

AUTHORS

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Authors in April

April 23 – 27, 2018

Synopsis for Teachers, Parents, and Students

The **Hampton PTA** is once again a proud participant in the nationally recognized **Authors in April, Inc.** program. Unique to Rochester, this non-profit organization is in its thirty-fifth year of bringing renowned authors/illustrators and their books to the students and families of our community. PTA shares their goal to encourage students to become lifelong readers, to improve their own creative writing ability, and develop a greater appreciation, understanding, and discernment of quality literature and art.

This year our guests will be:

K-1 Author/Illustrator – Lita Judge

2-3 Author/Illustrator – Jason Chin

4-5 Author – Jewell Parker Rhodes

The authors will visit our school on Wednesday, April 25 to give presentations on why and how they wrote the books and decided on the style of illustration. Parents may attend if they wish. The authors will sign all of their books during the week of their visit. Please note which author will present for each grade. **Your child will attend only the presentation for his/her grade.** You may, however, order books (at up to 20% off retail) by any author (some of the authors have books that appeal to various grade levels).

This is not a fundraising event – it is an important enrichment activity. The PTA pays \$1,400 to have the authors visit our school. The PTA spends another \$400-\$500 to purchase *Authors in April* books for the Media Center. Students and teachers then have an opportunity to read and study the author's work before the author's visit. Parents are welcome to visit the Media Center to review the books before ordering. They will also be available for preview and purchase during the Annual Dinner in March. Once you and your child have decided which books you'd like; complete the order form at the back of this packet and send it in with your child.

Please order early – we have only a limited supply of several book titles. The back of this handout includes a description of the books. You may also visit the Hampton Authors in April webpage at <http://www.rochester.k12.mi.us/hampton-elementary/pages/6726/authors-in-april>. Please pencil your child's name in the front cover of the books before you return them to be autographed. You will also receive an autograph slip to fill out and return with the book. ***Please return your book to the Media Center no later than Wednesday, April 18 for signature.*** You will receive more information closer to the week of the author's visit.

You will find additional information on all of our authors at <http://www.authorsinapril.org/>.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation in support of this exciting annual event.

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Authors in April Book Donation

This year, Hampton Elementary is excited to announce a new community service project connected with Authors in April. Rochester Schools have been so fortunate to benefit from the Authors in April program and have enjoyed more than 30 years of exciting visits with world renowned authors. And now we would like to give back to a surrounding community and share the Authors in April experience with them!

We are asking Hampton families to consider donating a book or books to the students at Herrington Elementary in the Pontiac School district. Herrington and their community have been affected by budgetary issues and have had to cut many programs such as the use of their media centers. We hope that by bringing a small part of the Authors in April program to them we will foster the same love of reading and writing that we have seen in our own students.

This year you will be able to make a donation of a book(s) on the Authors in April order form. The cost of the donated book is \$8.00. This will allow Authors In April to purchase the appropriate number of books per grade level.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his needs, is good for him. —Maya Angelou

Lita Judge

A Song for Snow

HC - \$10.80

Age Range: 3 – 6 Years

In this follow-up to the adorable *Hoot and Peep* it's Peep's first winter, & it's going to snow very, very soon. Peep has so many questions for her older brother Hoot: Does snow drop, *polppety splop*, like the rain's song? Does it *scrinkle scattle* like falling leaves? Hoot can't remember snow very well. The one thing he knows for sure is that it is worth waiting for. Peep doesn't have his patience, & as she flies around the gorgeous Paris skies, she tries her best to make up her own snow song. Once those first snowflakes start to fall, Peep realizes just how wise her older brother really is for waiting...& just who she wants to cuddle up to when the snow starts to really sing.

Pages: 40

Bird Talk

HC - \$9.50

Age Range: 6 – 9 Years

Birds have lots of ways of communicating: They sing and talk, dance and drum, cuddle and fight. But what does all of the bird talk mean? Filled with gorgeous illustrations, this fascinating picture book takes a look at the secret life of birds in a child-friendly format that is sure to appeal to readers of all ages - whether they're die-hard bird-watchers or just curious about the creatures in their own backyards.

Pages: 48

Born in the Wild

HC - \$9.50

Age Range: 5 – 8 Years

What do grizzly bear cubs eat? Where do baby raccoons sleep? And how does a baby otter learn to swim? Every baby mammal, from a tiny harvest mouse "pinky" to a fierce lion cub, needs food, shelter, love, and a family. Filled with illustrations of some of the most adorable babies in the kingdom, this *awww*-inspiring book looks at the traits that all baby mammals share and proves that, even though they're born in the wild, they're not so very different from us, after all!

Pages: 48

D is for Dinosaurs (illustrated) HC - \$9.00

Age Range: 6 – 9 Years

Did dinosaurs really die out or is it possible they are still with us today? And what's bigger and scarier than the T-rex? From A to Z, D is for Dinosaur: A Prehistoric Alphabet provides the answers & current theories behind these questions, along with other fascinating aspects of prehistoric life. Paleontologists aren't the only ones who have made contributions to the study of dinosaurs. Some important discoveries were found by children including 12-year-old Mary Anning! Dramatic, action-filled paintings let readers of all ages roam the prehistoric world. From the ferocious Giganotosaurus (the biggest meat-eater known) to the most famous dinosaur that never lived (Ultrasaurus), budding scientists will discover new facts and explore challenging new theories in D is for Dinosaur. Written by Todd Chapman; illustrated by Lita Judge.

Pages: 48

Flight School

HC - \$10.80

Age Range: 4 – 8 Years

Although little Penguin has the soul of an eagle, his body wasn't built to soar. But Penguin has an irrepressible spirit, and he adamantly follows his dreams to flip, flap, fly! Even if he needs a little help with the technical parts, this penguin is ready to live on the wind.

Pages: 40

Good Morning to Me

HC - \$10.80

Age Range: 4 – 8 Years

Good morning, Mouse! Good morning, Kitty! Good morning, Gracie! And GOOD MORNING TO ME! It's a sleepy morning in the cottage, but Beatrix the parrot is wide AWAKE...and she can't *wait* to start the day with her friends.

Pages: 40

Hoot and Peep

HC - \$10.80

Age Range: 3 – 5 Years

Hoot the owl is very excited for his little sister, Peep, to join him on the cathedral rooftops. She's finally old enough to learn all his big brother owly wisdom: First, owls say *hooo*. Second, they always say *hooo*. Lastly, they ONLY say *hooo*! But why would Peep say *hooo* when she could say *schweeepy peep* or *dingity dong*? Why would she speak when she could sing? As she explores the breathtaking Parisian cityscape, Peep discovers so many inspiring sights and sounds—the ring of cathedral bells, the slap of waves on stone—that she can't help but be swept up in the magic of it all. Hoot doesn't understand Peep's awe, until he takes a pause to listen . . . and realizes that you're never too old to learn a little something new.

Pages: 40

How Big Were Dinosaurs? HC - \$9.50

Age Range: 6 – 9 Years

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to take a Velociraptor for a walk, or try to brush a Tyrannosaur's teeth? We think of dinosaurs as colossal giants, but how big were they REALLY? With kid-friendly text and seriously silly illustrations, this fact-filled book puts dinosaurs next to modern animals so that you can see exactly how they size up. And a huge fold-out chart compares the dinos to each other, from the tiniest Microraptor to Argentinosaurus, the largest animal to ever walk the land.

Pages: 40

Quick Little Monkey (illustrated) HC - \$10.20

Age Range: 3 – 7 Years

When Little Monkey's curiosity causes her to slip and fall to the dark, shadowy rainforest floor, she must hide—quick!—because an ocelot is looking for lunch. Thanks to Papa, Little Monkey knows just what to do to stay safe. And thanks to her own wit and speed, she escapes. But no sooner is she safe from the ocelot than she finds herself wrapped in the coils of an emerald tree boa. This exciting adventure will enthrall readers as Little Monkey faces one challenge after another and will also teach them about the fascinating lives of pygmy marmoset monkeys, the smallest monkeys in the world. Written by Sarah L. Thomson; illustrated by Lita Judge.

Pages: 32

Red Hat HC - \$10.20

Age Range: 2 – 5 Years

In this almost wordless springtime picture book, an adorable crew of baby animals borrows a familiar-looking red hat (last seen on the head of *Red Sled's* unsuspecting protagonist) and embarks on a joy-filled escapade—until all that is left is a long piece of red string! Their playful romp is gorgeously depicted in bold watercolor and complemented by humorous expressions and pitch-perfect sound effects.

Pages: 40

Red Sled HC - \$10.80

Age Range: 2 – 5 Years

In this almost wordless picture book, a host of woodland creatures take a child's sled for a nighttime joy ride. Their whimsical ride is gorgeously depicted in bold watercolor, complemented by humorous expressions and pitch-perfect sound effects.

Pages: 40

S is for S'mores (illustrated) HC - \$9.00

Age Range: 5 – 10 Years

Next to baseball and fireworks on the Fourth of July, nothing else seems as American as the family camping trip. From what to pack, where to go, and what to do when you get there, S is for S'mores: A Camping Alphabet takes readers on an A-Z trail exploring this outdoor pastime. Whether your idea of "roughing it" is a blanket in your own backyard or the subarctic ecosystem of Alaska's Denali National Park, S is for S'mores is a fun and informative guide that is sure to help campers of all ages make the most of their wilderness adventures. Written by Helen Foster James; illustrated by Lita Judge.

Pages: 40

Jason Chin

Coral Reefs

HC - \$9.00 / PB - \$4.00

Age Range: 5 - 9 Years

During an ordinary visit to the library, a girl pulls a not-so-ordinary book from the shelves. As she turns the pages in this book about coral reefs, the city around her slips away and she finds herself surrounded by the coral cities of the sea and the mysterious plants and animals that live, hunt, and hide there.

Pages: 40

Grand Canyon

HC - \$10.00

Age Range: 7 - 12 Years

Rivers wind through earth, cutting down and eroding the soil for millions of years, creating a cavity in the ground 277 miles long, 18 miles wide, and more than a mile deep known as the Grand Canyon. Home to an astonishing variety of plants and animals that have lived and evolved within its walls for millennia, the Grand Canyon is much more than just a hole in the ground. Follow a father and daughter as they make their way through the cavernous wonder, discovering life both present and past. Weave in and out of time as perfectly placed die cuts show you that a fossil today was a creature much long ago, perhaps in a completely different environment. Complete with a spectacular double gatefold, an intricate map and extensive back matter.

Pages: 56

Gravity

HC - \$8.50

Age Range: 7 - 10 Years

What keeps objects from floating out of your hand? What if your feet drifted away from the ground? What stops everything from floating into space? **Gravity.** As in his previous books, Jason Chin has taken a complex subject & made it brilliantly accessible to young readers in this unusual, innovative, and very beautiful book. Chin's approach makes this book a must-have common core tool for teachers & librarians introducing scientific principles to young students.

Pages: 32

Island: A Story of the Galapagos

HC - \$9.00 / PB - \$4.50

Age Range: 6 - 8 Years

Charles Darwin first visited the Galápagos Islands almost 200 years ago, only to discover a land filled with plants and animals that could not be found anywhere else on earth. How did they come to inhabit the island? How long will they remain? Thoroughly researched and filled with intricate and beautiful paintings, this extraordinary book is an epic saga of the life of an island—born of fire, rising to greatness, its decline, and finally the emergence of life on new islands.

Pages: 40

Redwoods

HC - \$9.50 / PB - \$4.00

Age Range: 6 - 9 Years

An ordinary subway trip is transformed when a young boy happens upon a book about redwood forests. As he reads, the information unfolds, and with each new bit of knowledge, he travels—all the way to California to climb into the Redwood canopy. Crammed with interesting and accurate information about these great natural wonders, Jason Chin's first book is innovative nonfiction set within a strong and beautiful picture storybook.

Pages: 40

Water is Water

HC - \$9.50

Age Range: 6 - 10 Years

Drip. Sip. Pour me a cup. Water is water unless...it heats up. Whirl. Swirl. Watch it curl by. Steam is steam unless...it cools high. This spare, poetic picture book follows a group of kids as they move through all the different phases of the water cycle. From rain to fog to snow to mist, talented author Miranda Paul and Jason Chin (*Redwoods, Coral Reefs, Island, Gravity*) combine to create a beautiful and informative journey in this innovative nonfiction picture book that will leave you thirsty for more.

Pages: 40

Where Do Polar Bears Live?

HC - \$8.50 / PB - \$3.00

Age Range: 6 - 8 Years

The Arctic might be a bit too chilly for humans to live there, but it is the perfect home for polar bears. But the earth is getting warmer and the ice is melting. Where will the polar bears live? How can we help protect their home? This is a Stage 2 Let's-Read-and-Find-Out, which means the book explores more challenging concepts for children in the primary grades. Let's-Read-And-Find-Out is the winner of the American Association for the Advancement of Science/Subaru Science Books & Films Prize for Outstanding Science Series.

Pages: 40

Jewell Parker Rhodes

Bayou Magic

HC - \$8.50 / PB - \$3.50

Age range: 8 - 12 Years

A magical coming-of-age story rich with Southern folklore, friendship, family, fireflies and mermaids, plus an environmental twist. It's city-girl Maddy's first summer in the bayou, and she just falls in love with her new surroundings - the glimmering fireflies, the glorious landscape, and something else, deep within the water, that only she can see. Could it be a mermaid? As her grandmother shares wisdom about sayings and signs, Maddy realizes she may be the only sibling to carry on her family's magical legacy. And when a disastrous oil leak threatens the bayou, she knows she may also be the only one who can help. Does she have what it takes to be a hero? Jewell Parker Rhodes weaves a rich tale celebrating the magic within.

Pages: 272

Ninth Ward

HC - \$8.00 / PB - \$4.00

Age range: 10 - 13 Years

Twelve-year-old Laneshia lives in a tight-knit community in New Orleans' Ninth Ward. She doesn't have a fancy house like her uptown family or lots of friends like the other kids on her street. But what she does have is Mama Ya-Ya, her fiercely loving caretaker, wise in the ways of the world and able to predict the future. So when Mama Ya-Ya's visions show a powerful hurricane—Katrina—fast approaching, it's up to Laneshia to call upon the hope and strength Mama Ya-Ya has given her to help them both survive the storm. *Ninth Ward* is a deeply emotional story about transformation and a celebration of resilience, friendship, and family—as only love can define it.

Pages: 224

Sugar

HC - \$8.50 / PB - \$4.00

Age range: 9 - 12 Years

Ten-year-old Sugar lives on the River Road sugar plantation along the banks of the Mississippi. Slavery is over, but laboring in the fields all day doesn't make her feel very free. Thankfully, Sugar has a knack for finding her own fun, especially when she joins forces with forbidden friend Billy, the white plantation owner's son. Sugar has always yearned to learn more about the world, & she sees her chance when Chinese workers are brought in to help harvest the cane. The older River Road folks feel threatened, but Sugar is fascinated. As she befriends young Beau & elder Master Liu, they introduce her to the traditions of their culture, & she, in turn, shares the ways of plantation life. Sugar soon realizes that she must be the one to bridge the cultural gap & bring the community together. Here is a story of unlikely friendships & how they can change our lives forever.

Pages: 288

Towers Falling

HC - \$8.50

Age range: 8 - 12 Years

When her fifth-grade teacher hints that a series of lessons about home and community will culminate with one big answer about two tall towers once visible outside their classroom window, Deja can't help but feel confused. She sets off on a journey of discovery, with new friends Ben and Sabeen by her side. But just as she gets closer to answering big questions about who she is, what America means, and how communities can grow (and heal), she uncovers new questions, too. Like, why does Pop get so angry when she brings up anything about the towers? Award-winning author Jewell Parker Rhodes tells a powerful story about young people who weren't alive to witness this defining moment in history, but begin to realize how much it colors their every day.

Pages: 240



2018 Authors in April Order Form and Price Sheet

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Please Print Clearly

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Email: _____ Home Phone: _____

**Payment (check or cash) must accompany your order. Checks made payable to Hampton PTA.
Please return this completed form to your classroom teacher the week of April 16, 2018**

Lita Judge – Grades K-1

<u>Wish</u>	<u>Book Title</u>	<u>Hardcover</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>Paperback</u>	<u>QTY</u>
	A Song for Snow	\$15.50			
	Bird Talk	\$16.25			
	Born in the Wild	\$16.25			
	D is for Dinosaurs	\$17.00			
	Flight School	\$15.50			
	Good Morning to Me	\$15.50			
	Hoot and Peep	\$15.50			
	How Big Were Dinosaurs	\$16.25			
	Quick Little Monkey	\$14.50			
	Red Hat	\$14.50			
	Red Sled	\$15.50			
	S is for S'mores	\$15.50			
Total					

Jason Chin – GRADES 2-3

<u>Wish</u>	<u>Book Title</u>	<u>Hardcover</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>Paperback</u>	<u>QTY</u>
	Coral Reefs	\$15.50		\$6.75	
	Grand Canyon	\$17.00			
	Gravity	\$14.50			
	Island: A Story of the Galápagos	\$15.50			

	Redwoods	\$16.25		\$6.75	
	Water is Water	\$16.25			
	Where do Polar Bears Live?	\$14.50		\$5.25	
Total					

Jewell Parker Rhodes – GRADES 4-5

<u>Wish</u>	<u>Book Title</u>	<u>Hardcover</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>Paperback</u>	<u>QTY</u>
	Bayou Magic	\$15.50		\$6.75	
	Ninth Ward			\$6.75	
	Sugar	\$14.50		\$6.75	
	Towers Falling	\$14.50			
Total					

Yes, my family would like to donate a book(s) to a child at Herrington Elementary in Pontiac, MI.

Authors in April donation book	\$8.00 x Number of books donated	
	Quantity	Total \$ (\$8 x QTY)

TOTAL Amount (All authors and Donations) \$ _____ **TOTAL QTY (All authors and Donations) _____**
Payment: Cash OR Check (# _____)

The price on the order form is the price you pay; tax has already been figured in.
Please purchase early as there is a limited quantity of each book. Some selections may sell out.
Questions? Contact -TaylorProbst@hotmail.com

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