

2010 Nominee Lists

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Baby Dragon /By Amy Ehrlich; Will Hillenbrand, ill.
Candlewick, 2008

"All day, Baby Dragon turns down other animals' offers to go play or find a snack while he waits for his mother to return for him, but at nightfall, he agrees to go with Crocodile to find her."

Bats at the Library /By Brian Lies.
Houghton Mifflin, 2008

"Bored with another normal, inky evening, bats discover an open library window and fly in to enjoy the photocopier, water fountain, and especially the books and stories found there."

Bees, Snails and Peacock Tails /By Betsy Franco; Steve Jenkins, ill.
Margaret K. McElderry, 2008.

"Come explore the hidden shapes and patterns in nature. The peacock's flashy tail is a masterpiece of color and shape. A buzzing beehive is built of tiny hexagons. Even a snake's skin is patterned with diamonds. Poet Betsy Franco and Caldecott Honor winner Steve Jenkins bring geometry to life in this lively, lyrical look at the shapes and patterns that can be found in the most unexpected places."

Chicken of the Family /By Mary Amato; Delphine Durand, ill.
Putnam, 2008..

"When her older sisters tease her into believing that she is actually a chicken, Henrietta runs off to a farm to be among her own kind."

Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever /By Marla Frazee.
Harcourt, 2008.

"Friends James and Eamon enjoy a wonderful week at the home of Eamon's grandparents during summer vacation."

Houndsley and Catina and the Quiet Time /By James Howe; Marie-Louise Gay, ill.
Candlewick Press, 2008.

"The first snow of winter has fallen, and Houndsley is very happy, as he loves the quiet time. Catina does not like the quiet time, however, and she does not enjoy being snowed in. What about all her plans for the day? What if their evening concert has to be canceled? With a bit of pretending, a few books and board games, a flourish of creativity, and some time to dream, Houndsley helps Catina let go of her worries and enjoy the snowy day, wherever it might take them."

How to Heal a Broken Wing /By Bob Graham.
Candlewick Press, 2008.

"In a city full of hurried people, only young Will notices the bird lying hurt on the ground. With the help of his sympathetic mother, he gently wraps the injured bird and takes it home. In classic Bob Graham style, the beauty is in the details: the careful ministrations with an eyedropper, the bedroom filled with animal memorabilia, the saving of the single feather as a good-luck charm for the bird's return to the sky. Wistful and uplifting, here is a tale of possibility — and of the souls who never doubt its power."

Lost-and-Found Tooth /By Louise Borden; Adam Gustavson, ill.
Simon & Schuster, 2008

"A special calendar hangs in Mr. Reilly's second-grade classroom, and Lucy Webb impatiently awaits the day when she can add her name for losing a tooth, but when her time arrives, something unexpected happens."

On the Farm/By David Elliott; Holly Meade, ill.
Viking, 2008.

"From the bull to the barn cat to the wild bunny, the farmyard bustles with life. The rooster crows, the rams clash, the bees buzz, and over there in the garden, a snake — silent and alone — winds and watches. David Elliott's graceful, simple verse and Holly Meade's exquisite woodcut and watercolor illustrations capture a world that is at once timeless yet disappearing from view — the world of the family farm."

Peter spit a seed at Sue /Jackie French Koller; Johan Manders, ill.
Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2007.

One seed spit at Sue leads to much more in this rhyming adventure of watermelons, kids and finally everyone.

Tadpole Rex /By Kurt Cyrus.
Harcourt, 2008.

"A tiny primordial tadpole grows into a frog, feeling just as strong and powerful as the huge tyrannosaurus rex that stomps through the mud."

There's a Wolf at the Door: Five Classic Tales /By Zoe B. Alley & R.W. Alley.
Roaring Brook Press, 2008.

"As his plans are spoiled over and over again, the wolf keeps trying to find his dinner, in this retelling of five well-known stories and fables."

A Visitor for Bear/By Bonny Becker; Kady MacDonald Denton, ill.
Candlewick, 2008.

Bear's efforts to keep visitors out of his house are undermined by a very persistent mouse.

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Adventures of Molly Whuppie and Other Appalachian Folktales /By Ann Shelby
University of North Carolina Press, 2007.

Combining traditional Appalachian folktale plots with a contemporary sensibility, writer and storyteller Anne Shelby creates fourteen lively, original stories of a funny, magical, yet familiar world.

Eleven/ By Patricia Reilly Giff
Random House, 2008.

When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, it brings forth memories from his past, and, with the help of a new friend at school and the castle they are building for a school project, his questions are eventually answered.

Iron Thunder/By Avi
Hyperion, 2007.

Tom's job as an assistant to Captain John Ericsson, the inventor of the Monitor, makes him a target of Confederate spies.

Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little/By Peggy Gifford
Random House, 2008.

With summer coming to an end, about-to-be-fourth-grader Moxy Maxwell does a hundred different things to avoid reading her assigned summer reading book.

My Dog May Be a Genius/By Jack Prelutsky
HarperCollins, 2008.

Have you ever encountered an underwater marching band, a pig in a bathing suit, a pet orangutan, or a witch in a hardware store? Have you ever sat with a skunk in a courtroom, shopped for a dinosaur, or conversed with a Bupple, a Wosstrus, a Violinnet, or a Celloon? You will have, once you've read this collection of poems.

The Puzzling World of Winston Breen/By Eric Berlin
Penguin, 2009.

Puzzle-crazy, twelve-year-old Winston and his ten-year-old sister Katie find themselves involved in a dangerous mystery involving a hidden ring. Puzzles for the reader to solve are included throughout the text.

The Runaway Dolls/By Ann Martin
Hyperion, 2008.

Best friends Annabelle and Tiffany risk placing all of doll kind in danger when they run away while trying to prevent Tilly from being sent back to London before they can determine if she is Annabelle's long-lost baby sister.

Saving the Griffin /by Kristin Wolden Nitz
Peachtree Press, 2007.

When eleven-year-old Kate and her younger brother Michael encounter a baby griffin in an Italian garden, they vow to help the creature find its way back home and to keep Griffio's existence a secret.

Slam Dunk!/By Sharon Robinson
Scholastic, 2009.

At Harlem's Langston Hughes Middle School, eleven-year-old Elijah "Jumper" Breeze and his friends compete against Nia and her girlfriends on the basketball court, in a video dance tournament, and for a Student Council seat, and, meanwhile, several of the students face issues with their fathers.

Swindle/By Gordon Korman
Scholastic, 2009.

After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palamino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, sixth-grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the SmartPick fruit picker.

That Book Woman/By Heather Henson
Simon & Schuster, 2008.

A family living in the Appalachian Mountains in the 1930s gets books to read during the regular visits of the "Book Woman"--a librarian who rides a pack horse through the mountains, lending books to the isolated residents.

When the Wolves Returned: Restoring Nature's Balance in Yellowstone/By Dorothy Patent
Walker & Co., 2008.

When wolves were eliminated from Yellowstone National Park the natural system was out of balance. Shows the return of the wolves to the park and the natural balance being restored.

The Willoughby's/By Lois Lowry.

Houghton Mifflin, 2008.

In this tongue-in-cheek take on classic themes in children's literature, the four Willoughby children set about to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny.

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Every Soul a Star/By Wendy Mass

Little, Brown, 2008.

Ally, Bree, and Jack meet at the one place the Great Eclipse can be seen in totality, each carrying the burden of different personal problems, which become dim when compared to the task they embark upon and the friendship they find.

Game/By Walter Dean Myers

HarperCollins, 2009.

If Harlem high school senior Drew Lawson is going to realize his dream of playing college, then professional, basketball, he will have to improve at being coached and being a team player, especially after a new--white--student threatens to take the scouts' attention away from him.

The Graveyard Book/By Neil Gaiman

HarperCollins, 2008.

After the grisly murder of his entire family, a toddler wanders into a graveyard where the ghosts and other supernatural residents agree to raise him as one of their own.

The Great Wide Sea/By M. H. Herlong

Penguin, 2008.

Still mourning the death of their mother, three brothers go with their father on an extended sailing trip off the Florida Keys and have a harrowing adventure at sea.

Horse of her Own/By Annie Wedekind

Feiwel & Friends, 2008.

At summer camp Jane feels like an outsider among the cliquish rich girls who board their horses at Sunny Acres farm, and when the horse she has been riding is sold to another camper, she feels even worse until her teacher asks her to help train a beautiful but skittish new horse, and the experience brings out the best in her.

Knucklehead/By Jon Scieszka

Penguin, 2008.

How did Jon Scieszka get so funny? He grew up as one of six brothers with Catholic school, lots of comic books, lazy summers at the lake with time to kill, babysitting misadventures, TV shows, and jokes told at family dinner.

Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg/By Rodman Philbrick

Scholastic, 2009.

Twelve-year-old Homer, a poor but clever orphan, has extraordinary adventures after running away from his evil uncle to rescue his brother, who has been sold into service in the Civil War.

Savvy/By Ingrid Law

Penguin, 2008.

Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--A magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.

SCAT/By Carl Hiaasen

Random House, 2009.

Nick and his friend Marta decide to investigate when a mysterious fire starts near a Florida wildlife preserve and an unpopular teacher goes missing.

Trials of Kate Hope/By Wick Downing

Houghton Mifflin, 2008.

At the young age of fourteen, Kate Hope is licensed to practice law in the state of Colorado in 1973, and with the help of her lawyer grandfather, and memories of her dead father, also a lawyer, she tries the case of a dog that is slated to be destroyed for attacking a baby.

Trouble/By Gary D. Schmidt

Houghton Mifflin, 2008.

Fourteen-year-old Henry, wishing to honor his brother Franklin's dying wish, sets out to hike Maine's Mount Katahdin with his best friend and dog. But fate adds another companion--the Cambodian refugee accused of fatally injuring Franklin--and reveals troubles that predate the accident.

Waiting for Normal/By Leslie Connor

HarperCollins, 2008.

Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.

Ways to Live Forever/By Sally Nicholls

Scholastic, 2008.

Eleven-year-old Sam McQueen, who has leukemia, writes a book during the last three months of his life, in which he tells about what he would like to accomplish, how he feels, and things that have happened to him.

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The Adoration of Jenna Fox/By Mary Pearson

Henry Holt, 2008.

In the not-too-distant future, when biotechnological advances have made synthetic bodies and brains possible but illegal, a seventeen-year-old girl, recovering from a serious accident and suffering from memory lapses, learns a startling secret about her existence.

Artichoke's Heart/By Suzanne Supplee

Penguin, 2008.

When she is almost sixteen years old, Rosemary decides she is sick of being overweight, mocked at school and feeling out of control. As she slowly loses weight, she realizes that she is

able to cope with her mother's cancer, having a boyfriend for the first time, and discovering that other people's lives are not as perfect as they seem from the outside.

Ghost Medicine/By Andrew Smith

Feiwal & Friends, 2008.

Still mourning the recent death of his mother, seventeen-year-old Troy Stotts relates the events of the previous year when he and his two closest friends try to retaliate against the sheriff's son, who has been bullying them for years.

Graceling/By Kristin Cashore

Houghton Mifflin, 2008.

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace, the Grace of killing, and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.

The Hunger Games/By Suzanne Collins

Scholastic, 2008.

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

Impossible/By Nancy Werlin

Peguin, 2008.

When seventeen-year-old Lucy discovers her family is under an ancient curse by an evil Elfin Knight, she realizes to break the curse she must perform three impossible tasks before her daughter is born in order to save them both.

No Choirboy: Murder, Violence, Teenagers on Death Row/By Susan Kuklin

Henry Holt, 2008.

In their own voices--raw and uncensored--inmates sentenced to death as teenagers talk about their lives in prison, and share their thoughts and feelings about how they ended up there.

Perfect Chemistry/By Simone Elkeles

Walker & Co., 2008.

When wealthy, seemingly perfect Brittany, and Alex Fuentes, a gang member from the other side of town, develop a relationship after Alex discovers that Brittany is not exactly who she seems to be, they must face the disapproval of their schoolmates--and others.

The Red Necklace/By Sally Gardner

Penguin, 2008.

In the late eighteenth-century, Sido, the twelve-year-old daughter of a self-indulgent marquis, and Yann, a fourteen-year-old Gypsy orphan raised to perform in a magic show, face a common enemy at the start of the French Revolution.

Shift/By Jennifer Bradbury

Simon & Schuster, 2008.

When best friends Chris and Win go on a cross country bicycle trek the summer after graduating and only one returns, the FBI wants to know what happened.

Ten Mile River/By Paul Griffen

Penguin, 2008.

Having escaped from juvenile detention centers and foster care, two teenaged boys live on their own in an abandoned shack in a New York City park, making their way by stealing, occasionally working, and trying to keep from being arrested.

Unwind/By Neal Shusterman

Simon & Schuster, 2007.

In a future world where those between the ages of thirteen and eighteen can have their lives "unwound" and their body parts harvested for use by others, three teens go to extreme lengths to uphold their beliefs--and, perhaps, save their own lives.

Wintergirls/By Laurie Halse Anderson

Penguin, 2009.

Eighteen-year-old Lia comes to terms with her best friend's death from anorexia as she struggles with the same disorder.