

2007 Nominee List

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Beyond Old Macdonald: Funny Poems From Down On The Farm/Charles Hoce; Eugenie Fernandes ill.

Wordsong (April 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 1590783123 \$16.95.

A collection of silly, rhyming poems about farm life features a sheep that goes on the lam, a cow that wears a dress that makes her calves look small, and more corny characters.

Big Sister, Little Sister/LeUyen Pham

Hyperion (July 27, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0786851821 \$15.99

Shows the part a big sister plays and the part a little sister plays in a family.

Chameleon Chameleon/Joy Cowley; Nic Bishop ill.

Scholastic Press (April 1, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0439666538 \$16.95

Experience close-up the many moods (and colors) of chameleons. One brave chameleon ventures from the safety of his tree in search of a new home. On his journey, he meets other rain forest animals, not all of them friendly! Alas, the new tree he chooses is already home to another chameleon. She dons her aggressive coloring until she's sure that the visitor is friend, not foe....

Clara and Asha/Eric Rohmann.

Roaring Brook Press (August 1, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 1596430311 \$16.95

Young Clara would rather play with her imaginary giant fish, Asha, than settle down to sleep.

Emma Kate/by Patricia Polacco

Philomel (September 8, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0399244522 \$16.99

Emma Kate and her best friend, a toy elephant, share many activities, such as homework and soccer practice, and even have their tonsils out at the same time!

Fold Me a Poem/Kristine O'Connell George; Lauren Stringer ill.

Harcourt Children's Books (April 1, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0152025014 \$16.00

A collection of poems about origami animals.

The Great Fuzz Frenzy/Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel; Janet Stevens ill.

Harcourt Children's Books (September 1, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0152046267 \$17.00

When a tennis ball lands in a prairie dog town, the residents find that their newfound frenzy for fuzz creates a fiasco.

I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!/Karen Beaumont; David Catrow ill.

Publisher: Harcourt Children's Books (2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0152024883 \$16.00

In the rhythm of a familiar folk song, a child cannot resist adding one more dab of paint in surprising places.

Leaf Man/Lois Ehlert

Harcourt Children's Books (September 1, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0152053042 \$16.00

A man made of leaves blows away, traveling wherever the wind may take him. On die-cut pages.

My Best Friend/Mary Ann Rodman

Viking Juvenile (May 5, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0670059897 \$15.99

Six-year-old Lily has a best friend all picked out for play group day, but unfortunately the differences between first-graders and second-graders are sometimes very large.

Our Tree Named Steve/Alan Zweibel; David Catrow ill.

G. P. Putnam's Sons (March 17, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0399237224 \$14.99

In a letter to his children, a father recounts memories of the role Steve, the tree in their front yard, has played in their lives.

Stars Beneath Your Bed: The Surprising Story of Dust/April Pulley Sayre; Ann Jonas ill.

Greenwillow; 1st edition (April 1, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0060571888 \$15.99

Explains the origins of dust, what dust is, and how dust shows up in the world.

Weaving the Rainbow/George Ella Lyon; Stephanie Anderson ill.

Atheneum/Richard Jackson Books (March 2, 2004) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0689851693 \$16.95

An artist raises sheep, shears them, cards and spins the wool, dyes it, and then weaves a colorful picture of the Kentucky pasture where her lambs were born.

White Is for Blueberry/George Shannon; Laura Dronzek ill.

Greenwillow (April 1, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 006029275X \$15.99

Encourages the reader to look at objects in nature from another perspective, observing their colors in a new way.

You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Mother Goose Tales to Read Together/Mary Ann Hoberman; Michael Emberley ill.

Megan Tingley; 1st ed edition (September 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0316144312 \$16.99

Fourteen favorite Mother Goose tales in very short tellings, told in two voices to allow reading together.

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Becoming Naomi Leon/by Pam Munoz Ryan

Scholastic Press (September 1, 2004) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0439269695 \$16.95

When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father.

Chicken Boy/ by Frances O'Roark Dowell

Atheneum (June 21, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0689858167 \$15.95

Since the death of his mother, Tobin's family life and school life have been in disarray, but after he starts raising chickens with his seventh-grade classmate, Henry, everything starts to fall into place.

Each Little Bird That Sings/Deborah Wiles

Gulliver Books (March 1, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0152051139 \$16.00

Comfort Snowberger is well acquainted with death since her family runs the funeral parlor in their small southern town, but even so the ten-year-old is unprepared for the series of heart-wrenching events that begins on the first day of Easter vacation with the sudden death of her beloved great-uncle Edisto.

How to Be the Funniest Kid in the Whole Wide World (or Just in Your Class)/Jay Leno; S. B. Whitehead ill.

Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing (September 27, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 1416906312 \$12.95

Filled with mini-routines, knock-knock jokes, silly questions, and animal jokes, this guide to learning humor provides young readers with a collection of raw material suitable for parties and playgrounds alike.

The Last Holiday Concert/Andrew Clements

Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing (October 5, 2004) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0689845162
\$15.95

Life is usually easy for popular fifth grader Hart Evans, but when his music teacher puts him in charge of the holiday concert, Hart must use all of his leadership skills to unite the other students.

The Liberation of Gabriel King/K. L. Going

Putnam Juvenile (June 16, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 039923991X \$15.99

In Georgia during the summer of 1976, Gabriel, a white boy who is being bullied, and Frita, an African American girl who is facing prejudice, decide to overcome their many fears together as they enter fifth grade.

Little Cricket/by Jackie Brown

Hyperion; 1st edition (June 1, 2004) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0786818522 \$15.99

After the upheaval of the Vietnam War reaches them, twelve-year-old Kia and her Hmong family flee from the mountains of Laos to a refugee camp in Thailand and eventually to the alien world of Saint Paul, Minnesota.

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane/Kate DiCamillo; Bagram Ibatoulline ill.

Candlewick (February 14, 2006) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0763625892 \$18.99

Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.

Mr. Chickee's Funny Money/Christopher Paul Curtis

Wendy Lamb Books (October 11, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0385327722 \$15.95

Flint Future Detective Club members Steven Carter, his friend Russell, and Russell's huge dog Zoopy solve the mystery of a quadrillion-dollar bill with the image of James Brown on it.

The Penderwicks : A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy/Jeanne Birdsall

Knopf Books for Young Readers (June 14, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0375831436 \$15.95

While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.

The Pepins and Their Problems/Polly Horvath; Marilyn Hafner ill.

Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR) (August 11, 2004) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0374358176 \$16.00

The reader is invited to help solve the Pepin family's unusual problems, which include having a cow who creates lemonade rather than milk and having to cope with a competitive neighbor.

Poppy's Return/Avi; Brian Floca ill.

HarperCollins (July 26, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0060000120 \$15.99

Poppy, accompanied by her troublesome son Junior, his skunk friend, and Uncle Ereth the porcupine, responds to a summons to return to her ancestral home, Gray House, to save the mice there from destruction by a bulldozer.

Project Mulberry/by Linda Sue Park

Clarion Books (April 18, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0618477861 \$16.00

While working on a project for an after-school club, Julia, a Korean American girl, and her friend Patrick learn not just about silkworms, but also about tolerance, prejudice,

friendship, patience, and more. Between the chapters are short dialogues between the author and main character about the writing of the book.

Rainbow Soup: Adventures in Poetry/Brian P. Cleary; Neal Layton ill.

Carolrhoda Books (February 2004) (Library Binding) ISBN: 157505597X \$16.95

An introduction to poetry that uses humorous poems, illustrations, and annotations to clarify terms and explain different types of poems, such as macaronic verse, concrete poems, and limericks.

Replay/Sharon Creech

Joanna Cotler (September 27, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0060540192 \$15.99

While preparing for a role in the school play, twelve-year-old Leo finds an autobiography that his father wrote as a teenager and ponders the ways people change as they grow up. Includes the text for the play, "Rumpopo's Porch."

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Avalon High/Meg Cabot

HarperCollins (December 27, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0060755865 \$16.99

Having moved to Annapolis, Maryland, with her medievalist parents, high school junior Ellie enrolls at Avalon High School where several students may or may not be reincarnations of King Arthur and his court.

Bras & Broomsticks/Sarah Mlynowski

Delacorte Books for Young Readers (February 22, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0385731817 \$15.95

Living in New York City with her mother and her younger sister, Miri, fourteen-year-old Rachel tries to persuade Miri, who has recently become a witch, to help her become popular at school and to try to stop their divorced father's wedding.

Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two/Joseph Bruchac

Dial (March 17, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0803729219 \$16.99

After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.

Death Mountain/Sherry Shahan

Peachtree (August 3, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 1561453536 \$15.95

While traveling to visit the mother she has not heard from in almost a year, Erin and another teenage girl become lost in the rugged Sierra Nevada mountains and must struggle for six days to survive.

Defiance/Valerie Hobbs

Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR) (July 14, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0374308470 \$16.00

While vacationing in the country, eleven-year-old Toby, a cancer patient, learns some important lessons about living and dying from an elderly poet and her cow.

Do You Know The Monkey Man?/Dori H. Butler

Peachtree Jr (March 18, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 1561453404 \$14.95

While searching for the father who left her and her mother ten years ago, thirteen-year-old Samantha begins to believe that the twin sister who supposedly died when they were three years old is still alive.

Flush/Carl Hiaasen

Knopf Books for Young Readers (September 13, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0375821821 \$16.95
With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.

Not Exactly Normal/by Devin Brown

Eerdmans Books for Young Readers (September 15, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0802852831
\$15.00

A sixth-grader at St. Luke's Episcopal School in rural New England sets out to have a mystical experience and learns valuable lessons about himself and the world along the way.

Red Kayak/Priscilla Cummings

Dutton Juvenile; [1st ed.] edition (September 27, 2004) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0525473173 \$15.99

Living near the water on Maryland's Eastern Shore, thirteen-year-old Brady and his best friends J.T. and Digger become entangled in a tragedy which tests their friendship and their ideas about right and wrong.

Secrets Of A Civil War Submarine: Solving The Mysteries Of The H. L. Hunley/Sally M. Walker
Carolrhoda Books (January 2005) (Library Binding) ISBN: 1575058308 \$18.95

Presents the history of the Civil War submarine the H.L. Hunley, including the construction, mysterious sinking, recovery, and restoration.

Septimus Heap, Book One: Magyk/Angie Sage; Mark Zug ill.

Katherine Tegen Books (March 15, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0060577312 \$16.99

After learning that she is the Princess, Jenna is whisked from her home and carried toward safety by the Extraordinary Wizard, those she always believed were her father and brother, and a young guard known only as Boy 412--pursued by agents of those who killed her mother ten years earlier. The seventh son of the seventh son, aptly named Septimus Heap, is stolen the night he is born by a midwife who pronounces him dead....

Small Steps/Louis Sachar

Delacorte Books for Young Readers (January 10, 2006) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0385733143 \$16.95

Three years after being released from Camp Green Lake, Armpit is trying hard to keep his life on track, but when his old pal X-Ray shows up with a tempting plan to make some easy money scalping concert tickets, Armpit reluctantly goes along.

Weedflower/Cynthia Kadohata

Atheneum (March 28, 2006) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0689865740 \$16.95

After twelve-year-old Sumiko and her Japanese-American family are relocated from their flower farm in southern California to an internment camp on a Mojave Indian reservation in Arizona, she helps her family and neighbors, becomes friends with a local Indian boy, and tries to hold on to her dream of owning a flower shop.

Where the Great Hawk Flies/Liza Ketchum

Clarion Books (August 15, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0618400850 \$16.00

Years after a violent New England raid by the Redcoats and their Revolutionary War Indian allies, two families, one that suffered during that raid and one with an Indian mother and Patriot father, become neighbors and must deal with past trauma and prejudices before they can help each other in the present. Based on the author's family history. Includes historical notes and notes on the Pequot Indians.

A Wreath for Emmett Till/Marilyn Nelson; Philippe Lardy ill.

Houghton Mifflin (April 4, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0618397523 \$17.00

Presents fifteen interlinked sonnets to pay tribute to Emmitt Till, a fourteen-year-old African American boy who was lynched in Mississippi in 1955 for whistling at a white woman, and whose murderers were acquitted.

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Black and White/Paul Volponi

Viking Juvenile (May 5, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0670060062 \$15.99

Two star high school basketball players, one black and one white, experience the justice system differently after committing a crime together and getting caught.

Caught in the Act/Peter Moore

Viking Juvenile (April 7, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0670059900 \$16.99

Everyone believes that sophomore honors student Ethan Lederer is a top-notch scholar and a great guy, but a new student helps Ethan to discover and disclose that he is just acting a role, even as she reveals her own mental instability.

A Certain Slant of Light/Laura Whitcomb

Graphia (September 21, 2005) (Paperback) ISBN: 061858532X \$8.99

After benignly haunting a series of people for 130 years, Helen meets a teenage boy who can see her and together they unlock the mysteries of their pasts.

Crank/Ellen Hopkins

Simon Pulse (October 5, 2004) (Paperback) ISBN: 0689865198 \$7.99

Kristina Georgia Snow is the perfect daughter, gifted high school junior, quiet, never any trouble. But on a trip to visit her absentee father, Kristina disappears and Bree takes her place. Bree is the exact opposite of Kristina. Through a boy, Bree meets the monster: crank. And what begins as a wild ecstatic ride turns into a struggle through hell for her mind, her soul - her life.

Eyes of the Emperor/Graham Salisbury

Wendy Lamb Books (August 9, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0385729715 \$15.95

Following orders from the United States Army, several young Japanese American men train K-9 units to hunt Asians during World War II.

Finding Lubchenko/Michael Simmons

Razorbill (June 16, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 1595140212 \$16.99

When his father is framed for murder and bioterrorism, high-school junior Evan, using clues from a stolen laptop, travels from Seattle to Paris with two friends to find the real culprit.

Full Service/Will Weaver

Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR) (September 15, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0374324859 \$17.00

In the summer of 1965, teenager Paul Sutton, a northern Minnesota farm boy, takes a job at a gas station in town, where his strict religious upbringing is challenged by new people and experiences.

I Will Plant You a Lilac Tree: A Memoir of a Schindler's List Survivor/Laura Hillman

Atheneum (April 26, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0689869800 \$16.95

In 1942 Hannelore Wolff made a difficult decision, one that changed her life forever. She left the comfort and safety of her boarding school in Berlin, Germany, and volunteered to be sent to a Polish ghetto. The Gestapo had already killed her father and were deporting her

mother and brothers. Hannelore could not bear to be separated from what was left of her family so she chose to go with them....

Invisible/Pete Hautman

Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing; 1st edition (May 17, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0689868006 \$15.95

Doug and Andy are unlikely best friends--one a loner obsessed by his model trains, the other a popular student involved in football and theater--who grew up together and share a bond that nothing can sever.

Letting Go of Bobby James: Or How I Found My Self of Steam/Valerie Hobbs

Farrar, Straus and Giroux (August 13, 2004) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0374343845 \$16.00

After being left by her husband at a gas station in Florida, sixteen-year-old Sally Jo Walker, also known as Jody, makes some difficult decisions and a better life for herself.

LoveSick/Jake Coburn

Dutton Juvenile (September 22, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0525473831 \$16.99

After an accident seems to end his college and athletic dreams, Ted is offered a second chance at school if he agrees to spy on a classmate and help her father monitor her bulimia.

Poison/Chris Wooding

Scholastic Point; New Ed edition (January 16, 2004) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0439755700 \$16.99

When Poison leaves her home in the marshes of Gull to retrieve the infant sister who was snatched by the fairies, she and a group of unusual friends survive encounters with the inhabitants of various Realms, and Poison herself confronts a surprising destiny.

Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie/David Lubar

Dutton Juvenile (July 21, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0525473114 \$16.99

While navigating his first year of high school and awaiting the birth of his new baby brother, Scott loses old friends and gains some unlikely new ones as he hones his skills as a writer.

Strong at the Heart: How It Feels to Heal from Sexual Abuse/Carolyn Lehman

Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR) (September 29, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0374372829 \$18.00

Every year more than half a million young people are sexually abused or assaulted in North America. This groundbreaking book brings readers face-to-face with nine survivors who speak with candor and courage about the abuse they experienced, how they have healed, and how they are moving forward with their lives. White, black, Latino, and Native American, these everyday heroes come from a wide range of communities and have found different ways to cope with and overcome sexual trauma....

Twilight/Stephenie Meyer

Megan Tingley (October 5, 2005) (Hardcover) ISBN: 0316160172 \$17.99

When seventeen-year-old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington, she meets an exquisitely handsome boy at school for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction and who she comes to realize is not wholly human.