

## ANNOUNCING THE 2016 OHIOANA BOOK FESTIVAL!

The Ohioana Book Festival is celebrating its tenth birthday, and you're invited! Join us at the Sheraton Columbus at Capitol Square on Saturday, April 23, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for a fun-filled day with more than 120 Ohio writers (including ten featured authors), panel discussions, special activities for children and teens, a book fair, and more! The book festival offers something for every reader of every age—and it's FREE!

The 2016 book festival authors are listed below. (Featured authors are listed in red.) Our next newsletter will include a schedule for April 23 and list community events where you can see your favorite authors before the festival. You can also get the latest news and information on our new website: <http://www.ohioana.org/programs/ohioana-book-festival/>

### FICTION

Dan Andriacco  
 Chuck Ayers  
 Tom Batiuk  
 Carrie Bebris  
 Matt Betts  
 Laura Bickle  
 Duffy Brown  
 Lissa Bryan  
 Shelley Costa  
 Alan Cupp  
 M.B. Earnhardt  
 Mary Ellis  
 Alex Erickson  
**Amanda Flower**  
 Lyn Ford  
 Robin Gianna  
 Kelley Grant  
 Karen Harper

Sherri Hayes  
 John Hegenberger  
 Nancy Herriman  
 John B. Kachuba  
 Kevin P. Keating  
 Kylie Logan  
 KaraLynne Mackrory  
 Donna MacMeans  
 Josef Matulich  
 Tim McWhorter  
 Dara Naraghi  
 Eliot Parker  
 D.M. Pulley  
 Lisa Karon Richardson  
 Mark Rigney  
 Yolonda Tonette Sanders  
**John Scalzi**  
 Terri-Lynne Smiles  
 Lucy Snyder

### *The Director's Chair*

Dear Friends,

As we prepare to present the tenth annual Ohioana Book Festival, it's remarkable to look back and see how far we've come in less than a decade. The first festival was built around a single book. *Good Roots: Writers Reflect on Growing Up in Ohio* was a collection of poems, essays, and stories by twenty Ohio authors. Ten of those authors attended the festival. Among them were two Pulitzer Prize winners and one future Pulitzer Prize winner. There were novelists, poets, and journalists. The first event, held at the State Library of Ohio, drew 600 people. We were thrilled with the wonderful comments from those who came and decided to make it an annual event that would hopefully grow.

And grow it has, from ten authors to more than 120, and from 600 attendees to nearly 3,500. We've outgrown two facilities. We've expanded festival programming, adding spaces for children's and (new this year) teen activities. Community events and media outreach before the festival have

Leah Stewart

Alison Stine

Sam Thomas

Cindy Thomson

Tara Tyler

Andrew Welsh-Huggins

Robin Yocum

R.G. Yoho

## NONFICTION

Deanna R. Adams

Jennifer Bowers Bahney

Pam Bennett

Douglas Brinkley

Mark Clark

Dawn Combs

Joseph Congeni, M.D.

Mark Dawidziak

Tom Diemer

David Gold

Ann Hagedorn

Christine Hayes

Timothy L. Hudak

Richard O Jones

Jonathan Knight

Jeff Knowles

Wendy Koile

Teddy Kremer

Lee Leonard

Scott Longert

Hal McCoy

David Meyers

Doug Motz

Cathy Hester Seckman

Del Sroufe

Jane Ann Turzillo

James A. Willis

Maria Zampini

## POETRY

Jill Bialosky

Darren C. Demaree

John Philip Drury

Jeff Gundy

Amit Majmudar

Judith Moffett

Margie Shaheed

Maggie Smith

Sherry C. Stanforth

## CHILDREN'S AND MIDDLE GRADE

Rachele Alpine

Louise Borden

Tim Bowers

Gary Buettner

Mary Kay Carson

David Catrow

Bill Cotter

Jane Dippold

Marianne Dyson

Jeffrey Ebbeler

Carole Gerber

Linda Gondosch

Aiko Ikegami

Michele Jakubowski

Anne Vittur Kennedy

Karen Meyer

Paul Orshoski

Nancy Roe Pimm

Rafael Rosado

Michael J. Rosen

Julie Rubini

Marilyn Sadler

Tricia Springstubb

Diane Stortz

Connie Remlinger Trounstein

Carmella Van Vleet

Christina Wald

Kathy Cannon Wiechman

Jacqueline Woodson

## YOUNG ADULT

Colleen Clayton

Kurt Dinan

Julie Drew

Kerrie Logan Hollihan

Tracy Lawson

Vicki Leigh

Julie Anne Lindsey

Mindy McGinnis

Brandon Marie Miller

Natalie D. Richards

grown from a single day to an entire week. The festival now reaches a total audience of more than 50,000 people, making it the state's single largest event dedicated to Ohio literature.

As we have grown, several goals have remained constant. Free admission—no charge and no advance registration required. Retain the family friendly, “come as you are” atmosphere. Make sure the selection of authors, books, and programs provides something for every reader of every age.

We couldn't do this without our generous funders. Ohio Humanities is returning as our Presenting Sponsor. The Greater Columbus Arts Council, the Reinberger Foundation, Honda, and the State Library of Ohio all provide major support. Nationwide Children's Hospital and Margaret Wong & Associates co-sponsor children's and teen programming. More than twenty libraries and organizations from around the state partner with us, and nearly 100 volunteers work to provide a great experience for our authors and attendees. It is truly a collaborative effort.

So mark April 23 on your calendar and plan to join us at the Sheraton Columbus at Capitol Square. In our next issue we'll share more details about this year's programming. And of course you can check out our website, [www.ohioana.org](http://www.ohioana.org), which has just been redesigned in a new and more user-friendly look and format. We hope you like it!

David E. Weaver  
Executive Director

\*Author lineup may change without notice

# NEW BOOKS

The following books arrived at the Ohioana Library in November and December. Look for them at your local library or bookstore!

## Nonfiction

Adams, Deanna R. *The Writer's GPS: A Guide to Writing & Selling Your Book*. CreateSpace (Charleston, SC) 2015. PB \$14.95. Author Adams helps aspiring writers navigate the writing and publication process, from storytelling techniques for fiction and nonfiction to goal setting, publishing options, and marketing.

Adams, Ian. *A Photographer's Guide to Ohio, Volume 2*. Ohio Univ. Press (Athens, OH) 2015. PB \$29.95.

In the first volume of *A Photographer's Guide to Ohio*, Adams shared his knowledge of picture-worthy places in Ohio and how to photograph them. This expanded second edition includes 120 additional locations as well as tips on photography and digital workflows.

Adoff, Arnold, and Kacy Cook (eds). *Virginia Hamilton: Speeches, Essays, & Conversations*. Blue Sky Press (New York, NY) 2010. PB \$29.99.

Virginia Hamilton (1934-2002) was a pioneer in children's literature whose books expertly illuminated the African American experience. Her honors included the Newbery Medal, the National Book Award, the Coretta Scott King Award, a MacArthur Fellowship, and many others. This collection—curated by Hamilton's husband, poet and anthologist Arnold Adoff—shines a light on her process and artistry

and gives readers a chance to hear her voice once more.

Bennett, Pamela, and Maria Zampini. *Garden-pedia: An A-to-Z Guide to Gardening Terms*. St. Lynn's Press (Pittsburgh, PA) 2015. PB \$16.95.

Gardening experts Bennett and Zampini present a friendly yet thorough guide to more than 300 common gardening terms. Each entry includes a brief definition followed by a longer explanation; most entries include color photographs. Sidebars and tips interspersed throughout the book make this a handy reference, especially for those relatively new to gardening.

Brye, Elaine Lowry. *Be Safe, Love Mom: A Military Mom's Stories of Courage, Comfort and Surviving Life on the Home Front*. Public Affairs (New York, NY) 2015. HC \$25.99.

Author Elaine Brye is a former "Army brat," military wife, and the mother of four officers—one in each branch of the service. In this book she combines her own experiences with those of other military parents to provide valuable information and encouragement to military families.

Clark, Mark. *Star Wars FAQ: Everything Left to Know About the Trilogy That Changed the Movies*. Applause Theatre & Cinema Books (Milwaukee, WI) 2015. PB \$24.99. This book covers every aspect of the original *Star Wars* trilogy, from early screenplay drafts and casting to production and beyond. Even die-hard fans are likely to find new information in this thorough yet readable reference.

Combs, Dawn. *Heal Local: 20 Essential Herbs for Do-it-Yourself Home Healthcare*. New Society Publishers (Gabriola Island, BC, Canada) 2015. PB \$29.95.

Combs, an ethnobotanist, provides a comprehensive guide to setting up a locally grown, sustainable medicine cabinet. Sections of the book provide information about herbal methods, the plants themselves, and herbal treatment options for many common injuries and ailments.

Coughlin, Dan. *Let's Have Another: Even More Stories About the Most Unusual, Eccentric and Outlandish People I've Known in Four Decades as a Sports Journalist*. Gray & Company (Cleveland, OH) 2015. PB \$15.95.

In this book Coughlin, who has covered Cleveland sports for more than forty years, shares stories about some of the outlandish athletes, team owners, and promoters who keep Cleveland interesting.

Dlouhy, Susan, and Patty Mitchell. *Upcycling Sheltered Workshops: A Revolutionary Approach to Transforming Workshops into Creative Spaces*. Swallow Press (Athens, OH) 2015. PB \$18.95.

In this book the authors advocate for a new model of disability programming that incorporates art and music and encourages participants to discover their own talents. They provide practical advice for securing funding and community support as well as preparing the spaces, and share case studies and success stories from around the country.

Hoffman, Scott L. *A Theatre History of Marion Ohio: John Eberson's Palace & Beyond*. The History Press (Charleston, SC) 2015. PB \$21.99. Performance is woven throughout Marion's history, from nickelodeons and vaudeville to the Grand Opera House. The Marion Palace Theatre, designed by renowned architect John Eberson, is the city's crown jewel. This book documents Eberson's life and the theatre's history, from its construction to the many stars who performed there.

Katz, Ethan B. *The Burdens of Brotherhood: Jews and Muslims from North Africa to France*. Harvard Univ. Press (Cambridge, MA) 2015. HC \$35.00. This work follows the history of Jews and Muslims in France from World War I to the present. Using numerous archives and interviews, Katz tackles controversial subjects that occurred throughout the century, but also focuses on the interactions of ordinary people when examining perceived similarities and differences.

Koile, Wendy. *Disasters of Ohio's Lake Erie Islands*. The History Press (Charleston, SC) 2015. PB \$19.99. Although the Lake Erie islands off the coast of Ohio are beautiful, they have also seen their share of destruction and tragedy. In this book Koile documents the darker side of the islands, from fires to smallpox.

Meyers, David, and Elise Meyers Walker. *Wicked Columbus, Ohio*. The History Press (Charleston, SC) 2015. PB \$21.99. In the early twentieth century, the "Bad Lands" of Columbus—where

saloons, gambling halls, and brothels flourished—were as infamous as New York's Tenderloin district. This book documents some of the area's most notorious characters, from slumlords to snake oil salesmen.

Olszewski, Mike, and Janice Olszewski. *Cleveland TV Tales Volume 2*. Gray & Company (Cleveland, OH) 2015. PB \$15.95. This second volume in the series includes behind-the-scenes stories of favorite local television stars from the 1970s, '80s, and '90s. Personalities range from investigative reporters to late-night horror movie hosts, and from a Cleveland mayor to Miss America contestants.

Seckman, Cathy Hester. *East Liverpool: Images of America*. Arcadia Publishing (Charleston, SC) 2015. PB \$21.99. During its heyday, East Liverpool was known as the "Pottery Capital of the World." From the discovery of promising clay deposits in 1839 through the early twentieth century, pottery fueled the growth of a vibrant community. Although the city struggled after the collapse of the pottery industry in the second half of the century, it perseveres with hope for the future.

Starr, Ann. *Sounding Our Depths: The Music of Morgan Powell*. The Upper Hand Press (Bexley, OH) 2014. PB \$25.00. Morgan Powell is a jazz trombonist and composer who has won multiple awards, including three NEA Fellowships and a Pulitzer Prize nomination. In this collection of essays and reviews, Starr introduces readers to Powell and his groundbreaking music. Includes

a CD with nine of Powell's works, keyed to the book's essays.

Trotter, Otis. *Keeping Heart: A Memoir of Family Struggle, Race, and Medicine*. Ohio Univ. Press (Athens, OH) 2015. PB \$24.95. After the unexpected death of Otis Trotter's father in 1957, his mother struggled to make ends meet before moving her fourteen children from southern West Virginia to northeastern Ohio. Although many books have focused on African Americans who moved from the South to large urban areas in the North, Trotter's story provides the unique perspective of a young black man (born with a life-threatening heart condition) growing up in small, mostly white towns. His story is a testament to the power of family, community, and perseverance.

Turzillo, Jane Ann. *Unsolved Murders & Disappearances in Northeast Ohio*. The History Press (Charleston, SC) 2015. PB \$21.99. From the brutal murder of two teachers to the disappearance of a young boy, Turzillo profiles ten unsolved crimes from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

White, Ahmed. *The Last Great Strike: Little Steel, the CIO, and the Struggle for Labor Rights in New Deal America*. Univ. of California Press (Oakland, CA) 2016. PB \$29.95.

In 1937, nearly 70,000 workers walked off their jobs at four large steel companies in an effort to make the companies adhere to the new federal labor law and recognize their union. Several workers would be killed and hundreds more injured in clashes with police and

company agents before the strike ended in failure two months later. Although most historians consider the strike a minor setback for steel workers, author White argues that it exposed the limits of the labor movement and the New Deal at a critical time in American history.

### **Fiction**

Andriacco, Dan. *Bookmarked for Murder*. MX Publishing (London, UK) 2015. PB \$14.95.

In their latest adventure, Sebastian McCabe and sidekick Jeff Cody must solve the murder of a friend whose body was found in the romance section of his own bookstore. As McCabe and Cody work through the “help” offered by a group of would-be mystery writers, they realize that all the suspects—even friends—have secrets worth killing for.

Betts, Matt. *Indelible Ink*. Dog Star Books (Bowie, MD) 2015. PB \$14.95.

Sisters Deena and Harper Riordan have worked for crime boss Marsh their entire lives. Although Deena is Marsh’s youngest assassin, she is also one of the most successful, thanks to her magical powers. But when Deena realizes her power may be controlling her instead of the other way around, she will have to beat hitmen, federal agents, and the darkness inside her to save Harper and get out of the crime business for good.

Bialosky, Jill. *The Prize*. Counterpoint (Berkeley, CA) 2015. HC \$25.00.

Edward Darby has overcome a dark past to have what every man wants: a loving wife, a daughter, and a successful career at an art gallery. But when one artist betrays

him and his growing affection for another dredges up secrets from his past, he finds everything he has built in jeopardy. As desperate artists jockey to win a coveted prize, Edward struggles to remain true to himself.

Bickle, Laura. *Mercury Retrograde*. Harper Voyager Impulse (New York, NY) 2015. PB \$6.99.

In this sequel to *Dark Alchemy*, it’s been two months since geologist Petra Dee faced down the local alchemist. But in *Temperance*, Wyoming, there’s no shortage of weird. When a huge snake is spotted in Yellowstone, basilisk hunters converge on the area—including a biker gang bent on human sacrifice. To complicate matters, the alchemical tree of life is dying, and the basilisk may provide the only way to help *Temperance*’s undead residents survive. With lives in the balance, Petra may have to make some tough decisions about who she can save.

Cupp, Alan. *Scheduled to Die: A Carter Mays Mystery*. Henry Press, 2015. PB \$15.95.

Dana Carrington is on a business trip when attractive stranger Mike Sweeny joins her for dinner. However, the evening takes a terrifying turn when he makes her an offer: he’ll give her a year to live life to the fullest before he kills her painlessly. If she contacts the police, however, her death will be soon—and brutal. Can private detective Carter Mays find Sweeny and help Dana learn to protect herself before it’s too late?

Doherty, Steve. *Call For Blood: A Jonathan Preston Novel*. CreateSpace (North Charleston, SC) 2015. PB \$16.99.

Jonathan Preston has been assigned to lead an Allied team behind enemy lines to destroy a Japanese biological and chemical weapons facility. The success of their mission saves countless Allied lives, but also attracts the attention—and wrath—of the Japanese army. Now the team must fight for their own survival against a vengeful enemy.

Duff, Gerald. *Playing Custer: A Novel*. TCU Press (Fort Worth, TX) 2015. PB \$22.95.

In a narrative that shifts between 2001 and 1876, this novel examines the events leading up to Custer’s Last Stand through perspectives ranging from modern day re-enactors to the soldiers, scouts, Native Americans, and families involved in the actual events—all of whom have their own version of the truth.

Earnheardt, M.B. *Switch-a-Wish*. Three Worlds Press (NJ) 2015. PB \$11.99.

Although college professor Chris and dedicated mother Amanda appear to be happy, underneath the surface their marriage is falling apart—until a bedtime wish magically allows them to live life as the other person. As Chris takes on household chores and Amanda tackles academia, they each realize that the other’s life isn’t as easy as it seemed. Can they move past their secrets and misperceptions to find love again?

Ellis, Mary. *Midnight on the Mississippi: Secrets of the South Mysteries*. Harvest House (Eugene, OR) 2015. PB \$14.99.

Hunter Galen, a New Orleans securities broker, suspects his friend and business partner of embezzling money. After the

partner turns up dead and Hunter becomes the prime suspect, he hires rookie private investigator Nicki Price to prove his innocence. As Nicki's attraction to Hunter grows and the pair encounter deception, blackmail, and death threats, they must rely on faith and determination to survive.

Erickson, Alex. *Death by Tea: A Bookstore Café Mystery*. Kensington (New York, NY) 2015. PB \$7.99.

In this sequel to *Death by Coffee*, Krissy Hancock is thrilled that her mystery bookstore has been chosen to host an annual book club competition—until one of the competitors is bludgeoned by a silver teapot and suspicion falls on her. With the police doing their best to prove her guilty, Krissy will have to work quickly to clear her name and find the real killer.

Ford, Lyn. *Hot Wind, Boiling Rain: Scary Stories for Strong Hearts*. Parkhurst Brothers Publishing (Marion, MI) 2015. PB \$12.00. This collection of scary tales for grownups from storyteller Lyn Ford will stay with readers long after they finish the book. Ford also provides exercises to help jump-start readers' own storytelling.

Gianna, Robin. *Her Greek Doctor's Proposal*. Harlequin (Don Mills, Ontario, Canada) 2015. PB \$5.74. Archaeologist Laurel Evans has come to Delphi to finish her parents' work at the site where they lost their lives, and won't let anything stop her. Local doctor and single father Andros Drakoulis avoids romantic entanglements for the sake of his young daughter. When sparks fly, will they bend enough to take a chance on love?

Grant, Kelley. *Desert Rising*. Harper Voyager Impulse (New York, NY) 2015. PB \$6.99.

Sulis, a young woman from the Southern Desert, is pledged to serve the One in the Northern Territory's Temple at Illian while her twin brother Kadar travels the world as a merchant. When Sulis tries to effect change within the Temple and Kadar joins the struggle to free the Forsaken caste from slavery, both twins become involved in a revolution that may draw the anger of the deities themselves.

Harper, Karen. *The Royal Nanny*. William Morrow Paperbacks (New York, NY) 2016. PB \$15.99.

In 1897, young nanny Charlotte Bill arrives at the estate of the Duke and Duchess of York. Little does she know that the duke and two of his sons will all become British kings, making Charlotte a witness to history. However, it is their youngest son John, who will one day be known as the Lost Prince, who needs her most. Based on a true story.

Hayes, Sherri. *Burning for Her Kiss: The Serpent's Kiss, Book 1*. Sherri Hayes (Plain City, OH) 2015. PB \$14.99.

After a bad breakup, Beth Davenport has no interest in getting involved again. As a captain with the fire department, Drew Parker is used to being in charge during critical situations, but that's not what he wants in a relationship. When the two meet at Serpent's Kiss, a private kink club, sparks fly. Can Drew convince Beth to risk her heart again?

Hegenberger, John. *Spyfall: A Stan Wade, L.A. P.I. Novel*. Black Opal Books, 2015. PB \$12.99.

In 1959 Los Angeles, Stan Wade is a private investigator whose work primarily involves the movie industry—and some occasional espionage. When a CIA agent is killed in a trap meant for Wade, he sets off on an international mission to find the killer with the help of characters ranging from Walt Disney to Ian Flemming.

Herman, Michelle. *Devotion*. Outpost 19 Books (San Francisco, CA) 2016. PB \$16.00.

An affair with a much older teacher leads to a hasty marriage and a young woman's removal from family and friends to live in her new husband's world. Decades later, she and her son face the consequences of those decisions as they learn the meaning of family, solitude, and love.

Herriman, Nancy. *No Comfort for the Lost: A Mystery of Old San Francisco*. Obsidian (New York, NY) 2015. PB \$15.00.

After serving as a nurse in the Crimea, Celia Davies married a handsome Irishman who took her to San Francisco and then disappeared. Determined to make a life for herself, she opens a free medical clinic for the city's underprivileged women. When one of her patients is murdered and her brother-in-law is accused of the crime, Celia and detective Nicholas Greaves are determined to find the killer—who may be closer than they think.

Irvin, J.E. *The Dark End of the Rainbow*. Absolutely Amazing Ebooks (Key West, FL) 2015. PB \$17.95.

Teenager Xandra Byrd needs to make one final drug deal to finance a potential skateboarding

career. School principal Leah Davis is so rattled by returning to work after maternity leave that she leaves her infant in the car. When both Xandra and the baby vanish, detective Joe Zetts must sift through secrets to solve the disappearances before it's too late.

Mackrory, KaraLynne. *Yours Forevermore, Darcy*. Meryton Press (Oysterville, WA) 2015. PB \$12.95. In this adaptation of *Pride and Prejudice*, Darcy's letter to Elizabeth after his disastrous proposal is not the only one he writes. In order to cope with his feelings for her, he writes to her often, with no intention of sending the letters. If discovered by the wrong person, they would cause an enormous scandal. But what if they were discovered by the right person?

MacMeans, Donna. *Charming the Professor*. Donna MacMeans (Charleston, SC) 2015. PB \$11.99. In nineteenth-century Spain, Queen Isabella has French courtier Madeline Charlebois magically bound in a set of iron gates, which she then gifts to the city of New Orleans. Maddie remains trapped for more than 150 years, until widower and quantum physicist Grant Stewart touches the gate. When Maddie learns that Grant may be able to send her back to her own time, she sets out to earn his trust. But can she earn his heart as well?

Matulich, Josef. *Power Tools in the Sacred Grove: A Camp Arcanum Novel*. Post Mortem Press (Cincinnati, OH) 2015. PB \$16.00. Although he is a newcomer to Arcanum, Ohio, construction manager Marc Sindri has already fallen in love with a witch, been hospitalized by a demon, and is

significantly behind schedule on construction work for the town's new Renaissance fair. He'll need to deal with everything from undead bunnies to the Vatican to get the fair—and his love life—back on track.

McLain, Paula. *Circling the Sun*. Ballantine Books (New York, NY) 2015. HC \$28.00. This fictional memoir tells the story of aviatrix Beryl Markham, who was raised in colonial Kenya by her father and the Kipsigis tribe who share his estate. The independent Beryl follows her own path, but it's safari hunter Denys Finch Hatton who ultimately helps her follow her heart.

Naraghi, Dara. *Persia Blues Volume 2: Love and War*. Comics Lit/NBM (New York, NY) 2015. PB \$12.99. Minoo Shirazi's double life continues in the second volume of the *Persia Blues* series. In a fantasy version of ancient Persia, she is a warrior in search of an ally to help defeat an evil god's invading army. In the modern world, she has started graduate school in the U.S., but must deal with family obligations at home and a new boyfriend at school. Caught between two worlds, Minoo must find her place and her sense of self.

Pulley, D.M. *The Dead Key*. Thomas & Mercer (Seattle, WA) 2015. PB \$15.95. In 1978, amid staff disappearances and allegations of fraud, the First Bank of Cleveland abruptly closed, locking customers out and secrets in. When engineer Iris Latch enters the bank to do a renovation survey twenty years later, she is surprised to find personal effects and bank records just as they were left. As

she investigates, Iris realizes that something was not right at the bank—and that the building is not as empty as it seems.

Resnick, Mike. *The Prison in Antares: Dead Enders Book Two*. Pyr (Amherst, NY) 2015. PB \$18.00.

In this sequel to *The Fortress in Orion*, a scientist who holds the key to the Democracy's survival has been kidnapped by the enemy Coalition and hidden in their strongest prison, located somewhere in the Antares Sector. Can Nathan Pretorius and his team locate the prison and rescue the scientist before it's too late?

Richardson, Lisa Karon. *The Peacock Throne*. Lion Fiction (Oxford, UK) 2015. PB \$14.99. When Anthony Douglas's father and Lydia Garrett's guardian are killed on the same night, the two discover that the murders are related; years earlier, both men were involved in hiding the legendary Peacock Throne at the request of India's royal family. With word that Napoleon Bonaparte is seeking a way to drive a wedge between England and India, Anthony and Lydia join intelligence officer Marcus Harting on a journey around the globe to find the throne before the French—and catch the killer.

Rigney, Mark. *Bonesy: A Renner & Quist Adventure*. Samhain Publishing (Cincinnati, OH) 2015. PB \$15.00.

Unitarian minister Renner has just received an unusual gift from an old mentor—a brass rubbing of a skeleton nicknamed "Bonesy." When Bonesy breaks free of its frame and starts wreaking havoc,

Renner and his parter Dale Quist must put it to rest before anyone else is hurt.

Roether, Barbara. *This Earth You'll Come Back To*. McPherson & Company (Kingston, NY) 2015. PB \$16.00.

Told from the viewpoint of a newly dead mother watching her grown daughter return home, this novel reveals the secrets and struggles of an Ohio working class family from the agricultural promise of 1850 to the Rust Belt of 2005.

Sanders, Yolonda Tonette. *Shadow of Death: Protective Detective, Book 3*. Strebtor Books (New York, NY) 2015. PB \$16.00.

Homicide detective Troy Evans will do anything to protect his family. When an ex-girlfriend who was trying to ruin his marriage disappears, Troy is convinced she is just trying to get back at him for his rejection—until she turns up dead. As the prime suspect in her murder, Troy must prove he's not a killer or a cheater before he loses both his freedom and his family.

Tyler, Tara. *Simulation*. Curiosity Quills Press (Reston, VA) 2015. PB \$17.99.

In 2082, androids are part of daily life. When James Cooper is hired by a client who thinks her congressman boyfriend was replaced by an illegal clone android, he is skeptical. To make matters worse, his ex, FBI agent Geri Harper, seems to be looking for the same man. But when Geri goes missing and then goes on a killing spree after resurfacing, Cooper knows it isn't her. Now he must find the congressman, Geri, and—most importantly—the person behind it all.

Welsh-Huggins, Andrew. *Slow Burn: An Andy Hayes Mystery*. Swallow Press (Athens, OH) 2015. HC \$26.95.

Two years ago Aaron Custer pled guilty to setting a fire that killed three college students. P.I. Andy Hayes is understandably skeptical when Custer's grandmother asks him to track down a mysterious witness who may have seen the real arsonist. However, as Hayes investigates he uncovers motives for the crime involving fracking companies, drug dealers, and more. To solve the case he'll need to revisit his own past—hopefully without jeopardizing his future.

Yoho, R.G. *Return to Matewan*. White Feather Press (MI) 2015. PB \$15.95.

In the early 1900s, mine owners hired the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency to protect their interests against striking miners by any means necessary. When Baldwin-Felts agents murder an unarmed Sid Hatfield on West Virginia courthouse steps, the constable's son is one of the witnesses in the crowd. As Billy Hatfield seeks revenge, Baldwin-Felts sends in Morgan Cobb, a trusted fixer who grew up in West Virginia. As the two men square off, will Billy find vengeance, or will Morgan find redemption?

### **Poetry**

Brightman, Steve. *History, Too, Is a Simple Machine*. NightBallet Press (Elyria, OH) 2015. PB \$5.00.

As stated in the opening of this collection, a simple machine is a device that changes the direction or magnitude of a force. Here Brightman explores how history and other factors continue to shape the world around us.

Cervený, Kathleen. *Coming to Terms*. NightBallet Press (Elyria, OH) 2015. PB \$10.00.

In her first collection of poems, visual artist and poet Cervený shares a journey of self-discovery.

Demaree, Darren C. *Not for Art nor Prayer*. 8th House Publishing (Montreal, Canada) 2015. PB \$15.88.

Demaree's latest collection, built in four sections that flow into one another, celebrates seemingly small, everyday moments and transforms them into something more.

Drury, John Philip. *Sea Level Rising*. Able Muse Press (San Jose, CA) 2015. PB \$18.95.

The theme of water runs throughout Drury's fourth poetry collection, from ocean tides to waves of music to the understanding that we, like water, are always in flux.

Everett, Connie Willett. *What Keeps Me Awake*. NightBallet Press (Elyria, OH) 2015. PB \$10.00.

In this haunting collection, Willett explores the dark side of the American dream.

Golden, Tasha. *Once You Had Hands*. Humanist Press (Washington, DC) 2015. PB \$17.99.

Golden's poems give voice to the disappointment and anger of broken religious promises and "illuminate the questions we are all too often afraid to ask."

Holmes, Meredith. *Familiar at First Then Strange*. Pond Road Press (Washington, DC) 2015. PB \$16.00.

Holmes's poems share a story that moves from an East Coast rooted in nature to a Rust Belt city "soaked in immigrant grief."



Rudinger, Joel. *Symphonia Judaica: Jewish Symphony and Other Poems*. Bird Dog Publishing (Huron, OH) 2015. PB \$16.00. Rudinger's poems explore the joys and troubles of everyday life, but also reach back through Jewish history in a search for identity.

Shaheed, Margie. *Onomatopoeia*. NightBallet Press (Elyria, OH) 2015. PB \$13.00. In her second collection of poetry, Shaheed uses everyday tasks such as catching the bus to illuminate the experiences of ordinary working people in America's inner cities, bringing them "center stage to share their tortured brilliance, subtle language and survival wisdom with a spiritually starved world."

Shaheed, Margie. *Playground*. Hidden Charm Press, 2015. PB \$9.00. The "playground" in this collection is the neighborhood bar in an African American community. Despite the racism, violence, and poverty that permeates their lives, the people in this community care about each other, do what they can to survive, and sometimes find moments filled with beauty.

Smith, Maggie. *The Well Speaks of Its Own Poison*. Tupelo Press (North Adams, MA) 2015. PB \$16.95. In this collection, which won the Dorset Prize, Smith juxtaposes modern life with the beautiful but dangerous world of fairy tales, where no one is ever truly safe.

Washington, RA. *The Paris Notebooks*. NightBallet Press (Elyria, OH) 2015. PB \$5.00. The poems and essays in this book are based on the author's 2013 trip

to Paris. Washington comments on French and American culture, relationships, and justice with a sharp vision and wry humor.

### *Young Adult*

Barzak, Christopher. *Wonders of the Invisible World*. Knopf Books for Young Readers (New York, NY) 2015. HC \$17.99.

Seventeen-year-old Aiden Lockwood is drifting through life in an Ohio farming community. When his former friend Jarrod returns to town, buried memories begin to surface along with haunting visions of the past. In the wake of tragedy, Aiden and Jarrod embark on a journey to break the curse that follows Aiden's family and keep the invisible world at bay.

Dinan, Kurt. *Don't Get Caught*. Sourcebooks Fire (Naperville, IL) 2016. PB \$9.99.

Max is almost invisible at school, so when he receives an invitation from the infamous, prank-pulling Chaos Club, he sees it as a chance to improve his social life. However, when he and four other students arrive at the rendezvous point—a freshly vandalized water tower—campus security shows up instead. It's payback time, but as the pranks escalate, so do the stakes, with unexpected results.

Drew, Julie. *Breathe: The Tesla Effect, Book 3*. Ring of Fire Publishing (Seattle, WA) 2015. PB \$13.99.

After Tesla Abbott travels back in time to save her mother's life, the future is altered in ways she never imagined: her father is largely absent, her mother is far from Tesla's idealized dreams, and her friends' lives have all changed for the worse. What's more, her

secret is out, and she is targeted by government agents who have their own agenda for her power. Tesla must decide what she owes others and herself, knowing that her choice will change the world.

Hollihan, Kerrie Logan. *Reporting Under Fire: 16 Daring Women War Correspondents and Photojournalists*. Chicago Review Press (Chicago, IL) 2014. HC \$19.95.

*Reporting Under Fire* profiles the lives of sixteen women who risked their lives to bring back stories and photographs from the front lines in Europe, Korea, the Middle East, and beyond. Covering the century from World War I to the present, these profiles focus not only on the danger inherent in the job, but also on how each woman found her calling and her voice.

Lawson, Tracy. *Resist*. Lawson Publishing (Dallas, TX) 2015. PB \$15.95.

After discovering that the Office of Civilian Safety and Defense's "antidote" against chemical weapons is actually a means of controlling the population, Tommy and Careen join forces with others trying to expose the OCSA. However, some members of the Resistance have their own agenda, and the couple's relationship is tested as they move toward a revolution against the true terrorists.

Leigh, Vicki. *Find Me If You Dare: Dreamcatcher Book II*. Curiosity Quills Press (Reston, VA) 2015. PB \$16.99.

In this sequel to *Catch Me When I Fall*, Daniel and Kayla have survived their first battle with Richard and his Nightmares and

are now training with other Magus and Protectors. But Richard has special plans for Kayla. When he releases one of the four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, people around the world fall ill—including those Kayla and Daniel love most.

Miller, Brandon Marie. *Women of Colonial America: 13 Stories of Courage and Survival in the New World*. Chicago Review Press (Chicago, IL) 2016. HC \$19.95. Based on primary sources, this book documents the lives of thirteen European, African, and Native American women in colonial America. Although the New World was defined almost entirely by men, these women nonetheless found a way to defy authority by building successful businesses, writing poetry, escaping slavery, and more.

Richards, Natalie D. *My Secret to Tell*. Sourcebooks Fire (Naperville, IL) 2015. PB \$9.99. Emerson is a “good girl” trying to live up to her parents’ expectations while secretly crushing on her best friend Chelsea’s brother and town bad boy, Deacon. When Chelsea’s father is assaulted and Deacon shows up in Emerson’s room covered with blood, she must decide whether to do what’s expected or what she thinks is right.

**Middle Grade & Children’s**  
Alpine, Rachele. *Operation Pucker Up*. Aladdin Mix (New York, NY) 2015. PB \$7.99. When Grace Shaw is cast as Snow White in the school play, she’s thrilled—until she realizes she’ll have to kiss the most popular boy in school onstage. Grace has never kissed a boy, so she and her friends

hatch a plan to get a kiss before opening night. To complicate things, her estranged father has returned home after a six-month absence, and Grace can’t just pick up where things left off. Will she be able to work through the complications of love, both onstage and off?

Anderson, Sonja. *Sophie’s Quest*. Sunberry Books (Froxfield, Wiltshire, UK) 2015. PB \$12.99. Sophie the owl loves to collect people’s treasures. When she finds a gold necklace that her grandfather says is dangerous, she sets off on a journey to find answers. With the help of a mouse named Timley, Sophie travels toward a desert land that holds the true meaning of the necklace.

Carson, Mary Kay. *Inside Biosphere 2: Earth Science Under Glass*. HMH Books for Young Readers (New York, NY) 2015. HC \$18.99. Biosphere 2, a glass and steel enclosure the size of three football fields, was built nearly thirty years ago to develop technologies for humans living in space. Today, however, scientists use Biosphere 2 as a giant living laboratory where they can study complex ecosystems under controlled conditions. Carson’s book describes studies on climate change, weather, and water and energy conservation that could impact life on Earth today.

Cordatos, Suzanne. *The Lost Crown of Apollo*. Sunberry Books (Froxfield, Wiltshire, UK) 2015. PB \$12.99. Ten-year-old Elias Tantalos has just finished the worst school year of his life. When he discovers a 2,000-year-old good luck charm on summer vacation in the Aegean Sea,

he thinks things are finally looking up. But when treasure hunters kidnap his sister, he must decide whether good fortune or family is more important.

Dyson, Marianne J., and Buzz Aldrin. *Welcome to Mars: Making a Home on the Red Planet*. National Geographic Kids (Washington, DC) 2015. HC \$18.99.

In this book, former astronaut Buzz Aldrin and former NASA flight controller Marianne Dyson encourage kids to think of Mars not just as a faraway planet, but as a possible future home. The first part of the book presents factual information about the tools of space exploration and what we currently know about the Red Planet, while the second part asks readers to imagine what living on Mars would be like and how humans could make it habitable.

Gondosch, Linda. *Junípero Serra: Founder of the California Missions*. Magnificat (New York, NY) 2015. HC \$14.99.

In eighteenth-century Spain, Miguel Serra dreamed of traveling to the New World. As Franciscan friar Junípero Serra, he eventually established twenty-one Catholic missions in California that are still visited by people today.

Johnson, Jamie Gardner. *The Ghost of Donley Farm*. Arbordale (Mt. Pleasant, SC) 2015. HC \$17.95. Rebecca, a red-tailed hawk, is NOT afraid of ghosts. When she finally gathers enough courage to meet the white, winged creature in the barn, she discovers they have more in common than she thought.

Jones, Sarah. *Black & White Nighty-Night*. Blue Manatee Press (Cincinnati, OH) 2015. BB \$7.99. This board book, which tells the story of an owl saying goodnight to his barnyard friends, contains high contrast, black-and-white illustrations designed with babies in mind.

Jones, Sarah. *Lloyd Llama*. Blue Manatee Press (Cincinnati, OH) 2015. HC \$17.99. Lloyd Llama loves everything with a double L, from cellos to the color yellow. But his new classmate, Al Alpaca, is partial to things that start with the letter A. Can the two of them find common ground?

Mora, Pat. *The Remembering Day: El Día de los Muertos*. Piñata Books/Arte Público Press (Houston, TX) 2015. HC \$17.95. In this bilingual picture book, author Pat Mora imagines how the Mexican custom of remembering loved ones—the Day of the Dead—came to be.

Neyer, Andrew. *Letters Are for Learning*. Blue Manatee Press (Cincinnati, OH) 2015. BB \$9.99. Illustrations combining action words, animals, and lots of objects for each letter are perfect for young readers just learning the alphabet.

Norman, Dean. *City Birds: A Nearly True Story about Peregrine Falcons Who Nested on a City Building*. Star Bright Books (Cambridge, MA) 2015. PB \$6.99. Not too many years ago, a pair of peregrine falcons decided to nest on Cleveland's Terminal Tower. This book of cartoons takes a humorous look at events from the falcons' point of view.

Norman, Dean. *Spook the Halloween Cat*. Star Bright Books (Cambridge, MA) 2015. PB \$7.99. When a witch's kitten falls off her broom on Halloween night, a young girl named Karen takes him home and names him Spook. Soon Spook has a decision to make—will he return to the witch, or stay with the girl he has come to love?

Orshoski, Paul. Illus. by Jeffrey Ebbeler. *The Ant and The Pancake*. Treasure Bay (Novato, CA) 2015. PB \$5.99.

With an adult page and a child's page on each spread, children can read along with two stories: one about an ant who makes a home in someone's pants, and the other about a pair of mice who help make some unusual pancakes.

Patton, Donna Alice. *Snipped in the Bud: A Tale from the Garden of Mysteries*. Solstice Publishing (Farmington, MO) 2015. PB \$12.99. Someone—or something—has been stealing junior gardener Becky McGuffey's prize-winning roses. With the county fair only a few weeks away, will Becky be able to catch the flower thief in time?

Peot, Margaret. *Crow Made a Friend*. Holiday House (New York, NY) 2015. HC \$14.95.

In this picture book for early readers, a lonely crow tries time and again to make a friend, only to have his creations destroyed by weather. When Crow finally hears the caw of a real bird, he is able to form a friendship that lasts.

Pimm, Nancy Roe. *The Jerrie Mock Story: The First Woman to Fly Solo Around the World*. Ohio Univ. Press (Athens, OH) 2016. PB \$14.95.

The latest installment in the *Books for Young Readers* series tells the story of Geraldine "Jerrie" Mock. After developing a love of flying as a young girl and studying aeronautical engineering at Ohio State University, she settled into married life until a suggestion from her husband helped her rediscover her childhood dream. In a Cessna named *The Spirit of Columbus*, Jerrie raced another pilot, Joan Merriam Smith, nearly 23,000 miles in her attempt to be the first woman to fly solo around the world.

Rosen, Michael J. *The Tale of Rescue*. Candlewick Press (Somerville, MA) 2015. HC \$14.99. In the Ohio foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, a Florida family has rented a cabin so their ten-year-old son can experience the wonder of a snowy weekend. At a nearby farm, a cattle dog works forty head of cattle for her solitary farmer. When a sudden whiteout strands the family in snowdrifts taller than the boy, their only chance for survival is a brave and determined dog.

Rosen, Michael J. *The Maine Coon's Haiku and Other Poems for Cat Lovers*. Candlewick Press (Somerville, MA) 2015. HC \$17.99. This illustrated poetry collection for cat lovers of all ages contains a haiku for each of twenty different cat breeds.

Rubini, Julie K. *Missing Millie Benson: The Secret Case of the Nancy Drew Ghostwriter and Journalist*. Ohio Univ. Press (Athens, OH) 2015. PB \$14.95. Mildred Wirt Benson grew up with a sense of adventure and independence, becoming the first person to earn a master's degree

in journalism from the University of Iowa. In addition to working as a reporter, Mildred took a job as a ghostwriter for the Stratemeyer Syndicate, which published the *Hardy Boys* books. There she was tasked with starting a new series about a girl detective named Nancy Drew. Rubini has structured this biography as a mystery, helping young readers uncover clues about the extraordinary life of this little-known author.

Sadler, Marilyn. *Charlie Piechart and the Case of the Missing Pizza Slice*. Katherine Tegen Books (New York, NY) 2015. HC \$17.99.

With one pizza, six people, and seven possible toppings, Charlie and his family have a fraction-filled discussion as they decide what to order for dinner. When one slice of pizza goes missing, can Charlie use math to solve the mystery?

Springstubb, Tricia. *Cody and the Fountain of Happiness*. Candlewick Press (Somerville, MA) 2015. HC \$14.99.

Although Cody has been eagerly awaiting summer vacation, it's not starting out as planned: her parents are busy with work, her brother is distracted by a girl, and camp is cancelled. Then she meets her new neighbor Spencer, who is looking for his lost cat. A new friend and a found cat might be the start of a beautiful summer after all.

Springstubb, Tricia. *Cody and the Mysteries of the Universe*. Candlewick Press (Somerville, MA) 2016. PB \$14.99.

In this sequel to *Cody and the Fountain of Happiness*, a new school year is about to begin, and Cody's best friend Spencer is moving in with his grandmother right around the corner. Cody is thrilled, but not everything is smooth sailing: a mysterious neighbor, Spencer's new-school jitters, and a group of difficult kids next door all teach Cody lessons that are part of growing up.

Van Vleet, Carmella. *To the Stars! The First American Woman to Walk in Space*. Charlesbridge (Watertown, MA) 2016. HC \$16.95. This picture book biography tells the story of Kathy Sullivan, who as a young girl dreamed of adventure. As an adult she became one of the first six women astronauts to train with NASA and the first American woman to walk in space.

Wiechman, Kathy Cannon. *Like a River: A Civil War Novel*. Calkins Creek (Honesdale, PA) 2015. HC \$17.95.

Three years into the Civil War, underage teens Paul and Leander enlist in the Union Army. Their paths intersect and then diverge again as they journey through camps, hospitals, and military prisons. Along the way, they learn about friendship, family, failure, and love.

## COMING SOON

**Ohioana Hamilton County Authors Reception** April 17, 2016, 1:30 – 4:00 p.m., Main Library, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Cincinnati

Book lovers can connect with local authors as dozens of published writers from Cincinnati and Hamilton County chat with fans, sign books, and talk about the writing process.

**Ohioana Book Club** May 12, 2016, 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 8660 E. Broad Street, Pataskala

The book for May is *The Other Trail of Tears: The Removal of the Ohio Indians* by Mary Stockwell. Instead of meeting at the Ohioana Library, the club will attend a presentation and discussion with Dr. Stockwell sponsored by the Lifelong Learning Institute at Central Ohio Technical College. The presentation runs from 10:00 a.m. – noon and 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at COTC's Pataskala campus. If you would like to attend, please e-mail us at [ohioana@ohioana.org](mailto:ohioana@ohioana.org).

**Claire's Day** May 21, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Toledo-Lucas County Public Library—Maumee Branch, 501 River Rd., Maumee

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