

## April to August 2017 Dewey Picks – Children’s & Young Adult Titles Canadian Manda Group



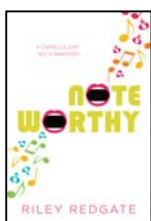
**Bang** by Barry Lyga- Little, Brown Books for Young Readers- 978-0-316-31550-0- HC- \$23.49- Young Adult Fiction- 304 pp.- April 2017- Ages 12+

Sebastian Cody did something horrible, something no one--not even Sebastian himself--can forgive. Now, ten years later, with his best friend away for the summer, Sebastian has only a new friend--Aneesa--to distract him from his darkest thoughts. But even this relationship cannot blunt the pain of his past. Because Sebastian knows exactly how to rectify his childhood crime and sanctify his past. It took a gun to get him into this. Now he needs a gun to get out.



**Wildman** by J. C. Geiger- Disney Hyperion- 978-1-4847-4957-9- HC- \$18.99- Young Adult Fiction- 336 pp.- June 2017- Ages 14-18

When Lance's '93 Buick breaks down in the middle of nowhere, he tells himself “Don't panic”. After all, he's valedictorian of his class. First-chair trumpet player. Scholarship winner. Nothing can stop Lance Hendricks. But the locals don't know that. They don't even know his name. Stuck in a small town, Lance could be anyone: a delinquent, a traveler, a maniac. One of the townies calls him Wildman, and a new world opens up.



**Noteworthy** by Riley Redgate- Amulet Books- 978-1-4197-2373-5- HC- \$21.95- Young Adult Fiction- 336 pp.- May 2017- Ages 13+

As an Alto 2, it's no surprise when Jordan gets shut out of the fall musical for the third year straight. But then the school gets a mass email: A spot has opened-up in the Sharpshooters, Kensington's elite a cappella octet. Worshiped . . . revered . . . all male. Desperate to prove herself, Jordan auditions in her most convincing drag, and it turns out that Jordan Sun, Tenor 1, is exactly what the Sharps are looking for.



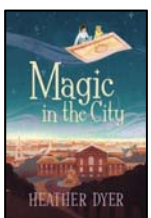
**Royal Bastards** by Andrew Shvarts- Disney Hyperion- 978-1-4847-6765-8- HC- \$19.95- Young Adult Fiction- 352 pp.- June 2017- Ages 14-18

At a feast honoring the visiting princess Lyriana, the royal shocks everyone by choosing to sit at the Bastards' Table. Before she knows it, Tilla is leading the sheltered princess on a late-night escapade. Along with Jax, Miles, and fellow bastard Zell, they stumble upon a crime they were never meant to witness. Rebellion is brewing in the west, and a brutal coup leaves Lyriana's uncle, the Royal Archmagus, dead--with Lyriana next on the list and the group flees for their lives.



**The End of the Wild** by Nicole Helget- Little, Brown Books for Young Readers- 978-0-316-24511-1- HC- \$22.49- Middle Grade Fiction- 272 pp.- April 2017- Ages 8-12

Eleven-year-old Fern's rundown home borders a pristine forest, where her impoverished family hunts and forages for food. It's also her refuge from the crushing responsibility of caring for her wild younger brothers and PTSD-stricken stepfather. But when a fracking company rolls into town, Fern realizes that her special grove could be ripped away, and no one else seems to care.



**Magic in the City** by Heather Dyer - Kids Can Press- 978-1-77138-203-8- HC- \$16.95- Middle Grade Fiction- 144 pp.- April 2017- Ages 7-10

Jake and Simon are not happy they have to leave Canada to move in with their cousin's family in England. But things get interesting when they encounter a retiring magician at a highway rest stop who presents them with three magical gifts. Unfortunately, the magician doesn't provide them with any instructions. So when the boys and Hannah find themselves being swept away on a wild adventure fueled by the magic in these curious objects, they have to learn as they go.



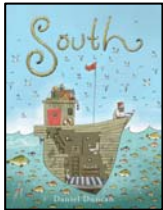
**The Star Thief by Lindsey Becker- Little, Brown Books for Young Readers- 978-0-316-34856-0- HC- \$22.49- Middle Grade Fiction- 416 pp.- April 2017- Ages 8-12**

Honorine's life as a maid at the Vidalia mansion is rather dull, dusting treasures from faraway places and daydreaming in front of maps of the world. But everything changes when she catches two brutish sailors ransacking Lord Vidalia's study, and then follows a mysterious girl with wings out into the night.... Suddenly, Honorine is whisked into the middle of a battle between the crew of a spectacular steamship and a band of mythical constellations. The stars in the sky have come to life to defend themselves against those who want to harness their powers.



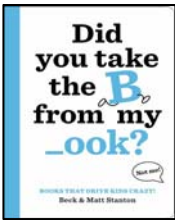
**The Blue Songbird by Vern Kousky- Running Press- 978-0-7624-6066-3- HC- \$22.49- Picture Book- 40 pp.- April 2017- Ages 4-8**

A little blue songbird longs to sing like her sisters. But whenever she tries, she cannot get the tune right. Her mother encourages her to leave home and find a song that only she can sing. With courage and tenacity, she travels the world, seeking advice from a crane, an owl, and a mean-looking crow, and other birds, hoping they will lead her to her special song.



**South by Daniel Duncan- Abrams- 978-1-44197-2299-8- HC- \$21.95- Picture Book- 40 pp.- May 2017- Ages 5-7**

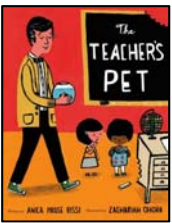
When a lonely fisherman finds an injured bird on his boat, he nurtures it back to health and—since the bird can no longer migrate with its family—charts a course to head south for the winter. Together, the two form a special friendship and enjoy life at sea until both the healing process and the journey must come to an end.



**Did You Take The B from My \_ook? by Beck and Matt Stanton- Little, Brown Books for Young Readers- 978-0-316-43441-6- HC- \$19.49- Picture Book- 32 pp.- May 2017- Ages 4-8**

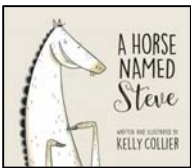
*Did You Take the B from My \_ook?* is missing one very important letter due to one very powerful sneeze! Now, the \_eetle wearing \_lue \_oots is \_ouncing on the \_ed instead of wearing blue boots and bouncing on the bed...and it just gets sillier from there! *What is up with this nonsense?* Kids will demand to know--and all readers will be howling with laughter all along the way.

Also available in same series: *This Is a Ball*, 978-0316-43437-9, June 2017.



**The Teacher's Pet by Anica Mrose Rissi & Zachariah OHora- Disney Hyperion- 978-1-4847-4364-5- HC- \$18.99- Picture Book- 40 pp.- June 2017- Ages 3-5**

When their class tadpoles are big enough, Mr. Stricter tells his students they can keep just one. The class chooses Bruno, the smallest of the bunch. But Bruno doesn't stay that way for long. Soon, he's grown into a giant, classroom-wrecking creature: he eats desks, he farts for show-and-tell, and he sneezes slime all over everything! With Mr. Stricter blinded by love for the pet, the students must step up and take matters into their own heroic hands.



**A Horse Named Steve by Kelly Collier - Kids Can Press- 978-1-77138-736-1- HC- \$18.95- Picture Book- 32 pp.- April 2017- Ages 4-8**

Steve is a fine horse. But he thinks he could be finer. He wants to be EXCEPTIONAL. When Steve finds a beautiful gold horn in the forest, he realizes he has found his path to the exceptional! He immediately ties the horn to the top of his head and prances off to show his friends. Many of his friends are so inspired; they decide to tie items to the tops of their heads as well. When Steve discovers his horn has suddenly gone missing, he's devastated and frantically searches everywhere to find it. He won't be exceptional without his horn! Or will he?

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