

Hillcrest Elementary School
Visiting Author – Leslie Connor – May 8, 2019

Dear Hillcrest Families:

Author Leslie Connor will visit grades 4-6 at Hillcrest Elementary on Wednesday, May 8, 2019. The following books are available for purchase:

All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook is a powerful middle grade novel, perfect for fans of *Wonder* and *When You Reach Me*, from Leslie Connor, the award-winning author of *Waiting for Normal* and *Crunch*. From comes 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?

Crunch- Dewey Marris is stuck in a crunch. He never guessed that the gas pumps would run dry the same week he promised to manage the family's bicycle-repair business. Suddenly *everyone* needs a bike. And *nobody* wants to wait. Meanwhile, the crunch has stranded Dewey's parents far up north. It's up to Dewey and his older sister, Lil, to look after their younger siblings and run the bike shop all on their own. To top things off, Dewey discovers that bike parts are missing from the shop. He's sure he knows who's responsible—or does he? Will exposing the thief only make *more* trouble for Dewey and his siblings?
“Charming and original.” —*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

Waiting for Normal- Addie is waiting for normal. But Addie's mom has an all-or-nothing approach to life: a food fiesta or an empty pantry, jubilation or gloom, her way or no way. All or nothing never adds up to normal. All or nothing can't bring you all to home, which is exactly where Addie longs to be, with her half-sisters, every day. Despite life's twists and turns, Addie remains optimistic. Someday, maybe, she'll find normal. Leslie Connor has created an inspiring novel about one girl's giant spirit. *Waiting for Normal* is a heartwarming gem.

The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle- Mason Buttle is the biggest, sweatiest kid in his grade, and everyone knows he can barely read or write. Mason's learning disabilities are compounded by grief. Fifteen months ago, Mason's best friend, Benny Kilmartin, turned up dead in the Buttle family's orchard. An investigation drags on, and Mason, honest as the day is long, can't understand why Lieutenant Baird won't believe the story Mason has told about that day. Both Mason and his new friend, tiny Calvin Chumsky, are relentlessly bullied by the other boys in their neighborhood, so they create an underground club space for themselves. When Calvin goes missing, Mason finds himself in trouble again. He's desperate to figure out what happened to Calvin, and eventually, Benny. But will anyone believe him?

An order form is attached. We will be ordering our books through Newtown Bookshop who has generously offered us a 20% discount on the cover price of the books. If you would like to order, please print the form and return it to Hillcrest Library with either cash or a check made out to: Newtown Bookshop by Monday, April 22, 2019.

Thank you,

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Student's Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Book Title	Qty.	x	Price	=	Total	Dedication
<i>The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle</i>			\$14.40 ea.			
<i>All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook</i>			\$ 6.00 ea.			
<i>Crunch</i>			\$ 6.00 ea.			
<i>Waiting for Normal</i>			\$ 6.00 ea.			
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