

2000 Nominee Lists

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AMELIA HITS THE ROAD / Marissa Moss

Tricycle Press, 1997. Grades K-3.

Ten-year-old Amelia keeps a journal of the summer car trip she takes with her mother and sister to the Grand Canyon Death Valley, and their California home town to visit Amelia's best friend.

BIG MOON TORTILLA / Joy Cowley; Dyanne Stongbow, ill.

Boyd's Mills Press, 1998. \$14.95 Grades K-3.

When Marta ruins her homework and breaks her glasses, Grandmother soothes her with an ancient story and one of her delicious tortillas.

BOOK / George Ella Lyon; Peter Catalanotto, ill.

DK Publishing, Inc., 1999. \$16.95 Grades K-3.

This poem compares a book to a house, a treasure chest, a farm, and a tree full of leaves.

GINGER / Charlotte Voake

Candlewick Press, 1997. \$16.99 Grades K-3.

Ginger the cat lives a comfortable life, but when a pesky kitten moves in, Ginger's days of ease are over.

GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT: A KID'S GUIDE TO FOOD AND NUTRITION / Lizzy Rockwell

Harper Collins Publishers, 1999. \$14.95 Grades K-3.

Describes the six categories of nutrients needed for good health, how they work in the body, and what foods provide each.

HONK / Pamela Duncan Edwards; Henry Cole, ill.

Hyperion Books for Children, NY, 1998. Grades K-3.

A ballet-loving swan wins acclaim when she manages to join the other dancers in a performance of Swan Lake.

HOOWAY FOR WODNEY WAT / Helen Lester; Lynn Munsinger, ill.

Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, 1999. \$15.00 Grades K-3.

All his classmates make fun of Rodney because he can't pronounce his name, but it is Rodney's speech impediment that drives away the class bully.

INSECTLOPEDIA / Douglas Florian

Harcourt Brace, 1998. \$16.00 Grades K-3.

Insectlopedia swarms, buzzes, and slithers with poetry and point ... a delightful infestation of 21 spider and insect poems and paintings, awash in watercolor and collage on primed brown paper bags.

LAKE OF THE BIG SNAKE / Isaac Olaleye; Claudia Shepard, ill.

Boyd's Mills Press, 1998. \$15.95 Grades K-3.

Two boys outwit a hungry snake in an African rain forest village.

MOOSETACHE / Margie Polatini; Ginny Cole, ill.

Hyperion, 1997. \$15.95 Grades K-3.

Moose has an unruly mustache which prohibits many activities and proves to be a nuisance until Ms. Moose offers a suggestion that leads to a very happy ending!

MORDANT'S WISH / Valerie Coursen

Henry Holt and Co., 1997. \$15.95 Grades K-3.

After wishing that a turtle-shaped cloud could be his friend, Mordant the mole finds his wish spurring a series of unusual events.

MY BOX OF COLOR / Lorianne Siomades

Boyds Mills Press, 1998. \$8.95 Grades K-3.

This rhyming picture book asks that we accept each other as we are.

MY FREEDOM TRIP / Frances Park and Ginger Park; Debra Reid Jenkins, ill.

Boyds Mills Press, 1998. \$15.95 Grades K-3.

Based on the life of the author's mother, this is the story of her escape from North Korea.

SHOW AND TELL BUNNIES / Kathryn Lasky; Marilyn Hafner, ill.

Candlewick Press, 1998. \$15.99 Grades K-3.

Clyde is nervous about what he should take for show and tell, but he ends up sharing a wonderful surprise with his class.

SNOWFLAKE BENTLEY / Jacqueline Briggs Martin, Mary Azarian, ill.

Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston, 1998. Grades K-3.

A biography of a self-taught scientist who photographed thousands of individual snowflakes in order to study their unique formations.

THE BIGGEST, BEST SNOWMAN / Margery Cuyler; Will Hillenbrand, ill.

Scholastic, 1998. \$15.95 Grades K-3.

Little Nell is told by her big sisters and her mother that she is too small to help out, but everyone, including Nell, feels differently after her forest friends give her the confidence to build a large snowman.

THE LIGHTHOUSE DOG / Betty Waterton; Dean Griffiths, ill.

Orca Book Publishers, 1997. \$14.95 Grades K-3.

There's a big storm brewing when the captain's wife brings home a most unusual puppy!

THE PIG WHO RAN A RED LIGHT / Paul Brett Johnson

Orchard Books, NY, 1999. \$15.95 Grades K-3.

After her pig George gets a ticket while driving her pickup truck, Miss Rosemary uses his habit of imitating Gertrude the cow to get him to behave as he should.

THE SUMMER MY FATHER WAS TEN / Pat Brisson; Andrea Shine, ill.

Boyds Mills Press, 1998. \$15.95 Grades K-3.

A father tells his son the story of how he damaged a neighbor's tomato garden when he was boy and what he did to make amends.

TREVOR'S WIGGLY-WOBBLY TOOTH / Lester L. Laminack; Kathi Garry McCord, ill.

Peachtree Publishers, 1998. \$15.95 Grades K-3.

Although he is happy about having a loose tooth, Trevor worries when his classmates tell him some of the ways others might try to pull out the tooth.

UPSTAIRS / Judith Ross Enderle and Stephanie Gordon Tessler; Kate Salley Palmer, ill.

Boyds Mills Press, 1998. \$14.95 Grades K-3.

When the tenant upstairs moves out, a new tenant moves in --- and turns the apartment into a farm.

THE AMAZING FRECKTACLE / Ross Venokur

Delacourt Press, 1998. \$14.95 Grades 4-8.

A fifth-grade boy trades in 5792 freckles to a strange department store manger in exchange for a fitting revenge on everyone in school who has ever tormented him.

A CALDECOTT CELEBRATION: SIX ARTIST AND THEIR PATHS TO THE CALDECOTT MEDAL / Leonard S. Marcus

Walker and Company, NY, 1998. \$18.95 Grades 4-8.

Profiles six Caldecott award-winning books and their authors, including Robert McCluskey's *Make Way For Ducklings*, Marcia Brown's *Cinderella*, Maurice Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are*, William Steig's *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*, Chris Van Allsburg's *Jumanji*, and David Wiesner's *Tuesday*.

DANGER ALONG THE OHIO / Patricia Willis

Avon Books, Inc., 1997. \$3.99 Grades 4-8.

Traveling down the Ohio River in 1793, Amos, Clara, and Jonathan are separated from their father during a brutal Indian attack. The three children are swept down the river, and must make their way back through the wilderness in the direction of the Marietta settlement, hoping to find their father there.

GRAND CANYON: A TRAIL THROUGH TIME / Linda Vieira; Christopher Canyon, ill.

Walker and Company, NY, 1997. \$15.95 Grades 4-8.

Describes the deep trench known as the Grand Canyon, found in the Grand Canyon National Park, and the activities of visitors to the park.

HOLES / Louis Sachar

Frances Foster Books, 1998. \$16.00 Grades 4-8.

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

JUST JUICE / Karen Hesse

Scholastic Press, 1998. \$14.95 Grades 4-8.

Realizing that her father's lack of work has endangered her family, nine-year-old Juice decides that she must return to school and learn to read in order to help their chances of surviving and keeping their house.

LONE WOLF / Kristine L. Franklin

Candle wick Press, 1997. \$16.99 Grades 4-8.

When a large family moves into the house near where he and his father lives in the woods, Perry's friendship with the oldest girl helps him come to terms with his sister's death and his parent's divorce.

LOVE LETTERS / Arnold Adoff, Lisa Desimini, ill.

Blue Sky Press, NY, 1997. Grades 4-8.

A collection of twenty poems written by kids and klutzes, secret admirers and detractors, friends, enemies, and skeptics to the objects of their affection-- or aversion.

MARY ON HORSEBACK: THREE MOUNTAIN STORIES / Rosemary Wells, Peter McCarty, ill.

Dial Books, 1998. \$16.99 Grades 4-8.

Three very poignant vignettes brings to life the true story of Mary Breckenridge, the unforgettable founder of the Frontier Nursing Service, which since 1925 has provided medical services to rural Appalachian Kentucky.

MICHELANGELO'S SURPRISE / Tony Parillo

Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, NY, 1998. \$16.00 Grades 4-8.

After a very heavy snowfall in Florence, Italy, Sandro, the youngest page in the palazzo of Piero de' Medici, tries to find out why the ruler had summoned the sculptor, Michelangelo.

NAVAJO SUMMER / Jennifer Owings Dewey

Boyds Mills Press, 1998. \$14.95 Grades 4-8.

This story of a young girl who runs away from home to live with a Navajo family is based on the author's childhood.

THE NEWEST AND COOLEST DINOSAURS / Philip J. Currie and Colleen O. Mastin; Jan

Sovak, ill.

1998. \$18.95 Grades 4-8.

Learn what mighty monster was more gigantic than Tyrannosaurus rex and may possibly be the largest carnivore that ever lived. Was it a Sauropod's worst nightmare? Find out if you dare!

NORTH BY NIGHT: A STORY OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD / Katherine Ayers

Delacorte Press, 1998. \$15.95 Grades 4-8.

Presents the journal of a sixteen-year-old girl whose family operates a stop on the Underground Railroad.

PASSAGE TO FREEDOM: THE SUGIHARA STORY / Ken Mochizuki; Dom Lee, ill.

Lee & Low Books, Inc., NY, 1997. \$15.95 Grades 4-8.

In 1940, five-year-old Hiroki Sugihara, the eldest son of the Japanese consul to Lithuania, saw from the consulate window hundreds of Jewish refugees from Poland. They had come to Hiroki's father with a desperate request: Could consul Sugihara write visas for them to escape the Nazi threat?

RAPTOR / Paul Zindel

Hyperion Books for Children, NY, 1998. Grades 4-8.

Zack and his Ute Indian friend find themselves trapped in a cave with a living dinosaur.

SACRED FIRE / Nancy Wood; Frank Howell; ill.

Doubleday, 1998. \$25.00 Grades 4-8.

A collection of poems and paintings centered on the beliefs and ancestral wisdom of the Pueblo Indians of the American Southwest.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN ROSE / Alan Schroeder; Brad Sneed, ill.

Dial Books for Young Readers, 1997. \$14.99 Grades 4-8.

In this variation on the Cinderella story, based on the Charles Perrault version but set in the Smoky Mountains, Rose loses her glass slipper at a party given by the rich feller on the other side of the creek.

STANDING UP TO MR. O. / Claudia Mills

Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, NY, 1998. \$16.00 Grades 4-8.

Twelve-year-old Maggie comes to dread biology class because her favorite teacher is insisting that she dissect a worm, an assignment that makes her feel very squeamish and awakens her to the question of animal rights.

SUSANNAH / Janet Hickman

Greenwillow Books, NY, 1998. Grades 4-8.

After her mother's death, fourteen-year-old Susannah is taken by her father to live in a Shaker community in Ohio, but she does not find the same sense of peace there that he does.

WANDER / Susan Hart Lindquist

Delacorte Press, 1998. \$14.95 Grades 4-8.

Grieving for their dead mother, twelve-year-old James and his sister Sary find healing in their affection for a stray dog.

THE WILD BOY / Mordicai Gerstein

Frances Foster Books, Farrar, Straus, Giroux, NY, 1998. \$16.00 Grades 4-8.

Relates the story of a boy who grew up like a wild animal in the forests of France and was later captured and studied by doctors in Paris, but never became completely civilized.