A Young Athlete’s Journey to Gold
John Spray
Pajama Press

A Year of Borrowed Men
Michelle Barker, Renné Benoit
Pajama Press
2016

The End of The Line
Sharon E. McKay
Annick Press

Escape From Tibet: A True Story
Nick Gray, Laura Scandiffio
Annick Press

Juba Good
Vicki Delany
Orca Book Publishers

The Last Train: A Holocaust Story
Rona Arato
Owlkids Books Inc.

The Magician of Auschwitz
Kathy Kacer, Gillian Newland
Second Story Press

The Reluctant Journal of Henry K. Larsen
Susin Nielsen
Tundra Books

★ Residential Schools: With the Words and Images of Survivors ★
Larry Loyie, Wayne K. Spear, and Constance Brissenden
Indigenous Education Press

When the Worst Happens: Extraordinary Stories of Survival
Tanya Lloyd Kyi, David Parkin
Annick Press

2015

★ Every Day is Malala Day ★
Rosemary McCarney
Second Story Press

Rick Hansen: A Life in Motion
Don Quinlan
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

When I Get Older: The Story Behind “Wavin’ Flag”
K’Naan, Rudy Gutierrez
Tundra Books

Rainbow Crow: Nagweyaabi-aandeg
David Bouchard, David Jean
Red Deer Press

The Clear-Out
Deborah Ellis
Grass Roots Press

The Hard Fall
Brenda Chapman
Grass Roots Press

Sentenced To Life At Seventeen: The Story of David Milgaard
Cynthia J. Faryon
James Lorimer & Company

Just Gone
William Kowalski
Orca Book Publishers
2014

Big League Dreams: Baseball Hall of Fame's First African-Canadian, Fergie Jenkins
Christy Jordan-Fenton, Liz Amini-Holmes
Annick Press Ltd.

Contingency Plan
Lou Allin
Orca Book Publishers

Something Noble
William Kowalski
Orca Book Publishers

Emily Included
Kathleen McDonnell
Second Story Press

The Secret of the Village Fool
Rebecca Upjohn, Renné Benoit
Second Story Press

Guilty
Norah McClintock
Orca Book Publishers

The Stamp Collector
Jennifer Lanthier, François Thisdale
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

2013

A Stranger At Home
Christy Jordan-Fenton, Liz Amini-Holmes
Annick Press Ltd.

Behind Enemy Lines: World War II
Carol Matas
Scholastic Canada Ltd.

Remembering The Titanic
Frieda Wishinsky
Scholastic Inc.

★ Home Invasion ★
Joy Fielding
Grass Roots Press

In The Bag! Margaret Knight Wraps It Up
Monica Kulling, David Parkins
Tundra Books

Matatu
Eric Walters, Eva Campbell
Orca Book Publishers

No Ordinary Day
Deborah Ellis
Groundwood Books/House of Anansi Press

Sable Island: The Wandering Sandbar
Wendy Kitts
Nimbus Publishing Limited
2012

**Canadian Railroad Trilogy**  
Gordon Lightfoot and Ian Wallace  
Groundwood Books/House of Anansi Press

**Our Earth: How Kids Are Saving the Planet**  
Janet Wilson  
Second Story Press

**Fatty Legs**  
Christy Jordan-Fenton, Margaret Pokiak-Fenton and Liz Amini-Holmes  
Annick Press

**★ Out of Darkness: The Jeff Healey Story ★**  
Cindy Watson  
Dundurn Press

**Highway of Heroes**  
Kathy Stinson  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

**The Second Wife**  
Brenda Chapman  
Raven Books/Orca Book Publishers

**No Safe Place**  
Deborah Ellis  
Groundwood Books/House of Anansi Press

**Viola Desmond Won’t Be Budged**  
Jody Nyasha Warner and Richard Rudnicki  
Groundwood Books/House of Anansi Press

2011

**The Barrio Kings**  
William Kowalski  
Orca Book Publishers

**Imagine a Place**  
Sarah L. Thomson and Rob Gonsalves  
Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing

**The Children of Africville**  
Christine Welldon  
Nimbus Publishing

**The Middle Ground**  
Zoe Whittall  
Orca Book Publishers

**The Christmas Tree: Two Tales for the Holidays**  
David Adams Richards  
Penguin Group Canada

**Stolen Child**  
Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch  
Scholastic Canada, Ltd.

**Watching Jimmy**  
Nancy Hartry  
Tundra Books
2010

Brave Deeds: How One Family Saved Many From the Nazis
Ann Alma
Groundwood Books

Call Me Aram
Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch and Muriel Wood
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

Impact
James C. Dekker
Orca Book Publishers

Lunch With Lenin and Other Stories
Deborah Ellis
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

★ One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference ★
Katie Smith Milway and Eugenie Fernandes
Kids Can Press

Word Nerd
Susin Nielsen
Tundra Books

2009

I.D.
Vicki Grant
Orca Book Publishers

Hiding Edith
Kathy Kacer
Second Story Press

Naomi’s Tree
Joy Kogawa
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

★ Libertad ★
Alma Fullerton
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

The Birdman
Veronika Martenova Charles
Tundra Books

My Wedding Dress: True-Life Tales Of Lace, Laughter, Tears And Tulle
Edited by Susan Whelehan and Anne Laurel Carter
Vintage Canada
2008

Aram's Choice
Marsha Skrypuch
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

★ The Crazy Man ★
Pamela Porter
Groundwood Books

Dave Cooks the Turkey
Stuart McLean
Penguin

June Callwood: A Life of Action
Anne Dublin
Second Story Press

Factory Girl
Barbara Greenwood
Kids Can Press

Safe House
James Heneghan
Orca Book Publishers

2007

★ I Am a Taxi ★
Deborah Ellis
Groundwood Books

Paul Moves Out
Michel Rabagliati
Drawn & Quarterly

Earth Magic
Dionne Brand
Kids Can Press

Shattered
Eric Walters
Viking (Penguin Books)

My Childhood Under Fire: A Sarajevo Diary
Nadja Halilbegovich
Kids Can Press

Terry Fox: A Story of Hope
Maxine Trottier
Scholastic Canada
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If I Knew, Don’t You Think I’d Tell You?  
Jann Arden  
Insomniac Press

Another Place at the Table: My Mother’s Story  
Mary Cook  
Creative Bound

Rapid Ray: The Story of Ray Lewis  
John Cooper  
Tundra Books

Close to Spider Man: Stories  
Ivan E. Coyote  
Arsenal Pulp Press

★ Parvana’s Journey ★  
Deborah Ellis  
Groundwood Books

As Long as the Rivers Flow  
Larry Loyie  
Groundwood Books

White Lily  
Ting-xing Ye  
Doubleday Canada

Dead Man’s Gold and Other Stories  
Paul Yee  
Groundwood Books

2003

The Man Who Ran Faster Than Everyone:  
The Story of Tom Longboat  
Jack Batten  
Tundra Books

The Breadwinner  
Deborah Ellis  
Groundwood Books

Murder on the Loose  
Ellen Godfrey  
Chicago: Contemporary Books, 1998

The Lives Behind the Lines  
Lynn Johnston  
Andrews McMeel

★ Hana’s Suitcase ★  
Karen Levine  
Second Story Press

Yukon Adventures: The Lure of Gold  
Rachel Mansfield  
Laubach Literacy of Canada

Vinyl Café: Unplugged  
Stuart McLean  
Penguin

52 Days by Camel: My Sahara Adventure  
Lawrie Raskin and Debora Pearson  
Annick Press

Simple Recipes  
Madeleine Thien  
McClelland & Stewart

Voices of Canadian Literacy  
Lee Weinstein (Editor)  
John Howard Society of Canada