

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

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ADJECTIVE ANIMAL PUBLISHING

MISSION STATEMENT

Adjective Animal Publishing creates titles that inspires kids and families to be kind and be curious. It launched in Fall 2021 with the Look Up Series, a collection of biography/activity books that celebrate real women in S.T.E.A.M. careers, written by award-winning American Girl author Aubre Andrus.



KEYWORDS

- nonfiction; STEM; biography; middle grade; women's empowerment; diversity; STEAM; activity books; global mindset; science

WEBSITE

www.adjectiveanimalpublishing.com

ALAZAR PRESS, an imprint of Royal Swan Enterprises

MISSION STATEMENT

We are Alazar Press, an imprint of Royal Swan Enterprises, a North Carolina based corporation with a focus on engaging young people with ideas. The press is dedicated to producing high quality books for children of all ages.



KEYWORDS

- picture books; diversity

WEBSITE

www.alazar-press.com

BIG KID SCIENCE

MISSION STATEMENT

Big Kid Science is dedicated to creating fun and scientifically accurate educational products. All Big Kid Science books and resources are written and reviewed by real scientists and educators, so you can trust them to present science in the best possible ways.



KEYWORDS

- science education; space science; astronomy; climate change; global warming; eclipses; middle school science; elementary school science; high school science

WEBSITE

www.bigkidscience.com

BLUE DOT KIDS PRESS

MISSION STATEMENT

Our books engage young readers' innate sense of wonder and empathy, connecting them to our global community and the pale blue dot we call home. With irrepressible hopefulness, we aspire to empower the next generation of global citizens with empathy, resilience, creativity, and the shared value of nature and its stewardship.



KEYWORDS

- people and places; conservation; diversity and multicultural; friendship; environment; nature; STEAM; emotions and feelings; new experiences; global citizenship

WEBSITE

www.bluedotkidspress.com

BUSHEL & PECK BOOKS

MISSION STATEMENT

Bushel & Peck Books is the revolutionary children's book publisher with the Book-for-Book Promise: for every book they sell, they donate one to kids in need. Started in 2018 by couple David and Stephanie Miles, they publish beautifully illustrated, inspiring children's and novelty books that reimagine what a book can be.



KEYWORDS

- picture books; novelty books; history; science; STEM; illustrated nonfiction; early childhood chapter books; inspirational

WEBSITE

bushelandpeckbooks.com

CAYENA PRESS

MISSION STATEMENT

Cayena Press Inc. is dedicated to creating, publishing, and developing bilingual (English/Spanish) nonfiction children's books that feature the contributions of Hispanic figures in history and society. Our mission is to produce works that give a voice to independent authors of a disadvantaged or underrepresented background.



KEYWORDS

- Hispanic; Latino; bilingual; biography; nonfiction; multicultural; immigration; heroes; women's; diverse.

WEBSITE

www.cayenapress.org

CRESTON BOOKS

MISSION STATEMENT

Creston Books fills the void created by the major New York publishers who no longer put out a broad range of quality picture books. We are author/illustrator driven, with talented, award-winning creators from diverse backgrounds given more editorial freedom and control than in a typical New York house. We are especially eager to give debut voices a chance to be heard.



KEYWORDS

- diversity; STEM/STEAM; hidden histories; creativity; reading; accessibility

WEBSITE

www.crestonbooks.co

DRAWN & QUARTERLY

MISSION STATEMENT

Drawn & Quarterly is the internationally renowned publisher of the world's best cartoonists. D+Q has published many North American luminaries of the medium including Adrian Tomine, Lynda Barry, Daniel Clowes, Chris Ware, Kate Beaton, Chester Brown, and Seth, as well as international authors including Tove Jansson (Finland); Guy Delisle (France); Tom Gauld (UK); Astrid Lindgren (Sweden); Yoshihiro Tatsumi (Japan); Rutu Modan (Israel); Shigeru Mizuki (Japan); and many more cartoonists from across the globe.



KEYWORDS

- comics; graphic novels; literary fiction; creative non-fiction; memoir; young adult; manga

WEBSITE

drawnandquarterly.com

FABLED FILMS PRESS

MISSION STATEMENT

Fabled Films Press is an independent children's book publisher bringing original content with strong literary value to middle grade and early reader audiences, including *The Nocturnals* series by Tracey Hecht and *Pippa Park Raises Her Game* by Erin Yun. Each book is supported with online activities, educational materials, and free virtual author events.

KEYWORDS

- early reader; middle grade; activity books; series; bullying; friendship; diversity and multicultural; social emotional learning; animals; AAPI

WEBSITE

www.fabledfilms.com/projects

FABLED FILMS PRESS
NEW YORK CITY

FEEDING MINDS PRESS

MISSION STATEMENT

Where does food come from, how does it grow, and who grows it? Our books for young readers tell the story of food, farming, and agriculture.

KEYWORDS

- food; farm; planting; garden; farm animals; agriculture; growing food; healthy eating; harvest; cooking

WEBSITE

www.feedingmindspress.com



FITZROY BOOKS

MISSION STATEMENT

Advancing finely crafted literature for young adult and middle grade readers.



KEYWORDS

- middle grade fiction; young adult fiction; climate fiction (cli-fi); activism; diversity; children's literature; multicultural; nature

WEBSITE

fitzroybooks.com

GREYSTONE BOOKS

MISSION STATEMENT

Greystone Kids is an imprint of Greystone Books, an independent, award-winning nonfiction trade book publisher. Greystone Kids and its 'imprint-within-an-imprint' Aldana Libros publish high-quality, visually compelling, and sustainably produced picture books and middle grade books about science and nature, environmental activism, social issues, and health. Greystone Kids titles seek to inspire, engage, and connect with readers of all backgrounds with stories from our own backyard and from around the world.



KEYWORDS

- picture books; juvenile nonfiction; juvenile fiction; nature; environmental activism; social issues; science; health; diverse perspectives; international stories

WEBSITE

greystonebooks.com

GRIPPER PRODUCTS / LOOK UNDER ROCKS

MISSION STATEMENT

Children discover the world around them when they play. They discover in nature what they will later learn to call science. Our books feed this joyous approach to life, through both STEM books and fantasy.



KEYWORDS

- STEM; STEAM; science folktales; feminist; multigenerational; fantasy; grandparents; alternative folktales; feminist folktales; girls and women

WEBSITE

www.LookUnderRocks.com

HELPINGWORDS

MISSION STATEMENT

Fun, rhyming picture books written by a psychotherapist! Children love recurring characters; teachers and parents use Kathy's books to discuss social awareness. Questions address concerns – "Who am I, where do I belong, do I matter?" The characters deal with topics kids face today including sibling rivalry, friendships, accepting responsibility, being insecure, gaining confidence, diversity, adversity, working towards social change and more.



KEYWORDS

- friendship/diversity; emotions and feelings; self esteem/identity; relationships with animals/picture books; health/fitness/nutrition; rhyme/diversity; hardcover/boardbook; environment/recycling

WEBSITE

www.kathybrodsky.com

JUST US BOOKS

MISSION STATEMENT

We publish books for young people that spotlight Black history, Black culture and Black experiences. Our Marimba imprint focuses on books that represent and celebrate our country's diversity. At Just Us Books, we know GOOD BOOKS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



KEYWORDS

- children & young adults; multicultural; Black interest; Black history & experiences; kid lit; chapter books; biographies; board books; picture books; middle grade

WEBSITE

justusbooks.com

LAWLEY PUBLISHING

MISSION STATEMENT

Lawley Publishing is dedicated to producing clean, uplifting, inspiring children's literature that enhances natural curiosity, empowers imagination, and ignites the magic of childhood. We strive to connect with children on a fun and fundamental level through producing books they love to read, relate with, and can grow from.



KEYWORDS

- picture books; early readers; chapter books; middle grade

WEBSITE

www.lawleypublishing.com

LEVINE QUERIDO

MISSION STATEMENT

Founded in 2019 by Arthur A. Levine, Levine Querido is an independent publisher of children's books, with a focus on previously underrepresented voices and creators from around the world.



KEYWORDS

- BIPOC; LGBTQ+; translation; diverse; AAPI; Latin; Jewish; young adult; award-winning; bilingual

WEBSITE

www.levinequerido.com/books

MANGO & MARIGOLD PRESS

MISSION STATEMENT

Mango & Marigold Press is an award-winning independent publishing house that shares the sweet and savory stories of the South Asian experience.



KEYWORDS

- Diversity; South Asian experience; early reader; board books; middle grade; young adult; art series

WEBSITE

mangoandmarigoldpress.com

MIMS HOUSE BOOKS

MISSION STATEMENT

We publish stories that touch the lives of the young. Or the young at heart. Our books celebrate the indomitable and unconquerable human spirit and give kids boundless hope in the midst of tangled families or intergalactic struggles. Nonfiction stories evoke awe and wonder for the world. Our writing process books celebrate and encourage a kid's creativity.



KEYWORDS

- fantasy for kids; SEL books for kids; STEM books for kids; short chapter books for kids; chapter books for kids; ages 6-8; ages 8-10; ages 10-14

WEBSITE

MimsHouseBooks.com

MINEDITION US / ASTRA PUBLISHING HOUSE

MISSION STATEMENT

mineditionUS is a mission-driven international children's imprint dedicated to publishing exceptional picture and board books from around the world. Our mission is to find, create, and publish beautifully crafted books that are built to last, and that expand children's hearts and minds, opening doors to cultures and places they may not yet know. We believe that high-quality illustrated books can not only help children develop a deeper appreciation of language and art, they also foster emotional awareness, intellectual discernment, and a greater understanding of the multicultural world in which we live.



KEYWORDS

- board books; books for babies and toddlers; picture books; read aloud books; storytime; socio-emotional learning; windows and mirrors; international kids books; education; library

WEBSITE

astrapublishinghouse.com/imprints/mineditionus

THE NEW YORK REVIEW CHILDREN'S COLLECTION / NYRB KIDS

MISSION STATEMENT

The New York Review Children's Collection began in 2003 in an attempt to reward readers who have long wished for the return of their favorite titles and to introduce those books to a new generation of readers. The line publishes picture books for preschoolers through to chapter books and novels for older children. Praised for their elegant design and sturdy bindings, these books set a new standard for the definition of a "classic."

**THE NEW YORK REVIEW
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION**

KEYWORDS

- classics; picture books; international; translation; eclectic; whimsical

WEBSITE

www.nyrb.com/collections/the-new-york-review-childrens-collection

NUBEOCHO

MISSION STATEMENT

NubeOcho is specialized in Picture Books for children. We were founded as a publishing house committed to values and diversity. Our books promote respectful attitudes towards all types of diversity. They are also a playful medium to make it easier to engage in first experiences and feelings that the little ones may not easily understand.



KEYWORDS

- social themes; diversity and multicultural; humorous stories; emotions and feelings; action and adventure; children's fiction; bedtime and dreams; hardcover and boardbook; values and virtues

WEBSITE

nubeocho.com

PAINTBOX PRESS

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Paintbox Press is to introduce the next generation of curious kids to design, creative problem-solving and the process of innovation. Our interactive books, targeted to young people ages 9-15, feature the elements and principles of art, timelines of 20th- and 21st-century design, interviews with architects and designers who have helped shape our visual world, and projects that engage young people to think, experiment and create. Developed in partnership with Kids Design Collaborative.



KEYWORDS

- design; arts integration; architecture; creative careers; curiosity; future; innovation; interactive projects; STEAM

WEBSITE

www.paintboxpress.com

PLATYPUS MEDIA

MISSION STATEMENT

At Platypus Media, our goal is to publish books that foster warmth, closeness, literacy, curiosity, and an openness to other cultures. In particular, we are committed to attachment parenting and the promotion and protection of breastfeeding. We aim to create products that parents love, children enjoy, teachers appreciate, and parenting professionals value.



KEYWORDS

- early childhood; attachment parenting; breastfeeding; family; picture books; animals; early literacy; educational; science

WEBSITE

www.platypusmedia.com

POMELO BOOKS

MISSION STATEMENT

Pomelo Books is Poetry PLUS! Poetry is a powerful tool for families, teachers and librarians, and anyone working with children. You'll find a diverse and inclusive roster of nearly 200 poets and more than 800 poems in our anthologies, making it easy to find poems to fit your needs for brain breaks and learning across the curriculum. Shared poetry moments help build a community filled with kindness, respect, and joy. Join us in supporting #PoetryForAll!



KEYWORDS

- poetry; anthologies; social justice; moving; curriculum; brain break; SEL; diversity; inclusion

WEBSITE

pomelobooks.com

QUIRK BOOKS

MISSION STATEMENT

Founded in 2002, Quirk Books publishes a highly curated list of entertaining, enlightening, and strikingly unconventional books for adults and children in a number of genres and categories. Quirk publishes books that are meant to be shared and discussed—books that are objects of desire—and that have the potential to reach the widest possible readership because of their positioning and packaging.



KEYWORDS

- board books; picture books; middle Grade; young adult; humorous stories; pop culture; entertaining & educational; inspiring; unconventional

WEBSITE

www.QuirkBooks.com

READERS to EATERS

MISSION STATEMENT

Promote food literacy by publishing stories about our diverse food cultures, from a West Coast based publisher.



KEYWORDS

- food literacy; food culture; diverse books; farm to school; school garden; garden education; nutrition education; food education; Ag classroom (agriculture classroom); STEM

WEBSITE

www.readerstoeters.com

RED COMET PRESS

MISSION STATEMENT

Red Comet Press is an independent boutique children's publisher with a focus on illustrated books from the United States and overseas. It provides a home for authors and illustrators seeking a personal connection to the publishing process and the passion and commitment of a supportive and innovative publisher.



KEYWORDS

- picture books in translation; humorous stories; action and adventure; juvenile nonfiction; diversity and multicultural; beginning readers; emotions & feelings; baby books; inclusion; poetry

WEBSITE

www.redcometpress.com

THE ROADRUNNER PRESS

MISSION STATEMENT

The RoadRunner Press is known for thoughtful books for young and old alike, with stories and authors that reflect our world in all its diversity, including First Nation tales both historic and contemporary. We believe in literacy but also visual literacy, so attention is paid to the physical book as well as the story it carries. We enjoy a good chuckle, a good map, and—no matter the story—leaving readers with hope.



KEYWORDS

- social justice; diversity and multicultural; children fiction; friendship; bilingual Cherokee Choctaw; history; responsibility; picture books; hardcover

WEBSITE

www.theroadrunnerpress.com

SCIENCE, NATURALLY!

MISSION STATEMENT

Science Naturally is committed to increasing STEM literacy by exploring and demystifying these topics in entertaining and enlightening ways. Using diverse characters, engaging formats, and a variety of world language editions, we make intimidating subjects intriguing and accessible to children of all ages.



KEYWORDS

- STEM; science; educational; picture books; middle-grade; fiction; nonfiction; math; bilingual; multilingual

WEBSITE

www.sciencenaturally.com

SKY CANDLE PRESS

MISSION STATEMENT

Sky Candle Press was started by sisters who hardly agree on anything—not art, not fashion, not even ghosts. (The youngest sister has seen ghosts, and if she dies first, she will have a marvelous time haunting her older sisters.) The only place where they have a complete meeting of the minds is their heartfelt belief about what makes a good story. Through grit (plus amnesia about how much they bickered on previous projects), they create award-winning books.

The logo for Sky Candle Press, featuring the company name in a cursive, handwritten-style font.

KEYWORDS

- fiction; nonfiction; middle-grade; young adult; humor; mystery; coming of age; STEM; space; Minnesota

WEBSITE

skycandlepress.com

STARRY FOREST BOOKS

MISSION STATEMENT

At Starry Forest Books, we believe that little readers deserve amazing books. For us, there is no detail—or reader—too small. From innovative board books to elegant picture books, from interactive nonfiction to chapter books for any reader, our goal is to make something beautiful. We value quality storytelling, exceptional art, high production standards, and incomparable design to craft books that are treasured worldwide.

The logo for Starry Forest Books, featuring the company name in a bold, sans-serif font with a red-to-orange gradient.

KEYWORDS

- picture books; classic retellings; juvenile nonfiction; STEM; unique first-concept baby books; early chapter books; storytime series collection; toddler books; humorous picture books; fairy tales, folk tales, and myths

WEBSITE

www.starryforestbooks.com

STORY MONSTER PRESS

MISSION STATEMENT

Great Reads for Growing Minds Story Monsters Press, an imprint of Story Monsters LLC, is a publisher of children's books that offer hope, value differences, and build character. Each book also includes a curriculum guide complementing the story for parents and educators to utilize with young readers.



KEYWORDS

- Arizona history; Southwest desert critters; Shakespeare; poetry; Story Monster; special education; Story Monsters Ink Magazine

WEBSITE

www.StoryMonstersPress.com

TANGLEWOOD PUBLISHING

MISSION STATEMENT

Through humor, adventure, disappointment, friendship, and love, Tanglewood Publishing strives to focus on inspiring readers to pick up a book for the pleasure of reading. Our list features titles with strong sales and critical acclaim, often by authors and illustrators who may have been overlooked by others. Just like our NYT best-selling title *The Kissing Hand*, in every Tanglewood book readers will find a sense of comfort that comes with being seen and understood.



KEYWORDS

- YA thrillers; picture books with heart; YA autobiographies; middle-grade adventure novels; picture books to help overcome fears; picture books on friendship

WEBSITE

www.tanglewoodbooks.com

THOMPSON MILL PRESS



MISSION STATEMENT

What Walt Disney's creativity and branding is doing with a mouse, I intend to do with a manatee.

KEYWORDS

- marine mammal; educational picture book; K-3; climate change; kobee manatee; environmental education; ocean conservation; weather; marine science

WEBSITE

thompsonmillpress.com

THRIVE EDGE PUBLISHING



MISSION STATEMENT

Enhance your child's engineering brain with STEM Books created by an Engineer

KEYWORDS

- STEM; children's books; translated books; teachers guide; books for girls 5- to 8-year-olds; science, technology, engineering, and math; books for boys 5- to 8-year-olds; coloring and activity books

WEBSITE

TiffaniTeachey.com

TUMBLEHOME BOOKS

MISSION STATEMENT

Our company mission is to make STEM education more fun and meaningful by embedding scientific content into a narrative format, which enhances STEM identity and helps children imagine themselves as future scientists or engineers.



KEYWORDS

- STEM; education; science; artificial intelligence; medicine; girl power; ethics; engineering; mathematics

WEBSITE

www.tumblehomebooks.org

WILLOW BEND PUBLISHING

MISSION STATEMENT

Willow Bend Publishing provides equine fiction and non-fiction for young readers to excite and engage their minds. Through realistic horse adventures, children are educated about horses as well as learning important life lessons.



KEYWORDS

- horse fiction; horse nonfiction; farm animals; country living; donkey; equestrian; Morgan Horse; equine; adventure stories; mysteries

WEBSITE

www.willowbendpublishing.com

YALI BOOKS

MISSION STATEMENT

Yali Books is an independent publisher opening a window to South Asian cultures through children's literature. At Yali, we create spaces for meaningful conversation by providing educators and families with engaging content that showcases diverse cultural experiences for young readers. We aim to reflect and validate the experiences of people of color, particularly those of South Asian descent, through relatable and inspiring stories based on their lives.



KEYWORDS

- South Asia; diverse books; multicultural books; feminist; Asian-American voices; educational content; LGBTQ+; People of Color; Own Voices; immigrant stories

WEBSITE

yalibooks.com

YEEHOO PRESS

MISSION STATEMENT

Yeehoo Press is dedicated to publishing fun, enchanting, and socially responsible children's books for audiences around the world, with an emphasis on quality writing and appealing illustrations. Yeehoo books are currently being published in English and Simplified Chinese editions, and sold in the U.S. and mainland China.



KEYWORDS

- picture books; multicultural; international market; universal appeal; Chinese; emotional core; fiction; nonfiction; STEM; multi-generational; children's book

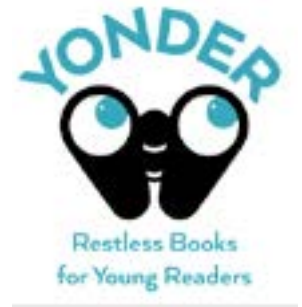
WEBSITE

yeehoopress.com

YONDER: RESTLESS BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS

MISSION STATEMENT

Yonder is an imprint from Restless Books devoted to bringing the wealth of great stories from around the globe to English-reading children, middle graders, and young adults. Books from other countries, cultures, viewpoints, and storytelling traditions can open up a universe of possibility, and the wider our view, the more powerfully books enrich and expand us. Through publishing a diverse array of transporting stories, Yonder nurtures the next generation of savvy global citizens and lifelong readers.



KEYWORDS

- international literature; literature in translation; picture books; middle-grade books; young adult books; diverse characters and stories; diverse kids books; global literature for a globalized world

WEBSITE

restlessbooks.org/yonder
