**2016 SPRING Releases by WISCONSIN AUTHORS - Picture Books**

Art by Maureen Blaney Flietner

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Used to hunt, hide, find a friend, or escape an enemy, bioluminescence—the ability to glow—is a unique adaptation in nature. Photographers and biologists share close encounters with the curious creatures that make their own light.

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**How to Dress a Dragon** by Thelma Lynne Godin, Ill. by Eric Barclay (Ages 3-5) Scholastic

January 26, 2016 ISBN 0545678469 In this charming, second-person narrative, our little boy hero imparts his infinite knowledge of how to dress a dragon, a task that isn't quite as easy as it may seem.

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**Grandma Is A Slowpoke** by Janet Halfmann, Ill. by Michele Coxon Star Bright Books,

February 15, 2016 ISBN: 978-1-59572-710-7 This is a simple story that delivers a joyous message to young readers — let us pause, stop, and be present with the creatures around us.

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**The Quickest Kid in Clarksville** by Pat Zietlow Miller, Ill. by Frank Morrison Chronicle Books,

February 9, 2016 ISBN: 978-1452129365 On the day before the big parade, Alta can only think about Wilma Rudolph, Olympic gold winner, who will be riding on a float. This is a timeless story of dreams, determination, and the power of friendship.

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**Sophie’s Squash Goes to School** by Pat Zietlow Miller, Ill. by Anne Wilsdorf. Schwartz & Wade, June 28, 2016 ISBN: 978-0553509441 In this sequel to *Sophie’s Squash*, Sophie goes to school for the first time and has no interest in making friends that aren’t squash. A gently humorous read-aloud that proves that making friends, just like growing squash, takes time.

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**Electric Angel** by Nanci J. Mortimer, Ill. by Della Wells. Wooden Nickel Press, June, 2016 ISBN: 978-0-9882891-8-5 A girl is inspired by music from her city of Chicago—first a violin concerto and then the blues. Later she adds her own rhythm to the "City of the Big Shoulders."

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**Stories from Bug Garden** by Lisa Moser, Ill. Gwen Millward Candlewick Press, March 22, 2016 ISBN: 978-0-7636-6534-0 One by one, an eclectic group of bugs moves into an abandoned garden and through their adventures and friendships make it into a home.

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**Big Rig (Board Edition)** by Jamie A. Swenson, Ill. by Ned Young Disney-Hyperion, February 9, 2016 ISBN: 978-142319252-7 Every kid will love to learn the truck driver lingo in the story, and shout out their own sound effects as they return for another ride, read after read.

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**Mr. McGinty’s Monarchs** by Linda Vander Heyden, Ill. by Eileen Ryan Ewen Sleeping Bear Press, February 1, 2016 ISBN-13: 978-1585366125 Mr. McGinty knows monarchs need milkweed to survive. But someone has mowed the milkweed, and the caterpillars have nothing to eat! Mr. McGinty and his dog, Sophie, must find a way to save them!