A HORSE NAMED JACK
Author: Linda Vander Heyden
Illustrator: Petra Brown
Picture Book
Sleeping Bear Press
April 15, 2018
Meet Jack—a horse with too much time on his hooves. This rhyming story counts up to ten (and back again) as Jack clip-clops from his stall and finds himself up to his ears in trouble!

FRANKY’S FATHER IS A FEMINIST
Author: Rhonda Leet
Illustrator: Megan Walker
Picture Book
Powl!
March 2018
Franny’s Father knows that girls can do anything boys can do and raises Franny to believe that she deserves all the same rights, freedoms and opportunities to fulfill her dreams that he had.

THE KEY TO EVERY THING
Author: Pat Schmatz
Middle Grade
Candlewick Press
May 2018
“Sometimes being a good friend means letting go.”

CALEB’S LIGHTHOUSE
Author: Tracy Schuldit Helixon
Illustrator: KC Snider
Early Chapter Book
Guardian Angel Publishing
Sept. 20, 2017
ISBN 13: 978-1616338800
Long ago, families lived in lighthouses, working night and day to keep the light burning. Automation changed everything. A touching early chapter book of life-long friendship between a boy and the lighthouse where he was raised.

THE CIRCLE OF HAPPINESS and THE CIRCLE OF HAPPINESS TRAVEL GUIDE: An Introduction to Eastern Philosophy (Two-volume set)
Authors: David Klass
Illustrator: Christopher Tice
Royal Fireworks Press
Sept. 22, 2017
Hoping to be less bored and more happy, Mae follows a monkey through a circle in the air into another world where she meets an array of colorful characters, all of whom teach her valuable lessons that will truly make her happy—no matter where she is. Accompanying nonfiction guide provides historical context and discussion questions; an introduction to the fundamentals of Eastern philosophy for preteens and teens.

BE KIND
Author: Pat Zietlow Miller
Illustrator: Jen Hill
Roaring Book Press
Feb. 6, 2018
Most people want to be kind. But what does that mean? From asking the new kid to play to standing up for someone being bullied, this story explores what a child can do to be kind, and how each act, big or small, can make a difference—or at least help a friend.

WIDE-AWAKE BEAR
Author: Pat Zietlow Miller
Illustrator: Jean Kim
Harper Collins
Jan. 2, 2018
This is the story of a bear cub who wakes up in the middle of winter and just can’t fall back asleep. No matter what he tries, he’s still wide awake. How can he sleep until spring?

EVERYTHING
Author: Ingrid Klass
NorthSouth Books
March 6, 2018
The Field, which has text in both English and Creole (Patois), follows a group of island kids who continue to play soccer despite a few interruptions.

THE CIRCLE OF HAPPINESS TRAVEL GUIDE: THE CIRCLE OF HAPPINESS and the Field
Author: Sandy Brehl
Illustrator: London Ladd
Lee & Low Books
Feb. 6, 2018
True story of Lilly Ann Granderson, an enslaved woman who held a secret school from midnight till two in the morning. This little-known pioneer in education risked a beating so that others might learn.

ERUPTIONS AND EXPLOSIONS: Real Tales of Violent Outbursts
Author: Judy Dodge Cummings
Nomad Press
Feb. 1, 2018
The energy released when volcanoes erupt, engines combust, or bombs explode both thrills and fascinates people. Explore the history of five blowups that continued to rattle the world long after the smoke cleared and embers cooled.

MARI’S HOPE (Book 3 in Odin’s Promise Trilogy)
Author: Sandy Brehl
Ages 10 and up
Crispin Books
Sept. 15, 2017
Set in a small village in occupied western Norway in the final years of World War II, this story sees Mari grow in confidence and responsibilities, hoping and taking risks to assure that the war will end and peace will return to their beloved country.

EPIDEMICS AND PANDEMICS: Real Tales of Deadly Diseases
Author: Judy Dodge Cummings
Nomad Press
Feb. 1, 2018
From history’s earliest days, bacteria and viruses have stalked humans. Diseases traversed the globe, infecting people in city streets and isolated hamlets as seen in five tales of history’s most critical contagions.

EARTH, WIND, FIRE AND RAIN: Real Tales of Temperamental Elements
Author: Judy Dodge Cummings
Nomad Press
Feb. 1, 2018
Sometimes humans are their own worst enemy when preparing and dealing with sudden destruction. Explore five of America’s deadliest natural disasters made worse by human error, ignorance, and greed.