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2015 OHIOANA BOOK FESTIVAL FEATURED AUTHORS ANNOUNCED!

The Ohioana Library is pleased to announce the featured authors for the 2015 Ohioana Book Festival! These ten authors will be joined by more than 100 other Ohio writers; see page 9 for more information.



David Baker (Granville)

Poet David Baker teaches at Denison University and is the poetry editor for the *Kenyon Review*. His latest collection of poems, *Scavenger Loop*, will be introduced at the 2015 Ohioana Book Festival.

Jeffrey Ebbeler (Cincinnati)

Jeffrey Ebbeler has illustrated more than forty picture books, and is both the author and illustrator of his newest book, *Click!* Ebbeler is also creating the artwork for the official 2015 Ohioana Book Festival poster.



Ann Hagedorn (Ripley)

Ann Hagedorn has written for the *Wall Street Journal* and *New York Daily News* and is the author of five critically acclaimed books, including the Ohioana Award-winning *Beyond the River* and *Savage Peace*. Her latest book is *The Invisible Soldiers: How America Outsourced Our Security*.



(Photo by Jeanie Wulfkuhle)

Michelle Houts (Rockford)

Michelle Houts graduated from The Ohio State University and was a special education teacher before becoming a writer of books for young readers. Her most recent work is *Kammie on First*, a middle grade biography of baseball player Dottie Kamenshek, who served as the model for the Geena Davis character in the film *A League of Their Own*.



The Director's Chair

Dear Friends,

Mother Nature's most famous weathermen—Punxatawney Phil in Pennsylvania and Ohio's own Buckeye Chuck in Marion—did not agree when they poked their heads out of their holes on February 2. Phil saw six more weeks of winter ahead, while Chuck predicted an early spring.

Whichever groundhog turns out to be right, Ohioana has its sights firmly set on spring. As I shared with you last month, exciting changes are in store for this year's Ohioana Book Festival as we move to a new date and a new venue. The ninth annual festival will take place Saturday, April 25, at the Sheraton Columbus on Capitol Square.

Our cover story introduces you to our ten featured authors. They will be joined by more than 100 additional authors we'll announce in next month's newsletter. It will be the largest number of authors we've ever had for the festival. We'll also be sharing some wonderful news about the festival programming—stay tuned!



Gene Logsdon (Upper Sandusky)
 Gene Logsdon, a self-described “contrary farmer,” is the author of more than twenty books and is one of America’s most influential conservationists. His most recent book is *Gene Everlasting: A Contrary Farmer’s Thoughts on Living Forever*. (Photo by Ben Barnes)

Celeste Ng (Shaker Heights)

Celeste Ng grew up in Pittsburgh and Shaker Heights in a family of scientists. Ng’s debut novel, *Everything I Never Told You*, was a *New York Times* bestseller, a *New York Times* Notable Book for 2014, and Amazon’s Best Book of 2014. (Photo ©Kevin Day Photography)



Edith Pattou (Columbus)

Edith Pattou is the author of three award-winning fantasy novels for young adults as well as the *New York Times* bestselling picture book *Mrs. Spitzer’s Garden*. Pattou’s newest book is *Ghosting*, a contemporary novel for young adults told in free verse.



Mike Resnick (Cincinnati)

Science fiction writer Mike Resnick holds a record thirty-six Hugo Award nominations, including five wins. Resnick has written sixty-four novels, over 250 short stories, two screenplays, and has edited forty anthologies. His most recent book is *The Fortress in Orion*.



Yolonda Tonette Sanders (Columbus)

Yolonda Tonette Sanders was born in Sandusky and worked as a researcher for the State of Ohio until she turned to writing full-time in 2004. Sanders is the author of five novels, including *Day of Atonement*, the latest book in her series featuring fictional detective Troy Evans. Sanders also teaches workshops for beginning writers.



Thrity Umrigar (Cleveland Heights)

Thrity Umrigar was born in India and immigrated to the U.S. in 1981 to attend The Ohio State University. Umrigar has written for the *Washington Post* and the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. She has won numerous awards, including the Cleveland Arts Prize and the American Library Association’s Lambda Literary Award for her novel *The World We Found*. Her seventh and most recent novel is *The Story Hour*. (Photo ©Robert Muller 2009)



Also in this issue you’ll find some suggested readings for Black History Month. Ohio has been home to some of the greatest African American authors in history, from early pioneers like Charles Chesnutt and Paul Laurence Dunbar to Nobel Prize laureate Toni Morrison and recent National Book Award winner Jacqueline Woodson. These and many other writers have brought honor and distinction not only to themselves but to Ohio.

We also have listed books recently added to our collection (December was a HUGE month for new arrivals!) and a calendar of coming events, including the Poetry Out Loud state finals. This is the tenth anniversary for this unique recitation competition, and I am privileged to serve once again as master of ceremonies for the preliminary rounds on March 7.

Until next month—here’s hoping Buckeye Chuck was right!

David E. Weaver
 Executive Director

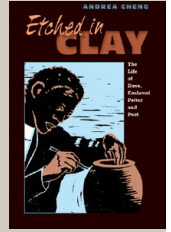
CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In celebration of Black History Month, we're highlighting select books for young people by and about Ohioans that reflect African American experiences in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Children's & Middle Grade

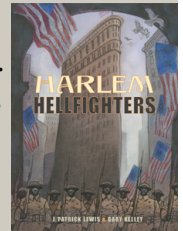
Cheng, Andrea. *Etched in Clay: The Life of Dave, Enslaved Potter and Poet*. Lee & Low Books (New York, NY) 2013. HC \$17.95.

Sometime before 1818, an enslaved young man named Dave was brought to South Carolina's pottery district, and soon became an expert potter. He also learned to read and write at a time when doing so was punishable by death, and bravely began signing his pieces and adding short poems that reflected his daily life. In simple, powerful verse, Cheng shares his extraordinary story of creative inspiration and courage.



Lewis, J. Patrick. *Harlem Hellfighters*. Creative Editions (Mankato, MN) 2014. HC \$18.99.

The 369th Infantry Regiment was known as the "Harlem Hellfighters" due to their ferocity in battle. However, they were equally well known for the regimental band that, under the leadership of James Reese Europe, took the sounds of jazz, blues, and ragtime overseas. This book tells the regiment's story from training in the deep South and battle in France to their homecoming and Europe's untimely death in 1919.



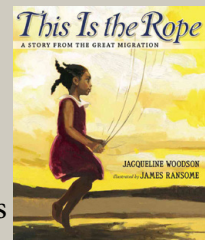
Woodson, Jacqueline. *Brown Girl Dreaming*. Nancy Paulsen Books/Penguin Young Readers (New York, NY) 2014. HC \$16.99.

In this collection of free-verse poems, Ohio native Woodson describes what it was like growing up alternately in South Carolina and New York during the 1960s and 1970s. The poems not only describe her feelings of being only "halfway home" in each place, but also share her joy as she discovered writing. Winner of the 2014 National Book Award for Young People's Literature and the 2015 Coretta Scott King Book Award.



Woodson, Jacqueline. *This Is the Rope: A Story from the Great Migration*. Nancy Paulsen Books/Penguin Young Readers (New York, NY) 2013. HC \$16.99.

This fictional story follows one family that was part of the Great Migration of more than six million African Americans who moved north in search of a better life between the early 1900s and 1970. The titular rope, initially found under a tree in South Carolina, becomes an integral part of the family's story as it secures their belongings during the move to New York City, initiates a game of jump rope in a new neighborhood, and eventually makes its way back to the little girl who found it, now a grandmother. *This Is the Rope* is a 2015-2016 Choose to Read Ohio selection.



Young Adult

Lewis, J. Patrick and George Ella Lyon. *Voices from the March on Washington*. Wordsong/Highlights (Honesdale, PA) 2014. HC \$15.95.

The 1963 March on Washington is described in verse through the eyes of six fictional characters, each with their own reason for attending.

Mitchell, Don. *The Freedom Summer Murders*. Scholastic Press (New York, NY) 2014. HC \$18.99.

In June of 1964, a group of volunteers gathered at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, to receive training as part of the Freedom Summer voter registration effort in Mississippi. The murder of three of these volunteers—James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner—became one of the key events of the civil rights movement and led to a forty-one-year search for justice.

NEW BOOKS

The following books were added to Ohioana's collection in December. Look for them at your local library or bookstore!

Nonfiction

Doane, Randal. *Stealing All Transmissions: A Secret History of The Clash*. PM Press (Oakland, CA) 2014. PB \$15.95.

This first American history of The Clash not only documents their rise in the 1970s New York punk scene, but also explores free-form radio, rock journalism, and the relationship between music and the written word.

Elder, D. Rose. *Why the Amish Sing: Songs of Solidarity and Identity*. Johns Hopkins Univ. Press (Baltimore, MD) 2014. HC \$39.95. Although singing permeates Amish life, it has been largely unexplored by outsiders until now. Author Elder studied Amish groups in Wayne and Holmes Counties, Ohio (the largest concentration of Amish in the world), using first-hand observation and interviews to learn about the role of song in Amish history and culture.

Gaffney, Timothy R. *The Dayton Flight Factory: The Wright Brothers & the Birth of Aviation*. The History Press (Charleston, SC) 2014. PB \$19.99.

Author and former aerospace journalist Gaffney tells the story of the Wright brothers from a hometown perspective, from their Dayton, Ohio childhoods to the establishment of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Park.

Hall, Sheryl Smart. *Warren G. Harding & the Marion Daily Star: How Newspapering Shaped a President*. The History Press (Charleston, SC) 2014. PB \$19.99. Ohioan Warren G. Harding spent nearly four decades as a newspaperman before becoming president. This book traces Harding's time at the *Marion Daily Star* and explores how his experiences there shaped his approach to the presidency.

Hoster, Jay. *Early Wall Street 1830-1940: Images of America*. Arcadia Publishing (Charleston, SC) 2014. PB \$21.99.

The extensive images in this book show the evolution of New York's financial district from the early nineteenth century through the Great Depression, and capture not only changing architecture, but also changing times.

Jones, Richard O. *Cincinnati's Savage Seamstress: The Shocking Edythe Klumpp Murder Scandal*. The History Press (Charleston, SC) 2014. PB \$19.99.

In the fall of 1958, the charred remains of Cincinnati resident Louise Bergen were discovered. When Edythe Klumpp (the mistress of Bergen's estranged husband) failed a lie detector test, she confessed to the crime and was sentenced to death—despite the fact that her confession did not fit the evidence. The story was a media sensation. In this book, author Jones separates fact from rumor to tell the true story of the murder.

Mercadante, Linda A. *Belief Without Borders: Inside the Minds of the Spiritual but Not Religious*. Oxford Univ. Press (Oxford, UK) 2014. HC \$29.95.

The past two decades have seen a

dramatic rise in “nones”—people who claim no affiliation with organized religion, but who are often nonetheless spiritual. Based on observation and nearly 100 in-depth interviews, this book explores the views and beliefs of the spiritual but not religious.

Meyers, David et al. *Kahiki Supper Club: A Polynesian Paradise in Columbus*. American Palate/The History Press (Charleston, SC) 2014. PB \$19.99.

In 1961, Bill Sapp and Lee Henry opened the Kahiki Supper Club in Columbus with the goal of building a nice Polynesian restaurant. What they created was a celebration of tiki culture with giant Easter Island heads spouting flames, indoor grass huts, and a rainforest with simulated thunderstorms. This book not only traces the restaurant's history until its eventual closing in 2000, but also includes recipes for some of the club's signature dishes and drinks.

Miller, Robert Earnest. *World War II Cincinnati: From the Front Lines to the Home Front*. The History Press (Charleston, SC) 2014. PB \$19.99.

With text and photographs, Miller traces Cincinnati's evolution from a “parochial metropolis” at the start of World War II through food rationing, air raid drills, and war bond rallies to emerge a changed city by the war's end.

Oller, John. *American Queen: The Rise and Fall of Kate Chase Sprague, Civil War “Belle of the North” and Gilded Age Woman of Scandal*. Da Capo Press (Boston, MA) 2014. HC \$25.99.

Kate Chase Sprague, daughter of Abraham Lincoln's treasury

secretary and wife of Rhode Island's handsome and wealthy governor, was one of the most powerful women in Washington during the Civil War. However, an affair with a married senator ruined her reputation and cost her a marriage and a fortune. This biography documents the charisma and ambition of one of the nineteenth century's most interesting women.

Pond, Connie. *Follow the Blue Blazes: A Guide to Hiking Ohio's Buckeye Trail (Second Edition)*. Ohio Univ. Press (Athens, OH) 2014. PB \$26.95.

The Buckeye Trail, marked by distinctive blue blazes on trees and signposts along the way, runs through more than 40 of Ohio's 88 counties. The chapters within this guide focus on 100-mile sections of the trail and feature three self-guided hikes for each section.

Sego, Bill J. *Universal Logic: What is the true meaning of life?* Native Ink Press/Ink Smith Publishing (Monrovia, CA) 2014. PB \$17.99. "What is the meaning of life?" is one of the most fundamental questions humans ask themselves. In this volume Sego combines philosophical, scientific, metaphysical, paranormal, and religious insights to explore the question.

Snyder, Lucy A. *Shooting Yourself in the Head for Fun and Profit: A Writer's Survival Guide*. Post Mortem Press (Cincinnati, OH) 2014. PB \$16.00.

With a good dose of sharp humor, Snyder walks aspiring writers through every step of the process, from manuscript fundamentals to networking and finding an agent to promoting the finished product.

Taxel, Barney, and Laura Taxel. *The Lake View Cemetery: Photographs from Cleveland's Historic Landmark*. Ringtaw Books/Univ. of Akron Press (Akron, OH) 2014. HC \$62.95.

Photographer Barney Taxel captures both the natural and human-made beauty of Cleveland's Lake View Cemetery in color and black-and-white photographs.

Thomas, Don, and Mike Bartell. *Orbit of Discovery: The All-Ohio Space Shuttle Mission*. Ringtaw Books/Univ. of Akron Press (Akron, OH) 2014. HC \$24.95. Continuing the tradition of John Glenn and Neil Armstrong, Cleveland native Don Thomas worked hard to achieve his goal of becoming an astronaut. In 1995 he became part of the "All-Ohio" mission of the space shuttle *Discovery*. In this book Thomas shares the story of that mission, from a pre-launch woodpecker encounter to its landing at Kennedy Space Center.

Zipp, Jean. *Windows: Letters to Ayla*. Pinyon Publishing (Montrose, CO) 2014. PB \$17.00.

These letters from the author to her great-granddaughter document not only her own northern Ohio childhood, but also a life that has spanned most of the twentieth century.

Zola, Gary Phillip. *We Called Him Rabbi Abraham: Lincoln and American Jewry: A Documentary History*. Southern Illinois Univ. Press (Carbondale, IL) 2014. HC \$49.50.

Since the time of Abraham Lincoln's presidency, American Jews have identified with Lincoln and even considered him one of their own.

In this book Zola traces the history of this relationship using primary source documents and explores the role American Jews have played in preserving Lincoln's memory for the nation.

Fiction

Adams, Deanna R. *Scoundrels & Dreamers*. Soul Mate Publishing (New York, NY) 2014. PB \$13.99. In this sequel to *Peggy Sue Got Pregnant*, rock singer Charlee Cambell and her husband are devastated when their newborn son is kidnapped from the hospital. As the years pass, Charlee loses hope that she will ever see him again. However, the boy is close; can Charlee find him as she struggles to balance family and fame?

Bog, Justin. *Hark: A Christmas Collection*. Booktrope Editions (Seattle, WA) 2014. PB \$10.95. This collection of six short stories explores the full range of emotions surrounding the holiday season, from loss and regret to forgiveness and hope.

Brown, Duffy. *Geared for the Grave: A Cycle Path Mystery*. Berkley Prime Crime (New York, NY) 2014. PB \$7.99.

Hoping for a promotion, Evie Bloomfield travels to Mackinac Island to help her boss's father, Rudy, while he recovers from a broken leg. When Rudy becomes the prime suspect in a murder, Evie must clear his name and find the real killer.

Costa, Shelley. *Basil Instinct*. Pocket Books/Simon & Schuster (New York, NY) 2014. PB \$7.99. When a secret society of female chefs tries to convince Eve

Angelotta's grandmother to join their ranks, Eve recruits her cousin Landon and friend Joe Beck to find out what's going on. When Eve's own sous chef is found dead with the society's tattoo on her wrist, Eve ratchets up the investigation before Nonna becomes the next victim.

Durkee, R.C. *Rum Run*. Moonshine Cove Publishing (Abbeville, SC) 2014. PB \$14.95.

In 1928, Rusty loses both his deckhand job and his charter boat business. In order to support his family, he takes a job with the Trapani family running illegal alcohol from Canada. Although Rusty realizes he is jeopardizing his marriage and his life, getting out is nearly impossible; he'll have to re-examine not only his principles, but his understanding of good and evil as well.

Flanders, Julie. *Polar Day*. Ink Smith Publishing (Monrovia, CA) 2015. PB \$15.50.

In Fairbanks, Alaska, detective Danny Fitzpatrick is still recovering from his near-fatal encounter with vampire Aleksei Nechayev. However, when someone who can conjure fire out of thin air starts burning people alive, Nechayev may be the only one who can point Danny toward the killer.

Glinski, Robert. *The Friendship of Criminals*. Minotaur/Macmillan (New York, NY) 2015. PB \$25.99.

When the new leader of Philadelphia's Italian mob threatens Port Richmond's Polish crime boss, the city's criminal factions teeter on the brink of war. Glinski's debut novel explores the relationships among criminals that make a "family."

Helms, Rhonda. *Scratch*. Kensington (New York, NY) 2014. PB \$9.95.

Since a night that ended in violence, college senior Casey is reserved, practical, and determined to never again trust the wrong person. Daniel is the exact opposite: open, charming, and determined to break through the walls that Casey has put up. Can he convince her to take a chance?

Lawson, Tracy. *Counteract*. Buddhapuss Ink (Edison, NJ) 2014. PB \$15.95.

Twenty years from now, the Office of Civilian Safety and Defense has protected the public from terrorism by controlling nearly every aspect of civilian life. Now they are offering an antidote against possible chemical weapons—but what is the price, and who are the real terrorists?

Mackrory, KaraLynne. *Haunting Mr. Darcy: A Spirited Courtship*. Meryton Press (Oysterville, WA) 2014. PB \$12.95.

This spirited adaptation of *Pride and Prejudice* takes place following the gentlemen's departure from Netherfield. After a carriage accident, Elizabeth finds her spirit transported to Darcy's London home, where Darcy believes she is a hallucination. Somehow the two must learn to trust and love in order to return Elizabeth to her body...before it's too late.

Matulich, Josef. *Camp Arcanum*. Post Mortem Press (Cincinnati, OH) 2014. PB \$16.00.

Contractor Marc Sindri has come to Arcanum, Ohio, to build a Renaissance fair in just seven months. He soon finds himself in a web of magic and conspiracies.

To meet his deadline and get out unscathed, he'll have to navigate through witches, demons, the undead—and power tools.

McFawn, Monica. *Bright Shards of Someplace Else*. Univ. of Georgia Press (Athens, GA) 2014. HC \$24.95.

The eleven stories in this Flannery O'Connor Award winner explore the consequences of misunderstanding, including how it can change one's view of the world.

Pauwels, C.L. *Forty & Out*. Deadly Writes Publishing (Marble Hill, MO) 2014. PB \$14.95.

New homicide detective Veronica Jadzinski is determined to stop a serial killer who is targeting single women on their fortieth birthday. When the killer targets her sister, Jadz must heal an old wrong to protect those she loves.

Rigney, Mark. *Check-Out Time: A Renner & Quist Adventure*. Samhain Publishing (Cincinnati, OH) 2014. PB \$15.00.

When Reverend Renner answers an invitation sent from the long-demolished and ghost-filled Neil House hotel, he discovers that checking out will be much harder than checking in. Even with the help of his friend and investigative partner Dale Quist, it will take everything he has to put this hotel out of business once and for all.

Selcer, David M. *Muscles, Music and Murder*. Cozy Cat Press (Aurora, IL) 2013. PB \$14.95.

Columbus attorney Winston Barchrist is juggling two high-profile cases: his best friend is accused of murdering a Belgian bodybuilder during a local competition, and the daughter of

a Russian symphony conductor has hired him to find out who shot her father during a performance. As Barchrist investigates, the two cases become intertwined, leading him to some closely guarded—and dangerous—secrets.

Shonkwiler, Eric. *Above All Men*. MG Press (Ann Arbor, MI) 2014. PB \$15.00.

Years from now, the country is slowly dying as crops wither from drought, oil supplies run low, and crime increases. When a local child is murdered, war veteran David Parrish must confront his own demons as he hunts for the killer and tries to keep his family together.

Snyder, Lucy A. *Soft Apocalypses*. Raw Dog Screaming (Bowie, MD) 2014. PB \$12.95.

The fifteen stories in this collection range from steampunk to science fiction to horror. Included is “Magdala Amygdala,” winner of the 2013 Stoker Award for Superior Achievement in Short Fiction.

Spieles, J.F. *Echoes of an Outlaw’s Curse*. Black Rose Writing (Castroville, TX) 2014. PB \$17.95. After Cam’s mother dies unexpectedly, he still sees her everywhere—literally. After confiding in his close friend Maddie, his secret is revealed, and he is placed in a psychiatric ward. Years later, 15-year-old Cam tries to help Maddie when she begins to show signs of emotional disturbance. As Cam confronts his memories and journeys with Maddie to the place of a local legend, he discovers that the dead keep secrets—and those secrets are about to be revealed.

Turner, T.J. *Lincoln’s Bodyguard: A Novel*. Oceanview Publishing (Longboat Key, FL) 2015. PB \$26.95.

In this revisionist history novel, Abraham Lincoln’s bodyguard, Joseph Foster, saves the president’s life and kills John Wilkes Booth one fateful night in Ford’s Theater. Instead of a relatively clean end to the Civil War, the country falls into a lingering insurgency. Years later, Foster receives a letter from Lincoln asking for help. If Foster is successful, he’ll fulfill the president’s plan, find his own long-lost daughter, and—perhaps—restore peace to the nation.

Poetry

Ankney, Christopher. *Hearsay*. Washington Writers’ Publishing House (Washington, DC) 2014. PB \$16.00.

Despite the title, the poems in this prize-winning collection are based on Ankney’s own childhood experiences and the lessons learned from them.

Collins, Martha. *Day Unto Day: Poems*. Milkweed Editions (Minneapolis, MN) 2014. PB \$16.00.

This volume contains six chapters, each with thirty or thirty-one short entries. Part diary and part meditation, the passages reflect on topics ranging from seasons to national identity to love and death.

Friebert, Stuart. *Floating Heart*. Pinyon Publishing (Montrose, CO) 2014. PB \$16.00.

The poems in this collection are by turns gritty, delightful, and disturbing as they “take both poet and reader to unexpected places.”

Lardner, Ted. *We Practice for It*. Tupelo Press (North Adams, MA) 2014. PB \$11.95.

Many of the poems in this collection involve both literal and figurative travel, and the revelations that can come from exploring seemingly mundane places and events. Winner of the 2014 Sunken Garden Chapbook Prize.

Young Adult

Drew, Julie. *Run: The Tesla Effect Book 2*. Ring of Fire Publishing (Seattle, WA) 2014. PB \$13.99. After surviving time travel, Tesla hopes her junior year will have some semblance of normalcy. However, the two boys in her life are being difficult, and her father still won’t share information about her mother’s death. Tesla hopes that by jumping back in time again she can learn what happened to her mother—or better yet, stop it from happening at all. However, Tesla quickly learns that every action has consequences...

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Palace of Lies*. Simon & Schuster BFYR (New York, NY) 2015. PB \$17.99. Princess Desmia was raised amidst palace intrigue and distrust. Although she and her sisters are now ruling the kingdom as a united front, she can’t help suspecting that trouble lurks nearby. When her suspicions are confirmed, she must find the truth and determine the fate of two kingdoms.

Kendall, Gillian Murray. *The Garden of Darkness*. Ravenstone/Rebellion Publishing (Oxford, UK) 2014. PB \$9.99. After the Pest pandemic decimates the adult population, cheerleader Clare and chess nerd

Jem are thrown together as they struggle to survive. A mysterious adult voice on the radio promises shelter and a cure. As Clare and Jem travel toward the voice with an ever-growing group of children, they realize that nothing in this new world can be trusted—except perhaps friendship.

Lee, Banie. *Sleep Drifter*. Ink Smith Publishing (Monrovia, CA) 2014. PB \$14.99.

Camden is a Watcher, tasked with protecting humans from the Obsidians, who are sealed inside a magical realm. However, the door to this realm is vulnerable. Can Camden and his team keep the Obsidians from escaping and enslaving humankind?

Lindsey, Julie Anne. *Prophecy: A Calypso Novel*. Lyrical Press/Kensington (New York, NY) 2014. PB \$15.00.

Callie's senior year of high school is focused on swimming and a college scholarship—until she learns that her cute new neighbor is a Viking. Suddenly Callie finds herself in the middle of a love triangle and a coming apocalypse that only she can stop.

Richards, Natalie D. *Gone Too Far*. Sourcebooks (Naperville, IL) 2015. PB \$9.99.

Piper can't wait to leave her senior year—and high school cliques—behind. Then she finds a notebook documenting the sins of her classmates, and its creator makes her an offer: together they can make bullies and others pay for their crimes. At first Piper is willing to avenge the wrongs done by her classmates. But when does the price of justice become too high?

Rosen, Michael J. *Girls vs. Guys: Surprising Differences Between the Sexes*. Twenty-First Century Books/Lerner (Minneapolis, MN) 2015. HC \$33.27.

Rosen uses scientific research to explore how genetics, environment, neurology, and physiology all come together to shape behavior—and how that behavior differs in sometimes unexpected ways. Answers to questions ranging from “Who has a better memory?” to “Who is more likely to get bitten by a mosquito?” will have readers rethinking the differences between the sexes.

Rosen, Michael J. *Place Hacking: Venturing Off Limits*. Twenty-First Century Books/Lerner (Minneapolis, MN) 2015. HC \$33.32.

“Place hacking” is the practice of entering and exploring obscure or prohibited human-made spaces. In this book Rosen takes readers around the world as he investigates the motives behind—and results of—this extreme form of urban exploration.

Middle Grade & Children's
Buettner, Gary. *Dracula's Cat: Monster Pets Book 1*. Emby Kids 2014. PB \$10.99.

Seventh-grader Mina is trying to expand her pet-sitting business to save money for camp. When she ends up watching Dracula's cat, Belfry, she gets more than she bargained for. (Who knew cats had wings?) It's a race against time—and monsters—to find Belfry before Dracula gets home.

Carson, Mary Kay. *Park Scientists: Gila Monsters, Geysers, and Grizzly Bears in America's Own Backyard*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books

for Young Readers (Boston, MA) 2014. HC \$18.99.

America's national parks not only welcome more than 270 million visitors each year, they also contain scientific wonders that cannot be found anywhere else on the planet. Author Carson and photographer Uhlman share scientific research taking place in the Yellowstone, Saguaro, and Great Smoky Mountains National Parks.

Jakubowski, Michele. *Snowy Blast: Perfectly Poppy*. Picture Window Books/Capstone (Mankato, MN) 2014. PB \$5.95.

After the first big snowfall of the season, Poppy would rather curl up with a good book than venture outside. With some convincing by her mom and her older brother, Poppy discovers that playing outside can be fun. This book, which is part of a series for early readers, also includes a short vocabulary list, writing/discussion prompts, and a list of snowy-day activities.

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

Springstubb, Tricia. *Cody and the Fountain of Happiness*. Candlewick Press (Somerville, MA) 2015. PB \$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. *Moonpenny Island*. Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins (New York, NY) 2015. PB \$16.99.

Flor, her family, and her best friend Sylvie live year-round on tiny Moonpenny Island, a summer vacation spot. At the end of one particular summer, however, Sylvie moves to the mainland, Flor's mother leaves to take care of Flor's sick grandmother, and a strange new girl and her father arrive on the island to study fossils. As Flor begins to help them, she learns more about herself and those around her than she ever imagined.

Stewart, Aileen. *Return to Fern Valley: Another Collection of Short Stories*. Tate Publishing (Mustang, OK) 2014. PB \$11.99.

This is the second collection of short stories featuring Mildred and Roberta Cornstalk and the other animals of Fern Valley.

Tyler, Tara. *Broken Branch Falls*. Curiosity Quills Press (Reston, VA) 2014. PB \$14.99.

Gabe, a goblin, lives in Broken Branch Falls—a town where ogres, pixies, and dragons are the norm. During the first football game of the year, Gabe and his friends pull a prank on the dragons that literally backfires. To keep the High Council from shutting down not only the high school but the town itself, Gabe must find their hidden handbook. Can he save the school, or will he be an outcast forever?

COMING SOON

Poetry Out Loud State Finals March 7, 2015, 9:00 a.m., at the Lincoln Theatre, Columbus
High school champions from across the state will compete for the chance to represent Ohio in the national POL recitation finals in Washington, D.C. The event is free and open to the public, and is presented by the Ohio Arts Council in partnership with the Ohioana Library, Thurber House, and Ohio Center for the Book at Cleveland Public Library. For more information, visit www.oac.state.oh.us/events/PoetryOutLoud/.

Ohioana Hamilton County All-Star Authors April 12, 2015, 1:30–4:00 p.m., at the Main Library, Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County
Book lovers can connect with local authors at the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County in April. Dozens of published writers from Cincinnati and Hamilton County will chat with fans, sign books, and talk about the creative writing process during the annual Ohioana Hamilton County author recognition event from 1:30–4 p.m., Sunday, April 12, at the Main Library, 800 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

2015 Ohioana Book Festival April 25, 2015, 10:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m., at the Sheraton Columbus on Capitol Square
Enjoy panel discussions; a book fair featuring more than 100 Ohio authors; expanded children's programming, including activities by American Girl® Columbus; food; entertainment; and more in a fun-filled day for readers of all ages. The festival is free and open to the public, with no advance registration required. For details about authors, programming, and additional community events, visit the festival website at www.ohioanabookfestival.org.