

## Family

### All rise for the honorable Perry T. Cook [6 books]

39241 KT

I 381 pce 2016 Katherine Tegen Books

Leslie Connor

Eleven-year-old Perry was born and raised by his mom at the Blue River Co-ed Correctional Facility in tiny Surprise, Nebraska. His mom is a resident on Cell Block C, and so far Warden Daugherty has made it possible for them to be together. That is, until a new district attorney discovers the truth—and Perry is removed from the facility and forced into a foster home. When Perry moves to the "outside" world, he feels trapped. Desperate to be reunited with his mom, Perry goes on a quest for answers about her past crime. As he gets closer to the truth, he will discover that love makes people resilient no matter where they come from . . . but can he find a way to tell everyone what home truly means?

Family life—Fiction; Mother-son relationship—Fiction; Prisons

### And the Mountains Echoed [6 books]

35843 KT

S 402 pce 2013 Viking

Khaled Hosseini

This novel is about how we love, how we take care of one another, and how the choices we make resonate through generations. In this tale revolving around not just parents and children but brothers and sisters, cousins and caretakers, Hosseini explores the many ways in which families nurture, wound, betray, honor, and sacrifice for one another; and how often we are surprised by the actions of those closest to us, at the times that matter most. Following its characters and the ramifications of their lives and choices and loves around the globe - from Kabul to Paris to San Francisco to the Greek island of Tinos - the story expands gradually outward, becoming more emotionally complex and powerful with each turning page.

Afghanistan—fiction; Family—Fiction; Social Studies

### April Raintree [6 books]

37678 KT

JS 242 pce 1984 Highwater Press Beatrice Mosionier

Contemporary novel of two Métis sisters and their search for an identity. Suitable for a grade 10-12 audience, this novel tells the story of two sisters who were victims of the residential school system, separated from their family and from each other. As adults, each sister deals with the situation quite differently: one remains true to her Indigenous roots while the other tries to fit into society. This emotionally-charged story of healing and hope presents the reality facing Indigenous people today, many of the

stereotypes about Indigenous peoples, and the legacy of residential schools in Canada.

Family—Fiction; First Nations—Fiction; Métis—Fiction; Social Studies; Aboriginal; English language arts

### Awake and dreaming [6 books]

27246 KT

I 244 pce 1996 Puffin  
Kit Pearson

Theo and her young, irresponsible mother seem trapped in their miserable, poverty-stricken life. Theo dreams of belonging to a "real" family, and her dream seems to come true when she is mysteriously adopted by the large, warm Kaldor family. But as time passes, the magic of Theo's new life begins to fade, and soon she finds herself back with her mother. Were the Kaldors real or just a dream? And who is the shadowy figure who haunts Theo's thoughts?

Dreams—Fiction; Ghost stories; Mother-daughter relationship—Fiction; Reading

### Betti on the high wire [6 books]

36341 KT

I 276 pce 2009 Puffin Books  
Lisa Railsback

Firm in her belief that her missing parents will return to the bombed-out circus camp where she lives with a group of "leftover" children, ten-year-old Babo has no desire to leave her war-torn country.

Abandoned children—Fiction; Conduct of life—Fiction; People with disabilities—Fiction; Reading; War stories

### Charlie and the chocolate factory (6 Books)

37642 KT

PI 155 pce 2013 Puffin Books  
Roald Dahl

Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way.

Children's literature; Chocolate—Fiction; Family—Fiction; Fantasy fiction; Human behavior—Fiction; Humorous fiction; Language arts (Elementary)

### Daddy Am I Cool? [6 Books]

40971 KT

P 16 pce 2022

Written by Brent Carmichael  
This book is about empowerment. Parents are called upon daily to teach lessons that require direction and leadership. The line Between Caregiver and Role-model need not be blurred. To the Fathers, to the Dads, to all parents - you are not alone—Provided by Publisher.

Parent-child relationship; Inclusive education; English/Language Arts

### The Family Fletcher takes Rock Island [6 books]

39244 KT

I 259 pce 2016 Yearling  
Dana Alison Levy

Summertime brings the Fletcher Family back to Rock Island where the good times never end. But this summer the boys' favorite lighthouse is all boarded up. So with the help from their new neighbors, the Garcia girls, the boys are determined to find out what is really happening with their lighthouse and saving it, no matter what the cost.

Family life—Fiction; Humorous fiction; Lighthouses—Fiction; Neighbors—Fiction; Summer—Fiction

### The flight of the little swallow [6 books]

40007 KT

PI 64 pce 2007 Scholastic Canada  
Anne Patton

A little Chinese girl named Song Lei and her parents have a lot to do before they can board a plane for an exciting adventure in Canada. As we read this story, we learn about Song Lei's friends and family and their lives in China. At the end of the story, information about China and a glossary are provided.

Immigration and emigration—Fiction; Chinese children—Fiction; China—Fiction; Easy reading materials

### Forever, or a long, long time [6 books]

39243 KT

I 309 pce 2017 HarperCollins  
Publishers

Caela Carter

"Flora and her brother, Julian, don't believe they were born. They've lived in so many foster homes, they can't remember where they came from. And even now that they've been adopted, Flora still struggles to believe in forever. So along with their new mother, Flora and Julian begin a journey to go back and discover their past-for only then can they really begin to build their future."—Amazon.

Adopted children—Fiction; Bildungsromans—Fiction; Family—Fiction; Foster home care—Fiction; Siblings—Fiction

### Gifts from the sea [6 books]

31422 KT

IJ 112 pce 2003 Dell/Yearling  
Natalie Kinsey-Warnock

It's the 1850s and Quila and her father live alone in a remote Maine lighthouse. They find their lives profoundly changing after a baby washes ashore and they decide to keep her as part of their family.

Fiction—Study and teaching; Language arts; Reading

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### Goosed! [6 books]

27247 KT

PI 2002 Aladdin Books  
When Jeff's girlfriend leaves a Labrador retriever puppy with his family for a week, his dog T.P. and cat Cord hope the energetic puppy does not stay any longer.

Cats—Fiction; Dogs—Fiction;  
Pets—Fiction; Reading

### Habibi [6 books]

26995 KT

I 271 pce 1997 Simon & Schuster  
Naomi Shihab Nye

The day after Liyana got her first real kiss, her life changed forever. Not because of the kiss, but because it was the day her father announced that the family was moving from St. Louis all the way to Palestine. Though her father grew up there, Liyana knows very little about her family's Arab heritage. Her grandmother and the rest of her relatives who live in the West Bank are strangers, and speak a language she can't understand. It isn't until she meets Omer that her homesickness fades. But Omer is Jewish, and their friendship is silently forbidden in this land. How can they make their families understand? And how can Liyana ever learn to call this place home?

Family life—Fiction; Immigration and emigration—Fiction; Jerusalem—Fiction; Jewish-Arab relations—Fiction; Literature—Study and teaching; Reading

### Hannah & the spindle whorl [6 books]

37664 KT

I 241 pce 2010 Ronsdale Press  
Carol Anne Shaw

When Hannah uncovers an ancient Salish spindle whorl hidden in a cave near her home in Cowichan Bay, she is transported back to a village called Tl'ulpalus, in a time before Europeans had settled in the area. Through the agency of a trickster raven, Hannah befriends Yisella, a young Salish girl, and is welcomed into village life. This book includes a glossary.

Adventure fiction; Cowichan (First Nations people)—Fiction; Family—Fiction; Fantasy fiction; First Nations—Fiction; First Nations—First contact with Europeans—Fiction; Time travel—Fiction; Vancouver Island (B.C.)—Fiction

### Hunter [6 books]

38067 KT

PIJ 199 pce 2012 Orca Book Publishers

Eric Walters

Hunter knows humans are dangerous to himself and the other cats of his colony. He avoids them, as all wild cats should. So when a neighborhood boy starts showing up in Hunter's junkyard to chase away dogs and bring the colony food, Hunter keeps his distance. But a new condo

development puts the whole colony in danger, and Hunter soon realizes the only way to save his family is to put his trust in the boy.

Animal welfare—Fiction; Cats—Fiction; Condominiums—Fiction; Human-animal relationships—Fiction; Wild cats—Fiction

### In the same boat

*For descriptions see individual titles:*  
Little voice [6 books] [23402]

### Jacob's little giant [6 books]

26762 KT

I 101 pce 1989 Puffin  
Barbara Smucker.

Things never seem to go right for Jacob. He's the youngest in his family, so every one treats him like a baby. And at school, he's the smallest kid in his class, the one who never gets picked for the baseball team. But then Jacob's father gets involved in an exciting experiment: raising giant Canada geese to help save them from extinction. And it's Jacob's job to take care of them.

Canada geese—Fiction; Reading

### J'ai le coeur rempli de bonheur

40208 KT

P 23 pce 2020 Orca Book Publishers

Album au fil duquel des enfants autochtones évoquent les moments du quotidien qui les remplissent de bonheur: apercevoir le visage d'un être cher, sentir bonne odeur de la banique en train de cuire, chanter, danser, écouter une histoire, sentir le soleil leur réchauffer les joues, marcher pieds nus dans l'herbe... [SDM]

French language; Français (Langue); Cree (First Nations people); Cris (Indiens)—Poésie.—vmj; French Immersion Elementary (FRIMM)

### The lemonade war [6 books]

36326 KT

I 173 pce 2007 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Jacqueline Davies

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and at the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars.

Arithmetic—Fiction; Ghost stories; Lemonade—Fiction; Money-making projects for children—Fiction; New York (State)—Fiction; Reading; Siblings—Fiction; Irving, Washington,—1783-1859.—Legend of Sleepy Hollow

### Little voice [6 books]

23402 KT

I 246 pce 2001 Coteau  
Ruby Slipperjack.

*In the same boat Series* - Ray, who is struggling to cope with the death of her father, her mother's distant attitude, and troubles at school, gets a chance to spend the summer with her grandma, an Aboriginal elder and healer in a northern Ontario community, where she comes to a better understanding of herself and others. (FIC)

Death—Fiction; First Nations—Fiction; First Nations—Education; Grief; Ojibwa (First Nations people)—Fiction; Reading

### The Lottery's Plus One [6 Books]

40808 KT

IJ 303 pce 2017 HarperTrophy  
Written by Emma Donoghue

"Once upon a time, two couples with Jamaican, Mohawk, Indian, and Scottish ethnic roots won the lottery and bought a big house where all of them, four adults and seven adopted and biological children, could live together in harmony—but change is inevitable, especially when a disagreeable grandfather comes to stay."—Provided by publisher.

Physical and health education; Canada—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; English/Language Arts; Toronto (Ont.)—Fiction; Siblings—Fiction; Grandfathers—Fiction; Social Studies

### The magician's elephant [6 books]

37817 KT

IJ 201 pce 2009 Candlewick Press  
Kate DiCamillo

When young orphan Peter Augustus Duchene encounters a fortune teller in the marketplace one day who tells him that his sister, who is presumed dead, is in fact alive, he embarks on a remarkable series of adventures in an attempt to find her.

Adventure fiction; Elephants—Fiction; Missing children—Fiction; Orphans—Fiction; Siblings—Fiction

### Medicine walk [6 books]

36224 KT

S 246 pce 2014 McClelland & Stewart

Richard Wagamese

By the celebrated author of *Canada Reads* Finalist *Indian Horse*, a stunning new novel that has all the timeless qualities of a classic, as it tells the universal story of a father/son struggle in a fresh, utterly memorable way, set in dramatic landscape of the BC Interior. Franklin Starlight is called to visit his father, Eldon. He's sixteen years old and has had the most fleeting of relationships with the man. The rare moments they've shared haunt and trouble Frank, but he

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answers the call, a son's duty to a father.

Family–Fiction; First Nations–Canada–Fiction; Ojibwa (First Nations people)–Fiction; Teenage boys–Fiction

### **The misadventures of the family Fletcher [6 books]**

37674 KT  
I 260 pce 2014 Yearling  
Dana Alison Levy

Relates the adventures of a family with two fathers, four adopted boys, and a variety of pets as they make their way through a school year, Kindergarten through sixth grade, and deal with a grumpy new neighbor.

Adoption–Fiction; Brothers–Fiction; Family life–Fiction; Neighbours–Fiction; School stories–Fiction

### **Murphy and Mousetrap [4 books]**

29341 KT  
I 122 pce 2005 Orca Book Publishers

When Murphy, his mother and their cat Mousetrap move back to the reserve, Murphy is sure that both he and the cat are going to be miserable.

Bullying; First Nations; Reading

### **The one and only Ivan [6 books]**

36897 KT  
PI 319 pce 2012 HarperCollins Publishers  
Katherine Applegate

Ivan is an easy going gorilla. Living at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade, he has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass walls of his domain. He rarely misses his life in the jungle. In fact, he hardly ever thinks about it at all. Instead, Ivan thinks about TV shows he's seen and about his friends Stella, an elderly elephant, and Bob, a stray dog. But mostly Ivan thinks about art and how to capture the taste of a mango or the sound of leaves with color and a well-placed line. Then he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from her family, and she makes Ivan see their home and his own art through new eyes. When Ruby arrives, change comes with her, and it's up to Ivan to make it a change for the better.

Animal welfare–Fiction; Elephants–Fiction; Friendship–Fiction

### **Peter Lee's Notes from the Field [6 Books]**

40889 KT  
IJ 305 pce 2021 Tundra Books  
Written by Angela Ahn

"Eleven year-old Peter Lee has one goal in life: to become a paleontologist. But his summer falls apart when his real-life dinosaur expedition turns out to be a bust, and he watches his dreams go up in a cloud of asthma-inducing dust. Even worse, his grandmother, Hammy, is sick, and no one will talk to Peter or

L.B. about it. Perhaps his days as a scientist aren't quite behind him yet. Armed with notebooks and pens, Peter puts his observation and experimental skills to the test to see what he can do for Hammy"–

Kwon, Julie,–illustrator;  
Grandmothers–Fiction; Family life–Fiction; Humorous fiction; English/Language Arts

### **Ramona Quimby, age 8 [6 books]**

26786 KT  
PI 1981 HarperTrophy  
Beverly Cleary.

The further adventures of the Quimby family as Ramona enters the third grade.

Family life–Fiction; Girls–Fiction; Humorous fiction; Reading; School stories; Tiegreen, Alan,–ill

### **Say what? [6 books]**

31423 KT  
PI 91 pce 2004 Aladdin Paperbacks  
Margaret Peterson Haddix  
When their parents begin saying the wrong thing every time six-year-old Sukie and her older brothers misbehave, the children discover that it is a plot and fight back with their own wrong phrases.

Fiction–Study and teaching;  
Language arts; Reading

### **Song Lei in a new land [6 books]**

40006 KT  
PI 64 pce 2007 Scholastic Canada  
Anne Patton

This sequel to "The flight of the little swallow" begins with the family's move to Canada from China. The story traces Song Lei's first few weeks at school and the challenges she encounters. At the end of the story, a translation of some Mandarin terms and a glossary are provided.

Easy reading materials; School children–Fiction; Immigrants–Fiction

### **Stand on the sky [6 books]**

40003 KT  
IJ 312 pce 2019 Scholastic Canada  
Erin Bow

"Twelve-year-old Aisulu defies the expectations of her Kazakh family and tradition to train an eagle in order to save her brother, Serik, and prevent her family from giving up their nomadic life forever."–Provided by publisher.

Family life–Fiction; Nomads–Fiction; Eagles–Fiction; Mongolia–Fiction; Gender role–Fiction

### **Tales of a fourth grade nothing [6 books]**

36895 KT  
PI 110 pce 2012 Puffin  
Judy Blume  
Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever increasing problem.

Brothers–Fiction; Family–Fiction; Humorous fiction

### **Tuck everlasting [6 books]**

37667 KT  
I 148 pce 1975 Square Fish  
Natalie Babbitt

The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing any older.

Aging–Fiction; Family–Fiction; Fantasy fiction; Immortality–Fiction; Secrets–Fiction

### **The vegetable museum [6 books]**

40000 KT  
I 181 pce 2019 Orca Book Publishers  
Michelle Mulder

"Thirteen-year-old Chloë learns about her family's history while helping her grandfather in his garden"–Provided by publisher.

Vegetable gardening–Fiction; Grandfathers–Fiction; Grandparent-grandchild relationship

### **War of the eagles [6 books]**

29448 KT  
IJ 224 pce 1998 Orca Book Publishers

Jed knows what it will take to free the eagle he has nursed back to health. On a carefully aimed shot from his rifle, and the reluctant bird will be startled into flight. But for Jed, the challenge to find and free himself is much more difficult. Can he learn to understand and take pride in his native heritage? And, more important, will Jed accept his country's betrayal of his best friend? (FIC)

First Nations–Fiction; First Nations–Education; Haida (First Nations people)–Fiction; Reading

### **The war with grandpa [6 books]**

29327 KT  
PIJ 140 pce 1984 Dell/Yearling  
Richard Lauter

Upset that he has to give up the room he loves to his grandfather, Pete decides to declare war in an attempt to get it back. (FIC)

Family life–Fiction; Grandfathers–Fiction; Reading; Lauter, Richard,–ill

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### **We are all made of molecules [6 books]**

38088 KT

JS 248 pce 2015 Tundra Books  
Susin Nielsen

Stewart is academically brilliant but socially clueless. Ashley is the undisputed "It" girl in her class, but her grades stink. Their worlds are about to collide when Stewart and his dad move in with Ashley and her mom. Stewart is trying to be 89.9 percent happy about it, but Ashley is 110 percent horrified. She already has to hide the real reason her dad moved out; "Spewart" could further threaten her position at the top of the social ladder. They are complete opposites. And yet, they have one thing in common: they – like everyone else – are made of molecules.

Bullies–Fiction; Dating (Social customs)–Fiction; Family life–Fiction; Gay parents–Fiction; Interpersonal relations–Fiction; School stories

Chinese New Year–Fiction;  
Contests–Fiction; Family life–Fiction; Literature–Study and teaching; Reading; School stories; Taiwanese Americans–Fiction; Theater–Fiction

### **Whale song [6 books]**

29363 KT

I 199 pce 2007

Whale Song is a sensationally emotional coming-of-age story, set in the late 1970's and beyond, about a young American girl who moves to Vancouver Island. It is a heartbreaking story of a tragedy that nearly destroys a young gi

Death–Fiction; Family life–Fiction; First Nations; Reading

### **Where I belong [6 books]**

38911 KT

IJ 109 pce 2014 Tradewind Books  
Tara White

"This moving tale of self-discovery takes place during the Oka uprising in the summer of 1990. Adopted as an infant, Carrie has always felt somehow out of place. Recurring dreams haunt her, warning her that someone close to her is in danger. When she discovers that her birth family is Mohawk living in Quebec, Carrie makes the long journey and finally achieves the sense of home and belonging that has always eluded her"–Back cover.

Adoption–Fiction; Dreams–Fiction; Family–Fiction; First Nations–Fiction; Historical fiction; Mohawk (First Nations people)–Fiction; Quebec (Province)–History–1990, Native Crisis–Fiction.

### **The year of the dog [6 books]**

36328 KT

I 134 pce 2007 Little Brown  
Grace Lin

Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog, those of making best friends and finding oneself, to her own life.