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## Connecting Readers and Ohio Writers

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### 2016: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

2016 was a year of milestones for Ohioana as we celebrated two major anniversaries, introduced a new book award, and welcomed new leadership.

#### Winter

- “Ohio’s Literary Landmarks” was launched as a new feature in the *Ohioana Quarterly*. The first site profiled was Louis Bromfield’s historic Malabar Farm.
- Lisa Racine, a student in the Kent State University School of Library and Information Science, joined Ohioana as the winter/spring Ruth Weimer Mount Intern.

- The 10th anniversary Ohioana Book Festival poster, designed by children’s author and illustrator David Catrow, was unveiled.

#### Spring

- The 10th anniversary Ohioana Book Festival took place at the Sheraton Columbus at Capitol Square, drawing a record 120 authors. New features included poetry readings and a teen space. Between the main event, outreach, and media, the 10th anniversary festival drew an audience of more than 50,000 people.



Featured authors at the 2016 Ohioana Book Festival included (l to r) David Catrow, Amanda Flower, Mindy McGinnis, Del Sroufe, and Jacqueline Woodson.

### *The Director’s Chair*

Dear Friends,

As you can see from the cover story, 2016 was quite memorable for the Ohioana Library! It’s been a great year, too, for Ohio authors. Amazon named Candice Millard’s *Hero of the Empire* as its choice for Best Book of 2016 in History, while J.D. Vance’s *Hillbilly Elegy*, one of the most talked-about works in the recent election season, was Amazon’s pick as the Best Nonfiction Book. Jacqueline Woodson, who was a featured author at last April’s Ohioana Book Festival, was a National Book Award finalist in fiction for her novel, *Another Brooklyn*. She was joined as an NBA finalist by two other Ohioans: Chris Bachelder (fiction) for *The Throwback Special*, and Rita Dove (poetry) for *Collected Poems, 1974-2004*. With December being “Read a New Book Month,” I hope some of these wonderful books and authors will be a part of your holiday reading.

From all of us at Ohioana, Happy Holidays and best wishes for a Happy New Year!

David E. Weaver  
 Executive Director

- The 2017-18 Choose to Read Ohio list of 20 books is announced, and includes an additional title: Loren Long’s Little Tree, which is named the inaugural “Floyd’s Pick,” in honor of long-time children’s librarian and advocate Floyd Dickman. Choose to Read Ohio is a joint project of the State Library of Ohio, Ohioana, and the Ohio Center for the Book/Cleveland Public Library.

- As part of the 75th anniversary book awards celebration, Ohioana introduces its inaugural Readers’ Choice Award. Using an online voting survey, members and the general public are able to choose one of the 30 Ohioana Book Award finalists as their favorite. More than 1,100 votes were cast over a three-week period.

**Summer**

- Nin Andrews, Wil Haygood, Loren Long, David McCullough, Shelley Pearsall, and Mary Doria Russell were announced as the winners of the 2016 Ohioana Book Awards, with Russell also named as winner of the first Ohioana Readers’ Choice Award. Eliese Colette Goldbach of Cleveland was announced as the 2016 recipient of the Walter Rumsey Marvin Grant, awarded to an Ohio writer age 30 or younger who has not yet published a book.

- Ohioana welcomed its second Ruth Weimer Mount Intern for 2016: Morgan Peters, a first-year MLIS student at Kent State.

- The Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum was profiled in the *Ohioana Quarterly* as the second “Ohio Literary Landmark.”

**Autumn**

- The 75th anniversary Ohioana Book Awards were presented before a sellout crowd in the Ohio Statehouse Atrium. The awards ceremony was streamed live by the Ohio Channel and can be viewed on their site: [www.ohiochannel.org/video/ohioana-awards-2016](http://www.ohiochannel.org/video/ohioana-awards-2016)

- Ohioana held its 87th annual meeting in Davis Hall at the Columbus Foundation, which in 1929 as the Governor’s Mansion was the site of Ohioana’s founding. The highlight of the annual meeting is the election of trustees; this year’s class included new member Jay Yurkiw, who joined returning trustees Lisa Evans, Claudia Plumley, Geoff Smith, and Yolanda Danyi Szuch.

- Following the annual meeting, the Ohioana Board of Trustees elected new officers for 2016-18: Dan Shuey, President; John Sullivan, Vice-President; Lisa Evans, Treasurer; and Geoff Smith, Secretary. The board also honored Rudine Sims Bishop, who served as president from 2012-16.

In addition to the events mentioned above, Ohioana hosted book club meetings, library tours, and elementary class visits; participated in the Pickerington Public Library YA Author Fest (June), Books by the Banks Cincinnati USA Book Festival (October), and the Upper Arlington Public Library’s “The Write Stuff” event (October); and sponsored the annual Ohioana Hamilton County Authors Reception (April).

Coming in 2017: the 11th annual Ohioana Book Festival (April 8) and the 76th annual Ohioana Awards (October 6). We’ll also celebrate the *Ohioana Quarterly* beginning its 60th year of publication and the 35th anniversary of the Walter Rumsey Marvin Grant. We look forward to sharing these special events with you!



New Ohioana Board of Trustees President Dan Shuey with author Mary Doria Russell, winner of the 2016 Ohioana Book Award for Fiction and the inaugural Readers’ Choice Award.

# NEW BOOKS

The following books were added to Ohioana's collection between September and November. Look for them at your local library or bookstore!

## Nonfiction

Adams, Kevin, and Leonne M. Hudson (eds.). *Democracy and the American Civil War: Race and African Americans in the Nineteenth Century*. The Kent State Univ. Press (Kent, OH) 2016. PB \$24.95.

With topics ranging from antebellum abolitionists to the legacy of Reconstruction, the essays in this volume address the importance of democracy and race both during and after the Civil War.

Bashor, Will. *Marie Antoinette's Darkest Days: Prisoner No. 280 in the Conciergerie*. Rowman & Littlefield (Lanham, MD) 2016. HC \$27.95.

This book begins on August 2, 1793, when French queen Marie Antoinette became "Widow Capet, No. 280" in the Conciergerie, the "waiting room for the guillotine." Although most prisoners only spent a day or two there before their conviction and execution, Marie Antoinette spent seventy-six days in conditions that were the complete opposite of her life at Versailles. This detailed and thoroughly researched account paints a vivid picture of the queen's last days.

Boissoneault, Lorraine. *The Last Voyageurs: Retracing La Salle's Journey Across America: Sixteen Teenagers on the Adventure of a Lifetime*. Pegasus Books (New York, NY) 2016. HC \$27.95.

In the summer of 1976, high-school French teacher Reid Lewis, along with six teachers and sixteen students, set out to recreate La Salle's historic journey from Montreal to the end of the Mississippi River. During the eight-month, 3,300-mile journey, they wore clothes and paddled canoes they had made themselves without the use of modern tools, gave presentations about the original expedition in communities along their route, and discovered themselves along the way.

Brown, Dale Patrick. *Literary Cincinnati: The Missing Chapter*. Ohio Univ. Press (Athens, OH) 2011. HC \$24.95.

Literary Cincinnati fills in the missing chapter in the history of Cincinnati, taking the reader on a joyous ride with some of the great literary personalities who have shaped life in the Queen City.

David, Mary A., and Barbara Davis Whitaker (eds.). *History of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs: Volume V 1994-2014*. 2016.

The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs was organized in Springfield, Ohio, in 1894. This volume documents the organization's members, committees, activities, and awards between 1994 and 2004.

Davies, Richard O. *The Main Event: Boxing in Nevada from the Mining Camps to the Las Vegas Strip*. Univ. of Nevada Press (Reno, NV) 2014. HC \$29.95.

In 1897, Nevada became the first state to legalize boxing (in order to stage the Corbett-Fitzsimmons world heavyweight championship). This book chronicles boxing in

Nevada from the early bare-knuckle days through the Rat Pack era to today's mixed martial arts.

Deluca, Leo, and Steve Lucht. *Dayton's Spirit of Community Service and Leadership*. Dayton History (Dayton, OH) 2016. HC \$29.95.

In 1932, The President's Club of Dayton was formed to promote volunteerism. This book documents and honors the winners of the Club's Citizen Legion of Honor Award, and in doing so highlights sixty-five years of community service in the Gem City.

Dinan, Kim. *The Yellow Envelope: One Gift, Three Rules, and a Life-Changing Journey around the World*. Sourcebooks (Naperville, IL) 2017. PB \$15.99.

After years of living with schedules and a mortgage, Kim Dinan and her husband decided to travel around the world. Just before their departure, they're given a yellow envelope with a check and instructions to give the money to people they meet on their journey. As they travel across multiple countries and continents, they encounter both logistical and emotional challenges. But along the way, they learn that the capacity to give has nothing to do with money.

Dougherty, Shawn, and Beth Dougherty. *The Independent Farmstead: Growing Soil, Biodiversity, and Nutrient-Dense Food with Grassfed Animals and Intensive Pasture Management*. Chelsea Green Publishing (White River Junction, VT) 2016. PB \$34.95.

Twenty years ago, Shawn and Beth Dougherty moved onto property deemed "not suitable for

agriculture.” Today, they obtain ninety percent of their food from that same property. This book describes the methods the Doughertys used to select livestock, rehabilitate the soil through pasture management, and minimize or eliminate the use of commercial chemicals.

Ford, Lyn, and Sherry Norfolk. *Boo-Tickle Tales: Not-So-Scary Stories for Ages 4 to 9*. Parkhurst Brothers Publishers (Marion, MI) 2017. PB \$17.95.

Professional storyteller and educator Lyn Ford provides storytelling tips and techniques as well as a selection of not-too-scary stories perfect for young listeners.

Gordon, Roger. *The Miracle of Richfield: The Story of the 1975-76 Cleveland Cavaliers*. The Kent State Univ. Press (Kent, OH) 2016. PB \$18.95.

Cleveland sports fans didn't have much to cheer about during the 1975-76 season, until Akron native Nate Thurmond led the Cavaliers to the Central Division title and eventually to the team's first playoff appearance. This book documents the "Miracle of Richfield" from the season's slow start to the thrilling playoff performance.

Heath, William (ed.). *Conversations with Robert Stone*. Univ. Press of Mississippi (Jackson, MS) 2016. HC \$55.00.

Novelist Robert Stone wrote stories filled with action and tension, set in locations ranging from a small college town to Hollywood. In this collection of interviews, Stone provided in-depth answers to questions about his works, his life, and the creative process.

Howard, Steve. *Modern Muslims: A Sudan Memoir*. Ohio Univ. Press (Athens, OH) 2016. PB \$26.95. In the early 1980s, Steve Howard left the U.S. for the Sudan, where he would spend three years with the Republican Brotherhood, a group that advocated equality for women as well as other reforms. When the Brotherhood came into conflict, Howard saw firsthand the difficult choices communities and individuals had to make as they tried to reform and practice their faith. In this book, sociologist Howard provides into African history and modern Islam.

Knight, Jonathan. *Classic Cavs: Second Edition, Revised and Updated*. Black Squirrel Books (Kent, OH) 2016. PB \$19.95. This revised and updated edition of Classic Cavs counts down the fifty greatest Cleveland Cavaliers games from the team's inception in 1970 to the 2016 championship.

Kondik, Kyle. *The Bellwether: Why Ohio Picks the President*. Ohio Univ. Press (Athens, OH) 2016. PB \$24.95.

For more than a century, Ohio voters have correctly picked the president more than ninety percent of the time. Kondik uses historical evidence and data-driven research to examine why Ohio voters are so successful at identifying the nation's leader.

Lavin, Frank. *Home Front to Battlefield: An Ohio Teenager in World War II*. Ohio Univ. Press (Athens, OH) 2017. HC \$34.95. Carl Lavin was a high school senior when Pearl Harbor was attacked. A year later he enlisted in the Army, which would take him from his hometown of Canton, Ohio, to

Britain and eventually the Battle of the Bulge. Based on extensive archival materials including Carl's letters home, this book follows an ordinary through extraordinary experiences.

Longert, Scott H. *No Money, No Beer, No Pennants: The Cleveland Indians and Baseball in the Great Depression*. Ohio Univ. Press (Athens, OH) 2016. PB \$24.95. The Cleveland Indians began the 1920s as the best team in baseball, but by 1927 they were struggling. Real estate tycoon Alva Bradley bought the team, filled it with star players, and built a new multimillion dollar stadium. But after the stock market crash in 1929, the crowds didn't follow. Baseball historian Longert follows the team through the Great Depression as they chased a pennant that would eventually come in 1948.

Maginn, Keith. *(Extra)Ordinary: Inspirational Stories of Everyday People*. KiCam Projects (Georgetown, OH) 2016. PB \$9.95. When Keith Morgan learning more about the people in his life, he learned that seemingly ordinary people often had extraordinary experiences to share. These stories will help open readers' eyes to the extraordinary people all around them.

Mangus, Michael. *Ohio: A Military History*. Westholme Publishing (Yardley, PA) 2016. HC \$35.00. Historian Mangus traces Ohio's military history from prehistoric times through the present. Content includes a comprehensive record of conflict within the state, military personalities from Tecumseh to Eddie Rickenbacker, and civilian

efforts from recruitment drives to anti-war protests. Includes a list of historic sites and suggested further reading.

Martin, Sieglinde. *Small Feet on the Run: Childhood During World War II Remembered and Arguments against War*. Resource Publications/Wipf and Stock (Eugene, OR) 2016. PB \$25.00. This book documents the true stories of eighteen ordinary children who survived WWII Europe, where twenty-nine million civilians died. The children describe fear and worry for family members at home and on the battlefield, collecting bomb shrapnel instead of baseball cards, scavenging for food, and experiencing the kindness of strangers and even enemy soldiers.

Mezurek, Kelly D. *For Their Own Cause: The 27th United States Colored Troops*. The Kent State Univ. Press (Kent, OH) 2016. HC \$37.95. The 27th USCT, composed mostly of free black Ohio men, served in the Union Army from April 1864 to September 1865, where they faced racism and inferior treatment in addition to the difficulties of war. After the war, the men of the 27th publicly sought full citizenship and suffrage under the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments. In this first comprehensive history of the 27th, Mezurek examines not only the soldiers' time in the army, but also their lives as veterans and the impact of their service on their communities.

Millard, Candice. *Hero of the Empire: The Boer War, a Daring Escape and the Making of Winston Churchill*. Doubleday (New York, NY) 2016. HC \$30.00.

As a young man, Winston Churchill was convinced that he was destined to become Prime Minister of England, and thought battlefield glory would be the best way to launch his political career. After serving as a British Army officer in India and the Sudan, he arrived in South Africa in 1899. Just two weeks later, he and the soldiers he was accompanying on an armored train were captured and taken prisoner by Boer rebels. Churchill's daring escape across hundreds of miles of enemy territory not only jump started his rise to political power, but also taught him lessons that would affect world history forty years later.

Oller, John. *The Swamp Fox: How Francis Marion Saved the American Revolution*. Da Capo Press (Boston, MA) 2016. HC \$26.99. At a time when the American Revolution was on the brink of failure, Francis Marion and his militia fighters used guerilla tactics to repeatedly inflict losses on the highly trained British troops fighting against them. In the first major biography of Marion in more than forty years, Oller draws on historical evidence and recent thinking to tell the story of "the Washington of the South" and Marion's crucial role in the Revolutionary War.

Olson III, Arthur Andrew. *Forging the Bee Line Railroad 1848-1889: The Rise and Fall of the Hoosier Partisans and Cleveland Clique*. Kent State Univ. Press (Kent, OH) 2017. HC \$44.95. In the second half of the nineteenth century, a group of Indiana businessmen started to build a railroad to connect their growing

state to the Ohio/St. Louis rail corridor. They were eventually outmanoeuvred by a group of Cleveland-based financiers, who were in turn overtaken by East Coast capitalists. This book not only documents the history of the Bee Line (which is still an important railway connecting Cleveland, Indianapolis, and St. Louis), but also provides a unique glimpse into nineteenth-century regional politics and railroad capitalism.

Phillips, Christopher. *The Rivers Ran Backward: The Civil War and the Remaking of the American Middle Border*. Oxford Univ. Press (New York, NY) 2016. HC \$34.95. Most Americans view the Civil War as a clear division between slave states like Kentucky and Missouri and free states like Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Kansas. However, these border states experienced a "civil war within the Civil War" as debates about nationalism, race, and economics raged among neighbors, friends, and families. Phillips sheds light on the complex history of these states and shows how the Civil War reshaped American regions.

Pickenpaugh, Roger. *McKinley, Murder and the Pan-American Exposition: A History of the Presidential Assassination, September 6, 1901*. McFarland & Company (Jefferson, NC) 2016. PB \$35.00. On September 6, 1901, President William McKinley was shot and killed by a young anarchist while in the receiving line at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York. This examination of McKinley's assassination is the first to focus on the the Exposition

itself as a celebration of American progress and a microcosm of the country's successes and challenges.

Ramey, Ralph. *50 Hikes in Ohio: 4th edition*. The Countryman Press/ W.W. Norton & Company (New York, NY) 2016. PB \$19.95. This book provides directions, maps, and tips for making the most of trails in Ohio's extensive system of state parks, nature conservancies, and historic sites.

Rice, Donald Tunnicliff. *Cast in Deathless Bronze: Andrew Rowan, the Spanish-American War, and the Origins of American Empire*. West Virginia Univ. Press (Morgantown, VA) 2016. PB \$27.99.

In 1898 on the eve of the Spanish-American War, a young Army lieutenant named Andrew Summers Rowan was sent on a secret intelligence-gathering mission to Cuba. After the war was won, an entrepreneur named Elbert Hubbard wrote an account of the mission that made Rowan famous, resulting in magazine articles and even two movies. Unfortunately, much of what Hubbard wrote wasn't true. Here Rice shares the facts about Rowan's mission, and in doing so sheds light on the Spanish-American War, the Cuban rebellion, and American diplomatic history at the turn of the twentieth century.

Roman, Robert J. *Ohio State Football: The Forgotten Dawn*. Univ. of Akron Press (Akron, OH) 2017. PB \$24.95. Author Roman draws on extensive archival research to document the early days of OSU football, when athletics were viewed as a path to respectability among wealthier, more established colleges. Although

the rules of the game were different, debates about facilities, coaches, and academics will sound familiar to football fans. Includes forty photos from the OSU archives.

Treese, Loretta. *A Serpent's Tale: Discovering America's Ancient Mound Builders*. Westholme Publishing (Yardley, PA) 2016. HC \$28.00.

When European settlers first crossed the Appalachian Mountains into the Ohio Valley, they were surprised to find ancient, human-made mounds and earthen sculptures. Speculation on the origins of these mounds attracted everyone from scientists to psychics. But as the mounds began to disappear under both agricultural and urban development, scholars rushed to document them, giving rise to American archaeology.

Ziff, Katherine. *ArtBreak: A Creative Guide to Joyful and Productive Classrooms*. Swallow Press (Athens, OH) 2016. PB \$22.95.

Although self-directed play is an important part of child development, increasingly structured school days have reduced opportunities for such play. In this book, artist and former school counselor Ziff provides a flexible toolbox to help parents, teachers, and caregivers promote relaxing, art-based play.

Zoepf, Katherine. *Excellent Daughters: The Secret Lives of Young Women Who Are Transforming the Arab World*. Penguin Press (New York, NY) 2016. HC \$28.00.

Just a generation ago, the Western concept of female adolescence

did not exist in the Middle East; girls essentially went straight from childhood to marriage. Today, young Arab women outnumber men in universities, and hundreds of thousands of girls and women attend Qur'anic schools; both groups are pushing for greater freedom and independence. In this book, journalist Zoepf documents the stories of young women in Syria, Lebanon, Abu Dhabi, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt as these "excellent daughters" make different decisions than the generation before.

### **Fiction**

Andriacco, Dan. *Erin Go Bloody: A Sebastian McCabe-Jeff Cody Mystery*. MX Publishing (London, UK) 2016. PB \$14.95.

When best-selling author Jamie Ellicott returned home to Erin, Ohio, after a thirteen-year absence, his father welcomed him with open arms. His brothers, however, were less forgiving. When Jamie's sister-in-law is killed, Sebastian McCabe and Jeff Cody investigate—and hope that murder isn't a family affair.

Bauer, Sara Dobie. *Bite Somebody*. World Weaver Press (Albuquerque, NM) 2016. PB \$13.93.

Becoming a vampire isn't what Celia expected; after three months, she's still awkward, still lonely, and still hasn't bitten anyone to complete her transformation. When hunky Ian moves in next door, Celia starts to think her fairy-tale ending may be within reach—until her creator comes back to town.

Bickle, Laura. *Nine of Stars: A Wildlands Novel*. Harper Voyager (New York, NY) 2017. PB \$7.99. Since she moved to Temperance, Wyoming, Petra Dee has encountered more than her share of the occult. But even Petra can't identify the creature that's killing wolves and leaving only their skins behind. Meanwhile, new sheriff Owen Rutherford's investigation of a bizarre murder leads him to Petra's partner Gabriel. Petra must get ahead of both the unknown creature and the sheriff before anyone else turns up dead.

Black, Lisa. *Unpunished: A Gardiner and Renner Thriller*. Kensington Books (New York, NY) 2017. HC \$25.00.

When a copyeditor is found hanging above the Cleveland Herald's assembly line, forensic investigator Maggie Gardiner suspects murder instead of suicide. In the past, homicide detective Jack Renner has used deadly force to enact his own code of justice—and only Maggie knows his secret. When more newspaper employees turn up dead, Jack may be the only one who can help Maggie find the killer.

Brinkman, Rosa B. *Within These Walls*. Tate Publishing (Mustang, OK) 2016. PB \$17.99.

John Resenburger followed his father into the ministry, and now serves as senior pastor for more than three thousand parishioners. But after learning that his father is having an affair, he now faces a decision: should he confront his father or shield his mother?

Castillo, Linda. *Her Last Breath*. St. Martin's Paperbacks (New York, NY) 2013. PB \$7.99.

Police chief Kate Burkholder is called to the scene of an apparent hit-and-run that left an Amish buggy smashed, a deacon and two of his children dead, and Kate's childhood best friend a widow. But when evidence shows that the car never slowed down, Kate realizes that she's investigating a murder that will make her question everything she believes about the Amish culture in which she was raised.

Chase, Julie. *Cat Got Your Cash: A Kitty Couture Mystery*. Crooked Lane Books (New York, NY) 2017. HC \$25.99.

Lacy Marie Crocker's pet couture shop has gained a following in New Orleans. When she is invited to the home of fashion designer Annie Lane to discuss a possible tie-in, Lacy arrives to find two Siamese kittens next to a murdered Annie. Lacy takes the kittens—who will inherit Annie's fortune—home temporarily, only to find them gone when she returns from work the next day. Along with police detective Jack Oliver, Lacy tries to find the kittens and find justice for Annie as well.

Costa, Shelley. *A Killer's Guide to Good Works: A Val Cameron Mystery*. Henery Press 2016. PB \$15.95.

When Val Cameron's best friend Adrian, a museum curator, returns from a visit to an abbey and discovers a priceless relic in her luggage, she invites Val to come see it. But when Val arrives at the museum, Adrian is dead and the relic is gone. When Val discovers that a monk at the abbey has also been murdered, she searches for her best friend's killer—and tries not to become the third victim.

Ellis, Mary. *Magnolia Moonlight: Secrets of the South Mysteries*. Harvest House Publishers (Eugene, OR) 2016. PB \$14.99.

While Nate Price and his new wife Isabelle take a belated honeymoon, former cop Beth Kirby and former forensic accountant Michael Preston are left to run Price Investigations. Although Beth resents working with someone who lacks experience, the two must put aside their differences—and have a little faith—to solve the murder of a local clergyman.

Erickson, Alex. *Death by Pumpkin Spice: A Bookstore Café Mystery*. Kensington (New York, NY) 2016. PB \$7.99.

Bookstore café owner Krissy Hancock would rather be home than hobnobbing with the town's wealthiest citizens at a Halloween party—especially after a failed marriage proposal and a run-in with an ex. But when a woman is strangled and the mansion is locked down, Krissy must help police officer Paul Dalton solve the crime while facing a few ghosts from her own past.

Ervin II, Terry W. *Relic Hunted: Book Two of the Crax War Chronicles*. Gryphonwood (Grayson, GA) 2016. PB \$13.99.

With the alien Crax advancing deep into human territory and the Capital Galactic corporation working with the enemy, time is running out for mankind. When security specialist Keesay joins two government agents to rescue key prisoners before Capital Galactic can hand them over to the Crax, he'll use his old-school skills—including his brass knuckles—against anyone who gets in his way.

Grant, Kelley. *The World Weavers: A Desert Rising Novel*. Harper Voyager Impulse (New York, NY) 2016. PB \$7.99.

In the year since Sulis fled to the desert to escape the wrath of a vengeful deity, the war between gods and humans has encompassed the entire world. Sulis's twin brother, Kadar, has joined the nomadic desert armies, who are slowing luring the gods toward the Obsidian Temple, where the final battle will take place and the world itself will be remade.

Hayes, Sherri. *What Might Have Been: The Daniels Brothers Book 4*. CreateSpace (Charleston, SC) 2016. Fifteen years ago, Trent Daniels let his high school crush Abby go off to college without telling her how he felt. Now she's back in town, and Trent is determined not to make the same mistake again. But does Abby feel the same?

Herriman, Nancy. *No Pity for the Dead: A Mystery of Old San Francisco*. Obsidian (New York, NY) 2016. PB \$15.00.

In 1860s San Francisco, British-born nurse Celia Davies runs a free clinic to help. She has earned the trust of many of the city's downtrodden, including a young boy named Owen, who has just discovered a corpse in the basement of a local real estate developer. Celia once again turns to Detective Nick Greaves for help, but in order to catch the killer, they'll need to put aside their personal feelings about the case—and each other.

Hugo, Lynne. *Remember My Beauties*. Switchgrass Books/Northern Illinois Univ. Press (DeKalb, IL) 2016. PB \$15.95.

Jewel is struggling with family on all fronts: her father, a former horse trainer, is now blind, her mother is housebound, her husband is inept, and her daughter is an addict. It's only when caring for the remaining horses at her parents' farm that she feels at peace. But the return of her brother throws the family into a crisis that will destroy them all, unless they can somehow find a way back to each other.

Ingram, Dayna. *All Good Children*. Lethé Press (Maple Shade, NJ) 2016. PB \$15.00.

Fourteen-year-old Jordan Fontaine lives in a world where humans are bred to serve the inhuman Over. Liaisons are tasked with supplying the Over with bodies, and children are sent to "summer camps" that have a high mortality rate. When Jordan tells her friends that a Liaison is coming, they avert their eyes. But the Liaison is being manipulated by someone else, and an unknowing Jordan will be drawn into a dangerous coup.

Kass, Linda. *Tasa's Song*. She Writes Press (Berkeley, CA) 2016. PB \$16.95.

In 1930s Poland, ten-year-old Tasa Rosinski dreams of playing the violin, and leaves her family to study in a nearby town. But in 1943, she and five family members—all Jewish—narrowly escape the Nazis by hiding below a barn built by their longtime employee. This novel follows Tasa from her childhood to postwar Vienna, celebrating the beauty of music and the power of the human spirit. Based on a true story.

Kort, Kate. *Glass*. Brick Mantel Books (Bloomington, IN) 2015. PB \$15.95.

Menashe Everett is haunted by his past, ruled by addiction...and has spent the past ten years as a counselor to others with similar struggles. When he meets two especially challenging cases, Menashe must finally face his own problems in order to help them.

McLemore, Sandra Staats. *Christmas Love & Mercy: Christmas Hotel Book 5*. Desert Breeze Publishing (Castaic, CA) 2016. PB \$9.99.

Chris Wright is carrying on the family business of managing the Christmas Hotel. Although his life is busy, Chris is lonely until he runs into Lori Anna Stanley, an old acquaintance. Their romance seems ideal until Chris finds reason to question his faith. Over the years many people have found their miracle at the Christmas Hotel—can Chris and Lori Anna do the same?

Niehoff, Buck. *Jammu Mail*. Orange Frazer Press (Wilmington, OH) 2015. PB \$14.99.

During the 2008 protests for Tibetan independence, a Cincinnati businessman is tasked with taking a secret message from the U.S. government to the Dalai Lama. On a journey that moves from Paris to New Delhi to the Dalai Lama's bungalow, he will need his wits and a little luck to evade pursuit and complete his mission.

Overstreet, Suzanne Sanders. *Wait for Me*. eLectio Publishing (Little Elm, TX) 2016. PB \$17.99.

In July, 1942, Dorothy's boyfriend Clyde leaves for boot camp. A twist of fate leads Dorothy to Clyde's best friend Duane, whose family has endured more than their share of loss. Now the nation struggles to



win the war and bring their loved ones home...but not everyone will return. Based on a true story.

Parmley, Debra, and Robert Arrow. *Isabella, Bride of Ohio: American Mail-Order Brides*. Belo Dia Publishing (Ellendale, TN) 2015. PB \$7.99.

Not long after leaving Sweden for a new life in the U.S., Isabella loses both her parents and her factory job. Her only hope is to marry wealthy Donald Jenks, who writes beautiful letters about life in Ohio. But on the train she meets Tom, a Pinkerton agent who saves her from an attempted abduction. Will Isabella make it safely to Ohio—and is Donald really the man she is supposed to marry?

Ramos y Sanchez, Raul. *The Skinny Years*. Beck & Branch Publishers 2016. PB \$12.95.

Eight-year-old “Skinny” Delgado’s family fled Castro’s Cuba in 1959, leaving a mansion in Havana for a bungalow in Miami. Over the next ten years, the family struggles to find a place in this strange new culture, and Skinny longs for the girl next door, who is “everything American—and everything he’s not.”

Strawser, Jessica. *Almost Missed You*. St. Martin’s Press (New York, NY) 2017. HC \$25.99.

After strangers Finn and Violet have a flirtation on a Florida beach but fail to learn each other’s names, Finn posts a message on an online “missed connections” page—but Violet is not the one who answers the message. Six years later, Finn and Violet are back in Florida with their three-year-old son, Bear. When Violet returns to their hotel room to find Finn and

Bear missing, she must reexamine everything she thought she knew about her husband, their friends, and their life together.

Vogel, D.W. *Horizon Alpha: Predators of Eden*. Future House Publishing 2016. PB \$13.95. Two hundred years ago, the spaceship Horizon Alpha left Earth in search of a new home. When they landed on Tau Ceti e, they found a habitable planet as the scientists had expected. What they hadn’t expected was the dinosaurs. With the protective fence failing, rookie soldier Caleb Wilde leads a squad in search of a lost reactor core. It will be a race to see who returns to camp first—the soldiers or the dinosaurs.

### Poetry

Lentes, Cathy Cultice. *Getting the Mail*. Finishing Line Press (Georgetown, KY) 2016. PB \$14.49. In this collection of poems Lentes not only pays homage to her Appalachian roots, but also finds deeper meaning in everyday moments, “helping us notice the daily simplicities and the people who live them.”

Matthias, John. *Complayntes for Doctor Neuro: & Other Poems*. Shearsman Books (Bristol, UK) 2016. PB \$17.00.

In this new collection from Matthias, the poet’s versatility of form is once again on display. Notes at the end of the book provide additional context for specific poems.

Santer, Rikki. *Kahiki Redux: Poems (2nd ed)*. 11thour Press (Columbus, OH) 2016. PB \$20.00.

For more than forty years, the

Kahiki was the largest free-standing Polynesian restaurant in the U.S. In this poetry collection, Santer celebrates this late great pop culture icon.

Waldner, Liz. *Her Faithfulness*. Miami Univ. Press (Oxford, OH) 2016. PB \$16.00.

These meditations on pleasure, hope, and home are “the work of a vital, profuse mind undeniably at home in poetry.”

### Young Adult

Coley, Liz. *The Captain’s Kid*. CreateSpace (Charleston, SC) 2016. PB \$14.99.

When Brandon Webb was younger, he would dream of going on missions with his parents for the Space Survey Corps. Now his father has finally allowed him to join a year-long supply run to a failing colony. But when the ship is sabotaged, Brandon’s dream may turn into a nightmare.

Fritz, Ellen. *Vulnerable: In the Night Book Two*. Tell-Tale Publishing (Swartz Creek, MI) 2016. PB \$15.00.

Although new vampire Holly is still able to see her boyfriend Parker, she can’t trust herself to be alone with him, and can’t wait until he graduates from high school, when Holly’s sire Byron will change him. But another vampire is bent on destroying everyone Byron cares about—starting with Parker. Will Holly be able to save him?

George, Elizabeth. *The Edge of the Light*. Viking (New York, NY) 2016. HC \$18.99.

The final book of George’s *Whidbey Island* series focuses on Seth Darrow, who is struggling to help

his grandfather recover from a stroke and get his relationship with his girlfriend on solid ground. His friends are also struggling, and when secrets are revealed, their lives are changed forever.

Henry, Emily. *The Love That Split the World*. Razorbill (New York, NY) 2016. HC \$17.99.

Natalie Cleary is enjoying the summer before college in her Kentucky hometown—until the town begins to change and reappear and she is visited by a spirit she calls Grandmother. When she meets a boy named Beau, she must learn the meaning behind Grandmother's visits and travel between two worlds to save him.

Lawson, Tracy. *Ignite: Book Three of the Resistance Series*. DysCovered Publishing 2016. PB \$13.95.

In this third volume of the *Resistance* series, nationwide food shortages have weakened the Office of Civilian Safety and Defense's control over the population. When a Resistance mission against the OCSA goes horribly wrong, Tommy and Careen are left to shoulder the public blame, and Careen ends up under enemy control. Tommy struggles to stop the OCSA's next move and find Careen—but will he be able to trust her again?

McBride, Kristina. *A Million Times Goodnight*. Sky Pony Press (New York, NY) 2016. HC \$17.99. During a spring break party, seventeen-year-old Hadley "borrows" her boyfriend's car, and in return he posts a naked picture of her online. Hadley has two choices: return to the party and force Ben to take down the picture,

or take his car on a road trip. As each option plays out in alternating chapters, secrets are revealed and relationships are tested.

Richards, Natalie D. *One Was Lost*. Sourcebooks Fire (Naperville, IL) 2016. PB \$10.99.

During a senior field trip, Sera and three classmates are separated from the rest of the group by a flash flood. When they wake up to find their supplies missing and writing on their skin, it's clear they're not alone. As their stalker grows bolder and more violent, uncovering the truth may be Sera's only chance for survival.

### *Middle Grade & Children's*

Borden, Louise. *The Journey That Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margret and H.A. Rey*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (Boston, MA) 2016. HC \$13.99.

In 1940, Margret and Hans Rey fled Paris just ahead of the German army. Traveling by bicycle, train, and ship, they eventually reached the U.S.—along with a manuscript about a very curious monkey named Fifi whose name would later be changed to George. This new young reader's edition includes activities and an interview with the author.

Cotter, Bill. *Don't Touch This Book!* Sourcebooks Jabberwocky (Naperville, IL) 2016. HC \$16.99. Although a purple monster named Larry is at first very clear that readers should NOT touch his book, he eventually invites kids to join in the fun by wiggling their fingers, walking like a robot, and more.

Dunrea, Oliver. Illus. by Will Hillenbrand. *Me and Annie McPhee*. Philomel/PRH (New York, NY) 2016. HC \$16.99.

This cumulative counting book begins with two monkeys on a deserted island who are joined by an increasing array of critters, from "wee dogs who thought they were frogs" to "perky pigs all wearing wigs." Children will love searching the illustrations for clues about the next animal to come.

FitzSimmons, David. *Salamander Dance*. Wild Iris Publishing (Bellville, OH) 2016. HC \$17.99.

Vernal pools are temporary wetlands that fill with water in winter or spring and dry out in the summer. This book follows a year in the life of spotted salamanders, from eggs to larvae to adult salamanders, through hibernation, and back to the vernal pool for the salamander dance.

Flanders, Julie. *Baby Moo's Great Escape*. Native Ink Press (Monrovia, CA) 2016. PB \$10.50. Baby Moo is a young cow who lives at Ohio's Sunrise Sanctuary but dreams of traveling the world. When a new piglet comes to the sanctuary and steals all the attention, Moo decides the time is right to make his dream a reality. But the world outside the sanctuary is not as fun as Moo imagined, and he'll need the help of his friends to find his way home.

Fries-Gaither, Jessica. *Notable Notebooks: Scientists and Their Writings*. NSTA Kids (Arlington, VA) 2016. PB \$12.95.

This book uses rhyming text to explore scientists and their notebooks, from Galileo and Isaac Newton to Beatrix Potter and Jane

Goodall. Pages at the end of the book include scientists' biographies and instructions to help children create their own science notebooks.

Harpster, Steve. *Draw Awesome Aliens and Rad Robots with Numbers and Letters*. Harptoons Publishing (Milford, OH) 2016. PB \$7.99.

Harpster provides kid-friendly instructions for drawing a collection of aliens and robots based on letters and numbers.

Harpster, Steve. *Draw Crazy Cartoons with Letters*. Harptoons Publishing (Milford, OH) 2015. PB \$7.99.

Follow along with Steve Harpster as he uses letters to create cartoon animals and people.

Harpster, Steve. *Drawing Dragons with Numbers*. Harptoons Publishing (Milford, OH) 2016. PB \$7.99.

Learn to draw dragons and other mythical creatures, from a baby griffin to the giant smork dragon, using numbers as the starting point for each illustration.

Harpster, Steve. *Drawing Fun, Friendly Pets Using Lowercase Letters*. Harptoons Publishing (Milford, OH) 2015. PB \$7.99. Harpster's easy-to-follow instructions help readers use lowercase letters to draw dogs, kittens, pocket pets, reptiles, and a few surprise entries.

Harpster, Steve. *Drawing Super Cute Baby Animals Using Lowercase Letters*. Harptoons Publishing (Milford, OH) 2016. PB \$7.99.

In his trademark style, Harpster provides step-by-step illustrated

instructions for drawing adorable animals using lowercase letters as a starting point.

Harpster, Steve. *How to Draw the Haunted Creeps and Ghastly Ghouls of Spiderbite Using Letters*. Harptoons Publishing (Milford, OH) 2016. PB \$7.99.

In this book Harpster provides step-by-step illustrated instructions for drawing creepy creatures that live in a haunted house, slimy swamp, and other scary locations.

Holbrook, Sara. *The Enemy*. Calkins Creek (Honesdale, PA) 2017. HC \$17.95.

In 1954, twelve-year-old Marjorie Campbell is surrounded by enemies: Russian communists she hears about on the news, her former best friend Bernadette, and new classmate Inga, who could be friend or foe. As Marjorie struggles to make sense of friends, family, and politics, she finds the strength to stand up for her beliefs.

Houts, Michelle. Illus. by Erica Magnus. *When Grandma Gatewood Took a Hike*. Ohio Univ. Press (Athens, OH) 2016. HC \$17.95.

This picture book tells the story of Emma "Grandma" Gatewood, who despite blackflies, bobcats, broken glasses, and a failed first attempt became the first woman to hike the Appalachian Trail.

Knight, Mary. *Saving Wonder*. Scholastic Press (New York, NY) 2016. HC \$16.99.

Curley Hines lives in Wonder Gap, Kentucky, with his grandfather, with whom he shares a love a words and a love of their mountain. But when a new boss takes over the local coal mining company,

everything changes. Will Curley stay silent and save his way of life, or will he use his words to save his mountain?

Long, Loren. *Little Tree*. Philomel Books (New York, NY) 2015. HC \$17.99.

In a little forest lives a Little Tree who loves his leaves. When autumn arrives and the trees around him drop their leaves, Little Tree hugs his leaves as tightly as he can. Year after year, he remains unchanged as the trees around him grow—until he learns to let go.

Long, Loren. *Otis and the Kittens*. Philomel/PRH (New York, NY) 2016. HC \$17.99.

On a hot, dry day, Otis the tractor sees a tabby cat running toward the barn, and then sees something else—smoke! Otis follows the cat into the burning barn and carries her kittens to safety. But just as the last kitten escapes, the barn floor collapses, trapping Otis inside. Now the dependable tractor must depend on his friends for help.

Marks, Allison, and Wayne Marks. *Og's Ark*. Kar-Ben Publishing (Minneapolis, MN) 2016. PB \$7.99.

Og the giant is so big that no bed fits him, so he tries to sleep on the hard ground. Because all the animals know he is kind, they gather around him each night for safety. But it's not until Og helps a man named Noah that he finally gets a good night's sleep.

Patton, Donna Alice, and Emily Chase Smith. *Saddle Up! Rawhide Ranch Adventures Book 1*. Chase Smith Press 2016. PB \$14.99.

Twelve-year-old Bridget loves horses, so when she gets a chance to spend a week at Rawhide Ranch,

she's thrilled. But Bridget has one problem: she's never been near a real horse. When she arrives at the ranch and sees how big the horses are, she is paralyzed with fear—and ashamed to admit it. Can she overcome her fear before the final horse show?

Salamon, Julie. *Mutt's Promise*. Dial BFYR (New York, NY) 2016. HC \$16.99.

Luna the puppy has lived a happy life on a farm surrounded by her siblings and cared for by Gilberto, the son of migrant workers. But when Gilberto's family moves on and the farmer can't care for the puppies, he unknowingly sends Luna and her brother Chief to a puppy mill. When the two dogs escape, they set out on a journey to find their way home.

Springstubb, Tricia. *Every Single Second*. Balzer + Bray (New York, NY) 2016. HC \$16.99.

Twelve-year-old Nella's life is changing too fast, and although her former best friend Angela might understand, they're not speaking anymore. When Angela's older brother makes a split-second, fatal mistake, the community is torn apart and past secrets are

exposed. Nella must reexamine her beliefs about family, friends, and neighbors, and decide what kind of person she wants to be.

Stine, Megan. *Where Is the Brooklyn Bridge?* Grosset and Dunlap (New York, NY) 2016. PB \$5.99.

In this book, Stine traces the history of the Brooklyn Bridge from its design and construction through its designation as a National Historic Landmark in 1964.

Stortz, Diane. *Baby, Baby!* Worthy Kids/Ideals (Nashville, TN) 2016. BB \$7.99.

This rhyming board book follows babies through their daily activities of wiggling, giggling, yawning, napping, and being loved.

Tyler, Tara. *Cradle Rock: Beast World Series Book 2*. Curiosity Quills Press (Reston, VA) 2016. PB \$16.99.

In a world populated by beasts, humans are thought to be evil mythical creatures. When Gabe, a goblin, accidentally discovers that humans are a real part of beast history, rumors start to fly. When Gabe's girlfriend Ona goes missing during a spring break search for

more evidence, Gabe and his friends go to look for her and find more than they bargained for.

Ward, Lindsay. *The Importance of Being 3*. Dial BFYR (New York, NY) 2016. HC \$16.99.

Follow three three-year-old friends through a busy day as they learn about triangles, tricycles, and other fun things that come in threes.

## COMING SOON

**Ohioana Walter Rumsey Marvin Grant** application deadline is January 31, 2017

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The book for February is *Epitaph* by Mary Doria Russell (the 2016 Ohioana Book Award winner for Fiction and winner of the inaugural Readers' Choice Award). The club meets in the Ohioana reading room at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to attend, please e-mail us at [ohioana@ohioana.org](mailto:ohioana@ohioana.org).