

2014 Nominee Lists

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And Then It's Spring / Julie Fogliano; Erin E. Stead, ill.

Roaring Brook Press, 2012.

Simple text reveals the anticipation of a boy who, having planted seeds while everything is brown, fears that something has gone wrong until, at last, the world turns green.

Dreaming Up: A Celebration of Building / Christy Hale.

Lee & Low Books Inc., 2012.

A collection of concrete poetry, illustrations, and photographs that shows how young children's constructions, created as they play, are reflected in notable works of architecture from around the world.

Each Kindness / Jacqueline Woodson; E. B. Lewis, ill.

Nancy Paulsen Books, 2012.

When Ms. Albert teaches a lesson on kindness, Chloe realizes that she and her friends have been wrong in making fun of new student Maya's shabby clothes and refusing to play with her.

Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs / Mo Willems, ill.

Balzer & Bray, 2012.

Presents the wacky story of three dinosaurs, including a visitor from Norway, who insist that they have not tidied up their home and prepared yummy pudding to trap a tasty little girl.

Hornbooks and Inkwells / Verla Kay; S. D. Schindler, ill..

G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2011.

Two brothers spend a year attending a one-room schoolhouse on the frontier.

Looking at Lincoln / Maira Kalman.

Nancy Paulsen Books, 2012.

Wanting to know about the real man behind the sixteenth president's legendary character, a little girl learns about Lincoln's beliefs regarding universal freedom as well as lesser-known aspects of his life, from his love of Mozart and his wife's vanilla cake to his pet dog and the way he kept his notes in his stovepipe hat.

Oh, No! / Candace Fleming; Eric Rohman, ill.

Schwartz & Wade Books, 2012.

A series of animals falls into a deep hole, only to be saved at last by a very large rescuer.

Oh No, George! / Chris Haughton

Candlewick Press, 2012.

Harboring the best of intentions and trusted by his owner to be a well-behaved dog while alone during the day, George resists the temptation to chase cats and dig up flowers but finds his resolve wavering when he spies a mouthwatering cake on the table.

Penny and Her Doll / Kevin Henkes

Greenwillow, 2012.

Penny instantly loves the doll her grandmother sends her, but finding the perfect name for her is a challenge

This Is Not My Hat / Jon Klassen

Candlewick Press, 2012.

A tiny minnow wearing a pale blue bowler hat has a thing or two up his fins in this underwater light-on-dark chase scene.

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Barnum's Bones: How Barnum Brown Discovered the Most Famous Dinosaur in the World / Tracey E. Fern.

Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2012.

Early 20th century paleontologist Barnum Brown discovers the first documented skeleton of the Tyrannosaurus Rex and other important dinosaurs.

An Elephant in the Garden / Michael Morpurgo.

Feiwel and Friends, 2011.

Lizzie and Karl's mother, Mutti, working at a local zoo in Dresden, Germany, during World War II while their father is away fighting in France, brings home Marlene, a baby elephant that is slated to be destroyed as the Allied bombing grows closer, and when they are forced to flee, Mutti feels they must take Marlene with them, adding even more danger to their journey.

Flutter: The Story of Four Sisters and One Incredible Journey / Erin E. Moulton.

Philomel Books, 2011.

Nine-and-a-half-year-old Maple and her older sister, Dawn, must work together to face treacherous terrain, wild animals, and poachers as they trek through Vermont's Green Mountains seeking a miracle for their prematurely-born sister.

Last Laughs: Animal Epitaphs / J. Patrick Lewis and Jane Yolen; Jeffrey Stewart Timmins, ill. Charlesbridge, 2012.

Humorous, pun-filled poetry describes the demise of a variety of our beloved pets and animal companions.

May B: A Novel / Caroline Starr Rose.

Schwartz & Wade Books, 2012.

When a failed wheat crop nearly bankrupts her family, May is sent to spend several months helping out on a neighbor's Kansas prairie farm, but finds herself abandoned and alone with winter approaching. May must fight to survive the harsh conditions and her own internal struggles with reading and school in this novel in verse.

The One and Only Ivan / Katherine Applegate; Patricia Castelao, ill.

Harper, 2012.

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

The Secret Tree / Natalie Standiford.

Scholastic, 2012.

In her last summer before middle school, Minty navigates a new friendship while investigating the mysteries in her neighborhood, including the Witch House, the Man Bat, and the Secret Tree, where people leave secrets written on slips of paper.

Three Times Lucky / Sheila Turnage.

Dial Books for Young Readers, 2012.

Eleven-year-old Mo LoBeau and her best friend Dale Earnhardt Johnson III help investigate a murder in the small town of Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, while Mo searches for her birth mother and works in the café run by her "adoptive" parents, the Colonel and Miss Lana.

Wild Life / Cynthia DeFelice.

Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011.

When twelve year-old Erik, who has just received his hunting license, is sent to a small town in North Dakota to live with grandparents he hardly knows, the threat of a hostile grandfather and losing the dog he rescued prompts Erik to run away in this story of adventure and survival.

Wonder / R. J. Palacio.

Knopf, 2012.

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, born with an extreme facial deformity, struggles to fit in as he makes the transition from homeschooling to private school.

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Chomp / Carl Hiaasen

The difficult star of the reality television show, "Expedition Survival," disappears on location in the Florida Everglades, where they were filming animals from the wildlife refuge run by Wahoo Crane's family, and Wahoo and classmate Tuna Gordon set out to find him, but they must avoid Tuna's gun-happy father.

Cinder / Marissa Meyer.

Cinder, a gifted mechanic and a cyborg with a mysterious past, is blamed by her stepmother for her stepsister's illness while a deadly plague decimates the population of New Beijing, but when Cinder's life gets intertwined with Prince Kai's, she finds herself at the center of an intergalactic struggle.

The False Prince / Jennifer A. Nielsen.

Scholastic Press, 2012.

In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.

The Ghost of Graylock / Dan Poblocki.

Staying with their aunts over the summer, Neil Cady, his sister Bree, and their new friends Wesley and Eric, set out to explore Graylock Hall, an abandoned psychiatric hospital which is supposed to be haunted by the ghost of Nurse Janet.

Guitar Notes / Mary Amato.

A heartwarming story about an unlikely friendship forged between a straight-A, classical musician and a bad-boy guitar player told through notes, lyrics, texts, and narration.

Lincoln's Last Days / Bill O'Reilly.

Provides an account of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, discussing how actor John Wilkes Booth and his fellow Confederate sympathizers hatched their murderous plot, and following the ensuing manhunt, trials, and executions of the conspirators.

The Lions of Little Rock / Kristine Levine.

Twelve-year-old Marlee develops a strong friendship with Liz, the new girl in school, but when Liz suddenly stops attending school and Marlee hears a rumor that her friend is actually

an African American girl passing herself off as white, the two young girls must decide whether their friendship is worth taking on integration and the dangers it could bring to their families.

One for the Murphys / Lynda Mullaly Hunt.

A moving debut novel about a foster child learning to open her heart to a family's love. Carley uses humor and street smarts to keep her emotional walls high and thick. But the day she becomes a foster child, and moves in with the Murphys, she's blindsided. This loving, bustling family shows Carley the stable family life she never thought existed, and she feels like an alien in their cookie-cutter-perfect household.

Shelter / Harlan Coben.

After Mickey witnesses his father's death and his mother's admission into rehab, he is sent to live with his estranged uncle and change high schools, but when Mickey's new girlfriend, Ashley, suddenly disappears Mickey refuses to let another person walk out of his life and follows clues that reveal truths about both Ashley and Mickey's father.

Unstoppable / Tim Green.

Foster child Harrison, who dreams of playing in the NFL, is happy when he is put into a home with loving parents and a foster father who is a football coach, but, after becoming the star running back and suffering an injury, a cancer diagnosis threatens to ruin his future.

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Beneath a Meth Moon / Jacqueline Woodson.

Nancy Paulsen Books, 2012.

Laurel Daneau, having lost her mother, grandmother, and home in Hurricane Katrina, thinks things are going well with her new life as a cheerleader and the girlfriend of basketball star T-Boom, but after T-Boom introduces her to meth and she finds the drug helps her deal with her past, she must rely on the help of an artist named Moses and her friend Kaylee to overcome the addiction.

Code Name Verity / Elizabeth Wein.

Hyperion Books, 2012.

In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must do to survive while keeping secret all that she can.

Diviners / Libba Bray.

Little, Brown. 2012.

Seventeen-year-old Evie O'Neill is thrilled when she is exiled from small-town Ohio to New York City in 1926, even when a rash of occult-based murders thrusts Evie and her uncle, curator of The Museum of American Folklore, Superstition, and the Occult, into the thick of the investigation.

Every Day / David Levithan.

Knopf, 2012.

Every morning A wakes in a different person's body, in a different person's life, learning over the years to never get too attached, until he wakes up in the body of Justin and falls in love with Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon.

Final Four / Paul Volponi.

Viking, 2012.

Four players at the Final Four of the NCAA basketball tournament struggle with the pressures of tournament play and the expectations of society at large.

I Hunt Killers / Barry Lyga.

Little, Brown, 2012.

Seventeen-year-old Jazz learned all about being a serial killer from his notorious "Dear Old Dad." Believing he can fight his own urges and right some of his father's wrongs, Jazz helps the police catch the town's newest murderer, "The Impressionist," but, in doing so, he discovers he may have more in common with his father than he thought.

Just One Day / Gayle Forman.

Dutton Books, 2013.

Sparks fly when American good girl Allyson encounters laid-back Dutch actor Willem, so she follows him on a whirlwind trip to Paris, upending her life in just one day and prompting a year of self-discovery and the search for true love.

October Mourning: A Song for Matthew Shepard / Leslea Newman.

Candlewick, 2012.

Relates, from various points of view, events from the night of October 6, 1998, when twenty-one-year-old Matthew Shepard, a gay college student, was lured out of a Wyoming bar, savagely beaten, tied to a fence, and left to die.

Pregnancy Project / Gaby Rodriguez.

Simon & Schuster, 2012.

Gaby Rodriguez, whose mother and older sister both became pregnant as teenagers, explains what she learned from faking a pregnancy as a high school senior in order to find out how people would treat her.

Pushing the Limits / Katie McGarry.

Harlequin Teen, 2012.

Rendered a subject of gossip after a traumatic night that left her with terrible scars on her arms, Echo is dumped by her boyfriend and bonds with bad-boy Noah, whose tough attitude hides an understanding nature and difficult secrets.