



The Monarch Award

Illinois' K-3 Children's Choice Award

2013 Nominees



Night Flight: Amelia Earhart Crosses the Atlantic by Robert Burleigh

J 629.13 BUR

An account of Amelia Earhart's dangerous 1932 flight across the Atlantic Ocean from Newfoundland to Ireland, in which she survived bad weather and a malfunctioning airplane.

Bink and Gollie by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee

J DIC / JP DIC

Two roller-skating best friends – one tiny, one tall – share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion.

Ant and Grasshopper by Luli Gray

E GRA

In this variation of the old tale of the ant who gathers food for winter, and the grasshopper who does not prepare, there is an unexpected ending.

The Big Fat Cow that Goes Kapow by Andy Griffiths

ER GRI

In these ten easy-to-read stories, there is a mixed-up cow that says "miaow," a mole called Noel who plays rock 'n' roll in a hole, and a boy named Mike who rides a bike with a very big spike!

How Rocket Learned to Read by Tad Hills

E HIL

A little yellow bird teaches Rocket the dog how to read by first introducing him to the "wondrous, mighty, gorgeous alphabet."

That Cat Can't Stay! by Thad Krasnesky

E KRA

Poor Dad does not like cats, and he voices this through the steady stream of stray cats that wind up on the family's doorstep -- thanks to cat-loving Mom. Dad surprises everyone – and finally gets what he wants – after a trip to the pound.

Pet the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes by Eric Litwin

E LIT

Pete the cat wears his school shoes when visiting the library, the lunchroom, the playground, and more while singing his special song.

Pop!: The Invention of Bubble Gum by Meghan McCarthy

J 664.6 MCC

Full of fun historical facts, this book is the true story of how bubble gum was invented.

Even Monsters Need Haircuts by Matthew McElligott

E MCE

At night under a full moon, a child operates a barber shop with a monstrous clientele.

Lousy Rotten Stinkin' Grapes by Margie Palatini

E PAL

Retells the fable of a frustrated fox that, after many tries to reach a high bunch of grapes, decides they must be sour anyway.

Clemente! by Willie Perdomo

J B CLE

A little boy named Clemente learns about his namesake, the great baseball player Roberto Clemente.

Blackout by Jon Rocco

E ROC

When a busy family's activities come to a halt because of a blackout, they find they enjoy spending time together and not being too busy for once.

Where in the Wild?: Camouflaged Creatures Concealed & Revealed by David M. Schwartz

J 591.472 SCH

Ten creatures wait, camouflaged in artful, full-page photographs, while playful poems offer clues about each animal's identity and whereabouts.

A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Philip Christian Stead

E STE

Amos McGee, a friendly zookeeper, always made time to visit his good friends: the elephant, the tortoise, the penguin, the rhinoceros, and the owl. But one day, "Ah-choo!," he woke with the sniffles and sneezes. Though he didn't make it to the zoo that day, he did receive some unexpected guests.

The Cazuela that the Farm Maiden Stirred by Samantha R. Vamos

E VAM

A cumulative tale of a farm maiden who, aided by a group of animals, prepares "Arroz con Leche," or rice pudding.

The Circus Ship by Chris Van Dusen

E VAN

After courageously swimming to shore when the ship that they are traveling on sinks and the wretched captain does nothing to rescue them, circus animals find a way to become a valued part of a coastal community.

Lulu and the Brontosaurus by Judith Viorst

J VIO / JP VIO

Lulu's parents refuse to give in when she demands a brontosaurus for her birthday and so she sets out to find her own, but while the brontosaurus she finally meets approves of pets, he does not intend to be Lulu's.

Art & Max by David Wiesner

E WIE

Max wants to be an artist like Arthur, but his first attempt at using a paintbrush sends the two friends on a whirlwind trip through various media, with unexpected consequences.

We Are in a Book by Mo Willems

ER WIL

Gerald and Piggie discover the joy of being read. But what will happen when the book ends?

Frankie Pickle and the Closet of Doom by Eric Wight

J WIG / JP WIG

Fourth-grader Frankie Piccolini has a vivid imagination when it comes to cleaning his disastrously messy room, but eventually even he decides that it is just too dirty.



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