

2004 Nominee Lists

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Alphabet Under Construction / Denise Fleming.

Henry Holt, 2002, \$16.95.

Mouse constructs each letter with the appropriate verb, e.g. "glue the G"

Bertie Was a Watchdog / Rick Walton; Arthur Robins.

Candlewick Press, 2002, \$10.99.

Brains can overcome brawn as this watch-size dog saves the family's home from a burglar.

Bob by Tracey Campbell Pearson

Farrar Straus Giroux, 2002. \$16.00.

While looking for someone to teach him how to crow, a rooster learns to sound like many different animals and finds that his new skills come in handy.

Bubba and Beau Best Friends / Kathi Appelt, Arthur Howard.

Harcourt Brace and Company, 2002. \$16.00.

When Mama Pearl washes their favorite blanket it's a sad day for best friends Bubba and Beau but it gets worse when she decides the puppy and boy need baths, too.

Bug Cemetery / Frances Hill; Vera Rosenberry.

Holt, 2002, \$16.95.

Death is approached in a gentle manner, first with insects, then a friend's cat, and the resulting garden soothes the sorrow.

Close Your Eyes / Kate Banks; Georg Hallensleben.

Farrar Straus Giroux, 2002. \$16.00.

A mother tiger entices her child to sleep by telling of all that can be seen with one's eyes closed.

Do Like a Duck Does / Judy Hindley; Ivan Bates.

Candlewick Press, 2002, \$14.99.

In rhyme and alliteration Mama Duck outwits the conniving fox.

A Drop of Gold / Vlasta van Kampen

Annick Press, 2001. \$18.95.

A pourquoi story that tells what happens when Mother Nature forgets to color the birds.

Duck on a Bike / David Shannon.

Blue Sky Press, 2002, \$15.95.

Each of the barnyard animals watch Duck cavort on a bike and jealously end up finding their own bikes in the unconventional adventure.

The Great Gracie Chase Stop That Dog! / Cynthia Rylant; Marc Teague.

Blue Sky Press, 2001, \$15.95

Gracie, who wants only peace and quiet, ends up causing a comic chase but returns to a quiet home.

Hungry Hen / Richard Waring; Caroline Church.

HarperCollins, 2001, \$14.95

A greedy fox watches a hungry hen growing bigger every day, knowing that the longer he waits to eat her, the bigger she will be.

I Stink! / Kate McMullan and Jim McMullan.

HarperCollins Publisher, 2002. \$15.95.

A big city garbage truck makes its rounds, consuming everything from apple cores and banana peels to leftover ziti with zucchini.

Little Brown Hen's Shower / Pamela Duncan Edwards and Darcia Labrosse.

, Hyperion, 2002. \$15.99.

A mother hen hears there is going to be a shower, so she takes her umbrella to the surprise party the other animals are having for her baby and her.

The Magic Hat / Mem Fox; Tricia Tusa.

Harcourt Brace & Company, 2002. \$16.00.

A wizard's hat blows into town, changing people into different animals.

Milo's Hat Trick / Jon Agee.

Hyperion Books for Children, 2001. \$15.95.

When Milo the magician is in desperate need of a new trick to pull out of his hat, he encounters a bear who helps him out.

My Friend Rabbit / Eric Rohmann.

Roaring Brook Press, 2002. \$15.95.

Rabbit engineers the rescue of Mouse's plane only to get into another problem.

Muncha! Muncha! Muncha! / Candace Fleming; G. Brian Karas.

Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2002. \$16.00.

After planting the garden he has dreamed of for years, Mr. McGreeley tries to find a way to keep some persistent bunnies from eating all his vegetables.

Once Upon a Farm / Marie Bradby; Ted Rand.

Orchard, 2002. \$16.95.

A poetic look at a family farm and a vanishing way of life.

The Real, True Dulcie Campbell / Cynthia DeFelice; R. W. Alley.

Farrar, 2002. \$16.00.

Imaginative Dulcie tells her parents that she is really a princess and should not have to muck out the chicken coop.

The Recess Queen / Alexis O' Neill; Laura Huliska-Beith.

Scholastic, 2002. \$15.95.

Mean Jean is the biggest bully on the school playground until a new girl arrives and challenges Jean's status as the Recess Queen.

Snow Day! / Patricia Lakin; Scott Nash.

Dial Books Dutton, 2002. \$15.99.

Four friends enjoy a snowy day of sledding.

Toasting Marshmallows: Camping Poems / Kristine O'Connell George; Kate Kiesler.

Clarion Books, 2001. \$15.00.

A collection of poems about camping.

Wanda's Monster / Eileen Spinelli; Nancy Hayasha.

Albert Whitman Company, 2002. \$15.95.

When Wanda fears she has a monster in her closet, she takes her grandmother's advice and begins to look from monster's point of view.

A is for Appalachia / Linda Hager Pack; illustrated by Pat Banks
Harmony House Publishers, 2002

This incredible alphabet book details interesting facts about Appalachian culture. Though it is an alphabet book, its content is very advanced.

Animals Nobody Loves / Seymour Simon
SeaStar Books, 2001

Twenty not-so-beloved animals are examined in this "attractive" volume.

Blister / Susan Shreve

Arthur A. Levine Books, 2001

When a family tragedy occurs, ten-year-old Alyssa "Blister" Reed changes schools, moves to an apartment with her depressed mother while her father gets his own place, and tries to believe her grandmother, who tells her she is "elastic" and can handle it all.

Caleb's Story / Patricia MacLachlan

Joanna Cotler Books, 2001

The stranger lurking on the Witting family's prairie farm turns out to be their long-lost grandfather, whose presence plus prodding from Sarah forces Jacob to deal with his past.

The Cod's Tale / Mark Kurlansky; illustrated by S.D. Schindler
Putnam, 2001

Standard facts and figures about cod are presented in a fascinating style: how big they grow, how many eggs they hatch, and how they survive. But the book is much more than this. Time lines show the impact of cod fishing on scores of historical events. Comical illustrations and odd-ball facts make the book a very appealing read.

Earthborn / Sylvia Waugh

Delacorte Press, 2002

Upon suddenly learning that her parents are researchers from another planet and they must leave in seven days or risk discovery, twelve-year-old Nesta decides to stay in their York, England, home, whether or not her parents go.

Elizabeth's Song / Michael Wenberg; illustrated by Cornelius Van Wright

Beyond Words Publishing, 2002

Young Elizabeth loves music so much she saves and saves her pennies to buy a guitar. After she teaches herself to play the guitar, she begins composing songs. Late in her life Elizabeth becomes well known for her unique style of playing. Many famous folk singers record the songs she wrote. Despite living in the time of racial segregation, Elizabeth stays positive with her music.

Everything on a Waffle / Polly Horvath

Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2001

Eleven-year-old Primrose living in a small fishing village in British Columbia recounts her experiences and all that she learns about human nature and the unpredictability of life in the months after her parents are lost at sea.

If the World Were a Village / David Smith; illustrated by Shelagh Armstrong

Kids Can Press, 2002

Over a billion people inhabit the Earth, but what if the world were a village with a population of 100? Smith's book tells us who we are in this village, what languages we speak, how many of us have televisions and how many of us make less than one dollar a day. What you learn about your village may surprise you.

The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere / Henry Wadsworth Longfellow; illustrated by Christopher Bing

Handprint Books, 2001

An illustrated version of the narrative poem which describes Paul Revere's midnight ride in 1775 to warn the people of the Boston countryside of an impending attack by the British.

Power of Un / Nancy Etchemendy

Cricket Books, 2000

When he is given a device that will allow him to "undo" what has happened in the past, Gib Finney is not sure what event from the worst day in his life he should change in order to keep his sister from being hit by a truck.

Red Rose Box / Brenda Woods

G. P. Putnam Sons, 2002

In 1953, Leah Hopper dreams of leaving the poverty and segregation of her home in Sulphur, Louisiana, and when Aunt Olivia sends train tickets to Los Angeles as part of her tenth birthday present, Leah gets a first taste of freedom

Ruby Holler / Sharon Creech

Joanna Cotler Books, 2002.

Thirteen-year-old fraternal twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage but their lives change forever when an eccentric but sweet older couple invites them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler.

Saffy's Angel / Hilary McKay

Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2001

After learning that she was adopted, thirteen-year-old Saffron's relationship with her eccentric, artistic family changes, until they help her go back to Italy where she was born to find a special memento of her past.

Scranimals / Jack Prelutsky; illustrated by Peter Sis

Greenwillow Books, 2002

Prepare to explore a wilderness of puns and rhymes where birds, beasts, vegetables, and flowers have been mysteriously scrambled together to create creatures you've never seen before -- and are unlikely to meet again!

Secret to Freedom / Marcia Vaughn; illustrated by Larry Johnson

Lee & Low Books, 2001

Great Aunt Lucy tells a story of her days as a slave, when she and her brother learned the quilt code. Runaway slaves learned to decipher codes on quilts that were hung out to signal directions on the Underground Railroad.

Skeleton Man / Joseph Bruchac

Harper Collins, 2001

After her parents disappear and she is turned over to the care of a strange "great-uncle," Molly must rely on her dreams about an old Mohawk story for her safety and maybe even for her life.

A Strong Right Arm / Michelle Green

Dial Books for Younger Readers, 2002

Mamie Johnson's determination to become a professional baseball player leads her to become one of only three women to play in the Negro Leagues. Mamie's courage and curve ball help her to make her unlikely dream come true.

Surviving Brick Johnson / Laurie Myers

Clarion Books, 2000

Afraid of getting maimed for making fun of Brick, the husky new kid in his fifth-grade class, Nick decides that even his baseball collection will not protect him so he signs up for karate class, despite his little brother's reassurances that Brick is not a bully.

We Rode the Orphan Trains / Andrea Warren

Houghton Mifflin, 2001

At one time in history, orphans ran loose on the streets of New York City . Poor and homeless, these children did not have the refuge of clean orphanages or foster homes. A young minister named Charles Loring Brace devised a plan to find these waifs a home. He loaded them onto trains and sent them West. These trains became known as the Orphan Trains. This book details the lives of some of the orphans who found both good and bad homes.

What Would Joey Do? / Jack Gantos

Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2002.

Joey tries to keep his life from degenerating into total chaos when his mother sends him to be home-schooled with a hostile blind girl, his divorced parents cannot stop fighting, and his grandmother is dying of emphysema.

When Marian Sang / Pam Munoz Ryan; illustrated by Brian Selznick

Scholastic, 2002

An introduction to the life of Marian Anderson, extraordinary singer and civil rights activist, who was the first African American to perform at the Metropolitan Opera, and whose life and career encouraged social change

Wingwalker / Rosemary Wells; illustrated Brian Selznick

Hyperion, 2002

During the Depression, Reuben and his out-of-work parents move from Oklahoma to Minnesota , where his father gets a job as a carnival wingwalker and Reuben has a chance to overcome his terror of flying.

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The Breadwinner / Deborah Ellis.

Douglas & McIntyre, Buffalo, N.Y. : c 2002. 170p.

Because the Taliban rulers of Kabul, Afghanistan, impose strict limitations on women's freedom and behavior, eleven-year-old Parvana must disguise herself as a boy so that her family can survive after her father's arrest.

A Corner of the Universe / Ann M. Martin.

Scholastic Press, New York : c2002. 189p

The summer that Hattie turns twelve, she meets the childlike uncle she never knew and becomes friends with a girl who works at the carnival that comes to Hattie's small town.

Crispin: The Cross of Lead / Avi.

Hyperion, 2002. 261p. \$15.99 ISBN 0-7868-0828-4; PLB \$16.49. ISBN 0-7868-2647-9.

The power of a name is apparent in this novel set in 14th-century England . "Asta's son" is all the destitute, illiterate hero has ever been called, but after his mother dies, he learns that his

given name is Crispin, and that he is in mortal danger. This is a meticulously crafted story, full of adventure, mystery, and action. Newbery winner.

Dancing In My Nuddy-Pants : Even Further Confessions of Georgia Nicolson / Louise Rennison.
HarperTempest, New York : 2003.

An English teenager tries to decide whether her musician boyfriend Robbie, whom she may get the chance to accompany on tour, is her one and only, or if her ex, Dave the Laugh, could fill his shoes

Dolores: Seven Stories About Her / Bruce Brooks.

HarperCollins, New York : c2002., 135p.

A series of events captures the life of a free-spirited girl as she grows from a savvy seven-year-old to a self-assured sixteen-year-old.

Double Dutch / Sharon Draper.

Atheneum Books for Young Readers, New York : c2002. 183p.

Three eighth-grade friends, preparing for the International Double Dutch Championship jump rope competition in their hometown of Cincinnati , Ohio , cope with Randy's missing father, Delia's inability to read, and Yo Yo's encounter with the class bullies.

The Gospel According to Larry / Janet Tashjian.

Henry Holt, New York : 2001. 227p.

Seventeen-year-old Josh, a loner-philosopher who wants to make a difference in the world, tries to maintain his secret identity as the author of a web site that is receiving national attention.

A Hole In The World / Sid Hite.

Scholastic Press, New York : c2001. 204p.

Fifteen-year-old Paul Shackleford experiences an eye-opening and transformative summer living and working on the central Virginia farm of his distant relatives all of whom seem to be haunted by the death of a much-loved and admired farmhand the year before.

Hoot / Carl Hiaasen.

Knopf, New York : c2002. 292p.

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

The House of the Scorpion / Nancy Farmer.

Atheneum Books for Young Readers, New York : c2002. 380p.

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

How Angel Peterson Got His Name: and Other Outrageous Tales about Extreme Sports / Gary Paulsen.

Wendy Lamb books, New York : c2003. 111p.

Author Gary Paulsen relates tales from his youth in a small town in northwestern Minnesota in the late 1940s and early 1950s, such as skiing behind a souped-up car and imitating daredevil Evel Knievel.

Lucy the Giant / Sherri L. Smith.

Delacorte Press, New York : c2002. 217p.

Fifteen-year-old Lucy, the largest girl in her school, leaves her small Alaska town and her alcoholic father and discovers hardship--and friendship--posing as an adult aboard a commercial fishing boat.

Mississippi Trial, 1955 / Chris Crowe.

P. Fogelman Books, New York : c2002. 231p.

In Mississippi in 1955, a sixteen-year-old finds himself at odds with his grandfather over issues surrounding the kidnapping and murder of a fourteen-year-old African-American from Chicago.

Numbering All the Bones / Ann Rinaldi.

Jump at the Sun/Hyperion books for Children, New York : c2002. 170p.

Thirteen-year-old Eulinda, a house slave on a Georgia plantation in 1864, turns to Clara Barton, the eventual founder of the American Red Cross, for help in finding her brother Neddy who ran away to join the Northern war effort and is rumored to be at Andersonville Prison.

Pictures of Hollis Woods / Patricia Reilly Giff.

Wendy Lamb Books, New York : c2002. 166p.

A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.

The Same Stuff as Stars / Katherine Paterson.

Clarion Books, New York : c2002. 242p.

When Angel's self-absorbed mother leaves her and her younger brother with their poor great-grandmother, the eleven-year-old girl worries not only about her mother and brother, her imprisoned father, the frail old woman, but also about a mysterious man who begins sharing with her the wonder of the stars.

Things Not Seen / Andrew Clements.

Philomel Books, New York : c2002. 251p.

When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend Alicia try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.

Touching Spirit Bear / Ben Mikaelson.

Harpercollins, New York : c2001. 241p.

After his anger erupts into violence, fifteen year-old Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the Native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.

12 Again / Sue Corbett.

Dutton Children's Books, New York : c2002. 227p.

Bernadette, having wished on the eve of her fortieth birthday to be young again, wakes up the next morning as a twelve-year-old, and enrolls in her son Patrick's class in hopes of somehow enlisting his help in returning to her old self.

When My Name Was Keoko / Linda Sue Park.

Clarion Books, New York : c2002. 199p.

With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely.

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Big Mouth and Ugly Girl / Joyce Carol Oates.

HarperCollins Books, 2002. \$16.89 ISBN: 0066237580.

An unusual friendship sparks when Ugly Girl stands up for what is right.

Blind Sighted / Peter Moore.

Viking Children's Books, 2002. \$16.99 ISBN: 0670035432.

Kirk arrives home to find his mother gone on a trip with her new boyfriend. Her plans to move to a new town and begin life over do not mesh with Kirk's. How can he cope with all the changes?

Born Blue / Han Nolan.

Harcourt, 2001. \$17.00 ISBN: 0152019162.

When Janie is a child, her addict mother sells her for drugs. Thus begins her life of abuse and neglect. How can she survive?

Breathing Underwater / Alex Flinn.

HarperCollins, 2002. \$7.99 ISBN: 0064472574.

Sixteen-year-old Nick, convicted of hitting his former girlfriend, is instructed by the judge to write a journal.

Catalyst / Laurie Halse Anderson.

Viking Children's Books, 2002. \$12.59 ISBN: 0670035661.

Kate plans to attend her mother's alma mater, MIT. She has no fallback plans and has to deal with disappointment on the academic and personal front when the school rejects her.

Damage / A.M. Jenkins.

HarperTempest, 2003. \$6.99 ISBN: 0064472558.

Being a big time football player should make life easy, right? This novel examines how depression can consume every part of your life.

Every Time a Rainbow Dies / Rita Williams-Garcia.

Amistad Press, 2002. \$6.95 ISBN: 0064473031.

From the safety of his rooftop, Thulani watches the world go by. One day he witnesses an event, which will change his life forever.

Hole in my Life / Jack Gantos.

Farrar Straus & Giroux, 2002. \$16.00 ISBN: 0374399883.

Gantos spent part of his life in prison for running drugs. This slice of life autobiography tells of his experiences.

Lovely Bones / Alice Sebold.

Little Brown & Company, 2002. \$21.95 ISBN: 0316666343

On her way home from school on a snowy December day in 1973, 14-year-old Susie Salmon is lured into a makeshift underground den in a cornfield and brutally raped and murdered, the latest victim of a serial killer--the man she knew as her neighbor, Mr. Harvey.

19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East / Naomi Shihab Nye.

Harpercollins Books, 2002. \$16.95 ISBN: 0060097655.

Beginning with a work inspired by the events of September 11, Nye brings together 60 of her poems about people, war and peace.

One Hot Second / Cathy Young.

Random House 2002. \$10.95 ISBN: 0375812032

Collection of short stories about love and desire in the lives of a variety of teens.

Perfect Snow / Nora Martin.

Bloomsbury USA Children's Books, 2002. \$16.95 ISBN: 1582347883

Seventeen-year-old Ben must deal with a violent white-supremacy hate group in a small Montana town because his father and his friends are involved with it.

Postcards From No Man's Land / Aidan Chambers.

Dutton Books, 2002. 19.99 ISBN: 0525468633

2003 Printz Award. Jam-packed with ideas and filled with passionate characters, the story is made up of two narratives, one set in the mid-1990s and the other in 1944. The inevitable but surprising ways in which these two tales connect form the novel's backbone.

Stoner and Spaz / Ronald Koertge.

Candlewick Press, 2002. \$15.99 ISBN: 0763616087

A troubled youth with cerebral palsy struggles with self-acceptance with the help of drug-addicted young women.

Whale Talk / Chris Crutcher.

Laureleaf, 2002. \$5.50 ISBN: 0440229383

Crutcher's long awaited novel offers a provocative look at how violence begets violence. It also leaves readers knowing that, if violence is to end, it is up to them to do something to stop it.

You Don't Know Me / David Klass.

HarperTempest, 2002. \$6.99 ISBN: 0064473783

Though the book deals with the serious topic of abuse, the humorous narrative of the protagonist provides much needed comic relief.