**BC SRC 2019: Imagine the Possibilities!**

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*In addition, at the end of each section, our partners at ABPBC have contributed their own theme-related titles, along with their annotations. These are indicated by the book icon “Partner Recommendations”.*

Canadian author or illustrator Available as Audiobook

BC author or illustrator Available from NNELS

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**WEEK 7: EVERYDAY EXTRAORDINARY – EXPLORING THE WORLD AROUND YOU**

**Ages 3-5**

**West Coast Wild** by Deborah Hodge (author-BC) and Karen Reczuch (illustrator-CA)

This alphabet book focuses on the diverse wildlife of the West Coast of British Columbia. The illustrations in West Coast Wild border on realistic as animals from land and sea almost leap off the page.

**Tiny, Perfect Things** by M.H. Clark (author and illustrator)

The story of a young girl and her grandfather as they walk through their neighbourhood looking at the details of the world around them. A simple narrative alongside engrossing illustrations will have young readers pouring over the images to find all the tiny, perfect things.
**Something Extraordinary** by Ben Clanton (author and illustrator)

A boy imagines all the extraordinary things he wishes he could see but gradually begins to realize that the world is already full of extraordinary things. A simple narrative with great pale colour illustrations. The escalation of the boy's imagination offers fun opportunities to examine larger images in detail.

**Listen to Our World** by Bill Martin Jr. and Michael Sampson (authors), Melissa Sweet (illustrator).

This book encourages children to listen to the world around them. It takes young readers on a tour of sounds found in places around the world. The use of onomatopoeia makes for engagement on each page as young readers try to mimic the sounds they see written on the page.

**Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth** by Oliver Jeffers (author and illustrator).

This book provides big beautiful illustrations along with helpful labels that teach children about the planet they live on, from geography to the diversity of life.

**A West Coast Summer** by Caroline Woodward (author - BC) and Carol Evans (Illustrator - BC)

Evans’s illustrations capture the jubilation of children exploring the seashore, inspiring young readers to take their own journey to the sea to discover who or what waits for them in the Pacific Northwest—and learn that the best memories are those shared with family and friends.
**Rares, mais partout / Rare is Everywhere** by Deborah Katz  (author and illustrator -BC)

Rares, mais partout  takes readers on a journey through the animal kingdom, revealing that tigers can be white, grasshoppers can be pink and lobsters can be blue. The book teaches children not only about animals, but also about self acceptance, diversity and how our differences make us spectacular.

Midtown Press

**L’Envol / Fly Fly** by Daniel Anctil (author-BC) and Corentin Hunter (illustrator-CA)

This book allows children to explore wild animals and birds common to the Pacific Northwest and the Rockies

Midtown Press


In this nonfiction picture book, Robert Bateman’s art and family photos illustrate the story of his childhood.

Orca

**A River** by Marc Martin (author and illustrator)

This lush, immersive book by award-winning picture book creator Marc Martin will delight readers of all ages by taking them on a transcendent and aspirational journey through an imaginative landscape.

NNELS Raincoast
On My Walk, On My Swim, On My Bike, On My Skis by Kari-Lynn Winters (author-CA) and Christina Leist (illustrator -BC)

A multiracial family travels to the beach, bikes, swims and skis. A mom, dad, toddler, and infant—and their dog. A series.

Ages 6-8

The Golden Glow by Benjamin Flouw (author)

A fox searches the wild for a rare flower called the “golden glow,” after reading about it in a beautiful botany book. As the fox goes through his travels, children will learn about different trees and plants, while enjoying the stylistic illustrations.

The Fog by Kyo Maclear (author-CA), and Kenard Pak (illustrator)

Did you know that sometimes birds people-watch? This humorous story is about a bird that wonders why he can no longer see the many tourists that visit his island. Soon he finds out that hidden in the thick surrounding fog is a new friend.

Grand Canyon by Jason Chin (author and illustrator).

This non-fiction work is an exquisitely illustrated guidebook to the Grand Canyon. It features informative facts about geology, animal habitats, and other details that are perfect for future explorers.

Audiobook
**Drawn from Nature** by Helen Ahpornsiri (author and illustrator)

A stunning non-fiction work about animals and nature illustrated with detailed collages made from pressed flowers. A perfect read for adventurous and creative children who enjoy both nature and art.

**Me and You and the Red Canoe** by Jean E. Pendziwol (author-CA) and Phil (illustrator)

Me and You and the Red Canoe is a poetic story about two siblings who leave their campsite to go on a canoeing trip. While in the tranquil waters, they spot many majestic animals in nature.

**The Grizzlies of Grouse Mountain: The True Adventures of Coola and Grinder** by Shelly Hrdlitschka and Rae Schidlo (authors-BC) and Linda Sharp (illustrator-BC)

Coola and Grinder are two adult grizzly bears who live in a five-acre wildlife refuge on Grouse Mountain. Coola hails from Bella Coola and Grinder (named after the Grouse Grind hiking trail) was born near Invermere. Written for young children, this richly illustrated book presents facts and entertaining anecdotes about the bears and imparts valuable lessons about the importance of wildlife conservation.
**Taan's Moons: A Haida Moon Story** by Alison Gear (author-BC) and Kiki van der Heiden with the Children of Haida Gwaii (Illustrators-BC)

Alison Gear has based this wonderfully engaging and thoughtful story on one version of the Haida moon cycle. It follows Taan ("bear" in the Haida language) as she experiences the wonder of the unfolding seasons on Haida Gwaii.

**B is for Basketball: An Alphabet Book** by Tawni Davidson, Alison Gear, Joanne Yovanovich, School District No.50 (Haida Gwaii), and Beng Favreau of Literacy Haida Gwaii (Authors-BC), Judy Hilgeman (Illustrator-BC)

This title was created in collaboration with the students and teachers on Haida Gwaii, and is the official book of the 2011 All Native tournament in Prince Rupert. Includes a seek-and-find in each illustration.

**The Brilliant Deep** by Kate Messner (Author) and Matthew Forsythe (Illustrator-CA)

All it takes is one: one coral gamete to start a colony, one person to make a difference, one idea to change the world. The ongoing efforts to save and rebuild the world's coral reefs—with hammer and glue, and grafts of newly grown coral—are the living legacy of Ken Nedimyer, founder of the Coral Restoration Foundation.
Nuptse and Lhotse Go to the West Coast by Jocey Asnong (author and illustrator -CA)

When the cats find Salish, a Purple Ochre Starfish, in a puddle, Nuptse and Lhotse are determined to help Salish get back home. The trio will travel across mountains and orchards, explore a coastal city's many attractions, take an extraordinary ferry ride along the bottom of the Salish Sea, hike through the tangled rainforests of the West Coast Trail and surf the great waves at Long Beach.

Nuptse and Lhotse Go to the Rockies by Jocey Asnong (author and illustrator -CA)

When Mrs. Jasper, a very large grizzly bear, loses her twin cubs Yoho and Kootenay between Paradise Valley and The Valley of the Ten Peaks, she needs Nuptse and Lhotse to help her find them. In a land full of mountains, the cats and Mrs. Jasper will need to follow clues and their imagination to find out where these cubs have gone. As they make their way through this world-famous landscape, the cats will learn what makes the mountain lakes turquoise, what the fastest way to get down a couloir is, what not to do when you are in a canoe, how to cross an icefield, who belongs in these national parks and why bringing your most favourite thing on an adventure might just save the day.

Nuptse and Lhotse Go to Iceland by Jocey Asnong author and illustrator -CA)

While digging in their garden, Nuptse and Lhotse uncover an ancient Viking helmet. Excited by their discovery, the two cats make their way to Iceland to find out more about the Vikings. Throughout their epic journey, the cats learn all sorts of new things related to Iceland: longboats, sweaters, horses, volcanoes, geysers, even local cuisine!
A Day with Yayah by Nicola I. Campbell (author – BC) and Julie Flett (illustrator-BC)

An account of a First Nations family harvesting mushrooms and herbs in the countryside.

Dolphin SOS by Roy Miki (author-BC) and Julie Flett (illustrator)-BC

Based on true events, Dolphin SOS recounts the story of three dolphins trapped in an ice-covered cove on the coast of Newfoundland.

Ages 9-12

National Geographic Book of Nature Poetry by Patrick Lewis (editor)

A wonderful collection of over 200 short poems accompanied by spectacular photographs of animals, landscapes, and natural wonders. Poets include favourites such as Jane Yolen, Robert Frost, E.E. Cummings, and D.H. Lawrence.

Can You Survive the Desert? by Matt Doeden (author)

If you like stories that let you choose your own adventure or ending, be sure to check out the You Choose survival series. Can You Survive the Desert is an interactive adventure with 3 story paths, 45 choices, and 17 endings. Learn about desert environments and skills that can help you stay alive, as well as the stories of how real people managed to survive.
**Everest Book 1: The Contest** by Gordon Korman (author - CA)

Book 1 in this trilogy introduces the characters who will compete to become the youngest kids to climb Mount Everest. Throughout their journey they must endure overpowering wind gusts and bone chilling temperatures that test their limits in more ways than one. Book 2 in the series is The Climb and Book 3 is The Summit.

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**Mez’s Magic** by Eliot Schrefer (author).

Readers who enjoy animal fantasy books like Warriors and Spirit Animals will gravitate towards The Lost Rainforest series about a group of unlikely animal friends who must work together to save the rainforest. Mez’s Magic is the first book in the series.

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**Into the Jungle: Stories for Mowgli** by Katherine Rundell (author) and Kristjana Williams (illustrator)

The five stories and beautifully rich illustrations in this companion book to Rudyard Kipling’s The Jungle Book are sure to captivate fans of Mowgli and his jungle friends. Themes of friendship and courage, along with the appreciation of nature and the wild are prevalent throughout.

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**Growing Up in Wild Horse Canyon** by Karen Autio (author - BC)

In a hidden canyon in the Okanagan Valley, a ponderosa pine tree sprouts. The tree grows, witness to generations of human history, from First Nations quests to fur brigades, horse wrangling, secret wartime commando training, to the firestorm of 2003. A unique way to present history to 7- to 10-year-olds.
Explore the Wild Coast with Sam and Crystal by Gloria Snively (author-BC) and Karen Gillmore (illustrator-BC)

Join eleven-year-old Crystal and her seven-year-old brother, Sam, as they travel the rugged Pacific coastline with their Aunt Kate, a marine biologist, and learn about marine life; tidal zones; and the importance of observing, respecting, and preserving nature. Includes beautiful and scientifically accurate illustrations of west coast marine creatures.

Home Sweet Neighborhood: Transforming Cities one Block at a Time by Michelle Mulder (author-BC)

Part of the nonfiction Footprints series for middle readers, illustrated with many color photographs. Readers will learn how to take an active part in creating the kind of cities they'd like to live in.

Great Bear Rainforest by Ian McAllister (author-BC)

Learn about the people who make their home in the Great Bear Rainforest and are committed to preserving and protecting it. Hear how Indigenous youth are coming together and taking responsibility for this place they call home.

Eco Warrior by Philip Roy (author-CA)

The seventh volume in the Submarine Outlaw series (as a stand-alone novel) takes us deep into the Southern Ocean where Alfred teams up with Paul Watson of the Sea Shepherd Society to defeat the Japanese whalers.
Eco-Diary of Kiran Singer by Sue Ann Alderson (author-BC) and Millie Balance (illustrator-BC)

Kiran Singer’s grandmother introduces her to the wonders of Vancouver’s Camosun Bog. These poems are a celebration of life and of our ability to make a difference.