

Dinner at the Kids' Table

6:45 – 8:15 pm

Sunday, October 6

Washington / Clark Rooms

Authors will pre-sign copies of their books, to be distributed to attendees after the event is concluded. A buffet dinner will be served. *Tickets required.*



Julie Fogliano & Christian Robinson / *Just in Case You Want to Fly*

Julie Fogliano and Christian Robinson, the award-winning team behind the best-selling *When's My Birthday*, return with a lovely and reassuring new picture book perfect for little ones just starting to stretch their wings. *Just in Case You Want to Fly* (Neal Porter Books/Holiday House) uses simple verse and colorful illustrations to tell children that there is always someone right behind them, ready to give them the tools they need to successfully navigate the big wide world. Fogliano, from New York's Hudson Valley, is the author of several best-selling picture books, including *A House That Once Was*. Robinson is an acclaimed illustrator whose work includes *Last Stop on Market Street*, written by Matt de la Peña, winner

of both a Caldecott Honor and Newbery Medal. He lives in California.

Nikki McClure / *What Will These Hands Make?*

Community, creativity and collaboration lie at the heart of Olympia artist and author Nikki McClure's forthcoming picture book, *What Will These Hands Make?* (Abrams Books for Young Readers, due February, 2020). McClure's distinctive cut-paper artwork and simple text tells the story of a family exploring the handmade goodness of their community in a day filled with possibilities, from sampling treats at the bakery to admiring handicrafts at an artisan's shop. Nikki McClure is a nationally acclaimed artist and a perennial Northwest favorite for her popular cards, journals and *Propaganda for the Real* calendar, as well as her numerous books meant for children (and their adults), including *Waiting for High Tide* and *To Market, To Market*.



Sharon Robinson / *Child of the Dream*

As the daughter of baseball legend and civil rights activist Jackie Robinson, Sharon Robinson's childhood made her an eyewitness to history. In *Child of the Dream* (Scholastic Press), she shares with middle grade readers her memories of one tumultuous year—1963. The year begins with George Wallace declaring “segregation forever,” sees the Robinson family host fundraisers for the work of Martin Luther King, Jr., and brings her to the landmark March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Above all, she shares what it was like to be a black girl in a white suburb, trying to find her own voice and role in the civil rights movement. In addition to being the author of several acclaimed books of fiction and nonfiction, including *Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America*, Sharon manages Major League Baseball's Breaking Barriers program for students grades 4 – 9.

Rebecca Stead / *The List of Things That Will Not Change*

Newbery Award-winning author Rebecca Stead returns with *The List of Things That Will Not Change* (Wendy Lamb Books/ RHBC, due April, 2020), a touching middle grade novel about a family in flux. When Bea's parents got divorced, they told her about two big changes: Dad is gay. Mom and Dad will have different apartments, each with a room for Bea. They also gave her a special notebook to record the list of things that will not change. The first and most important: Mom and Dad will always love Bea, and each other. They are still a family, just different. This novel shows the many faces of love within a family, love that will not ask you to be anyone except the person you really are. Rebecca Stead's beloved and award-winning books include *When You Reach Me* and *Liar & Spy*.



Raina Telgemeier / *Guts*

From Raina Telgemeier, the Eisner Award-winning creator of *Smile* and *Sisters*, comes *Guts* (Graphix/Scholastic Press), another true story from Raina's own childhood. When the young Raina wakes up one morning with a stomach ache, she thinks it's just a passing bug. But days pass, and her tummy trouble just won't go away – in fact, it seems to be there whenever Raina feels especially worried about friends, school, and yes, food. Middle grade and tween readers will immediately identify with Raina as she works through her fears and panic attacks, finding comfort and reassurance as her parents and a friendly therapist help her to cope with her anxieties. With Telgemeier's usual humor and instantly recognizable comic art style, *Guts* is sure to delight her legions of fans. Raina Telgemeier currently lives in the Bay Area.