Kentucky Bluegrass Award-K-2: 2024-2025 Nominee List

Bears are Best / Joan Holub / Laurie Keller ill. Crown Books for Young Readers. 2023. It's panda-monium in this rollicking nonfiction picture book about bears habits, habitats, and more.

Carina Felina / Carmen Agra Deedy / Henry Cole ill. Scholastic Press, 2023. Pepe the Parrot falls in love with a cat and trouble begins! Retelling of a Cuban folktale.

Destiny Finds Her Way / Margarita Engle / Sam Trull ill. National Geographic Partners, 2023.

Destiny, a rescued orphan baby sloth, must learn to be strong and confident after she loses the use of one of her eyes. This is an inspiring story about overcoming obstacles.

Gold! / David Shannon / Viking. 2022.

A riotous retelling of the Midas myth by the Caldecott Honor-winning and #1 New York Times bestselling author of No, David!

I'm From / Gary Gray / Balzer + Bray, an imprint of Harper Collins Publishers, 2023. An invitation into the vivid world of one small boy, a poetic account of all the people and places and things that shape who he is and define where he is from

Kaboom! A Volcano Erupts / Jessica Kulekjian / Zoe Si ill. Kids Can Press, 2023. Here's a step-by-step story of a volcanic eruption — told from the volcano's point of view!

Mr. S: A First Day of School Book / Monica Arnaldo / Harper Collins. 2023. The children are surprised to find that their teacher is a sandwich. But is he? While the school day rolls on, an event is playing out outside the window.

Too Many Pigs and One Big Bad Wolf / Davide Cali / Marianna Balducci ill. Tundra, 2022.

An unseen reader goes head-to-head with the big bad wolf in this hilarious counting-book twist on The Three Little Pigs.

Try a Bite, Trilobite! / Jonathan Fenske / Simon Spotlight, 2023.

A picky eater learns how delicious it can be to try something new in this laugh-out-loud Level 1 Ready-to-Read from two-time Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor recipient Jonathan Fenske!

Who's Afraid of the Light / Anna McGregor / Scribble US, 2023.

Fergus lives down in the deepest, darkest sea and is scared of just one thing ... the light! Fresh and funny narrative non-fiction from the award-winning Anna McGregor.