

Beehive Award Nominees

2009

Children's Fiction Books

The Aurora County All-Stars by Deborah Wiles

House Jackson, star pitcher and team captain of the Aurora County All-Stars, has been sidelined for a year with a broken elbow. Now he's healed but the big game conflicts with the county's 200th anniversary pageant.

The Candy Shop War by Brandon Mull

Fifth-graders Nate, Summer, Trevor, and Pigeon meet the owner of the new candy store in town and are given a magical candy that endows them with super powers. They find that along with benefits are also dangerous consequences.

Clementine by Sara Pennypacker; ill by Marla Frazee

While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles. She also helps her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

Dragon Slippers by Jessica Day George

Orphaned after a fever epidemic, Creel befriends a dragon and unknowingly inherits an object that can either save or destroy her kingdom.

Way Down Deep by Ruth White

Houndsley and Catina by James Howe; ill. Marie-Louise Gay

Houndsley and Catina run into trouble when they decide to prove that they are the best at cooking and writing, respectively.

No Talking by Andrew Clements; ill. by Mark Elliott

The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.

On the Wings of Heroes by Richard Peck

A boy in Illinois remembers the homefront years of World War II, especially his two heroes--his brother in the Air Force and his father, who fought in World War I.

Paint the Wind by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Maya, an orphan, leaves her extremely restricted life in California to stay with her mother's family on a remote Wyoming ranch. She discovers a love of horses and encounters a wild mare that her mother once rode.

Rules by Cynthia Lord

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

Informational Books

The Dangerous Book for Boys by Conn and Hal Iggulden

This book covers essential boyhood skills such as building tree houses, learning how to fish, and even answering the age old question: what's the big deal with girls?

Dogs and Cats by Steve Jenkins

Learn all the facts about cats and dogs including history, domestication, different breeds and more.

Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott by Russell Freedman

The Montgomery Bus Boycott is seen through the key personalities and events that contributed to this year-long civil rights struggle.

It's a Butterfly's Life by Irene Kelly

Follow the life cycle of butterflies, through art and succinct text.

John Muir: America's First Environmentalist by Kathryn Lasky

This biography traces the naturalist from childhood through his travels, speeches and writings that led directly to the creation of the Yosemite National Park in 1890.

Oh Rats! The Story of Rats and People by Albert Marrin

Get ready to look at rats in a whole new way. These intelligent, compassionate creatures are greatly misunderstood.

Onward: The Photobiography of African-American Polar Explorer Matthew Henson by Dolores Johnson

A biography of the explorer, Matthew Henson, who accompanied Robert Peary on his expeditions to the North Pole.

Quest for the Tree Kangaroo: An Expedition to the Cloud Forests of New Guinea by Sy Montgomery
Readers meet the elusive Matschie's tree kangaroo, which makes its home in the ancient trees of Papua New Guinea's cloud forest.

To Dance: A Ballerina's Graphic Novel by Siena Cherson Siegel ill. by Art Siegel

Watch the author's dream as it carries her from her home in Puerto Rico to performing with the New York City Ballet.

The Wall: Growing up Behind the Iron Curtain by Peter Sís

This autobiographical account takes readers on an extraordinary journey to Czechoslovakia behind the Iron Curtain.

Children's Picture Books

Adele & Simon by Barbara McClintock

When Adele walks her little brother Simon home from school, he loses things at every place they stop: his drawing of a cat at the grocer's shop, his books at the park, his crayons at the art museum, and more.

Black? White! Day? Night! by Laura Seeger

Bold colors, cutouts, and full-page lift-the-flaps show intriguing opposites where things aren't always what they seem.

The Boy Who Was Raised by Librarians by Carla Morris; ill. by Brad Sneed

Melvin discovers that the public library is the place where he can find just about anything--including three librarians who help in his quest for knowledge.

Coming on Home Soon by Jacqueline Woodson; ill. by E.B. Lewis

During World War II, Ada Ruth's mama must go away to Chicago to work, leaving Ada Ruth and Grandma behind. Every day they wait, watching for the letter that says Mama will be coming on home soon.

The Incredible Book Eating Boy by Oliver Jeffers

Henry loves to eat books, until he begins to feel quite ill and decides that maybe he could do something else with the books he has been devouring.

If I Built a Car by Chris Van Dusen

Jack describes the kind of car he would build--one with amazing accessories and with the capability of traveling on land, in the air, and on and under the sea.

Knuffle Bunny, Too! by Mo Willems

With her daddy in tow, Trixie hurries to school to show off her one-of-a-kind Knuffle Bunny. But an awful surprise awaits her.

Not Norman: A Goldfish Story by Kelly Bennett; ill. by Noah Z. Jones

Norman the goldfish isn't what this little boy had in mind. But when he tries to trade Norman for a "good pet," things don't go as he planned. Could it be that Norman is a better pet than he thought?

Un-brella by Scott E. Franson

In this wordless book, a little girl uses her magic umbrella to give her the weather she wants, regardless of what the conditions really are outside.

Would I Ever Lie To You? by Caralyn Buehner; ill. by Jack E. Davis

When your cousin is always telling outrageous tales, how do you know what to believe? In this spirited, silly book, the little kid finally gets to turn the tables on the big bully.

Children's Poetry Books

Blue Lipstick by John Grandits

These funny and sometimes irreverent concrete poems reflect a teen girl's outlook on high school.

Bugs: Poems About Creeping Things by David Lee Harrison; ill. by Rob Shepperson

The 40 creepy, wild, and silly verses are for reading aloud. Several of them are intended for two voices or a chorus.

Comets, Stars, and Moons: Space Poems and Paintings by Douglas Florian

Explore astronomy in this collection of whimsical poems about planets, stars and other objects in outer space.

Cowlick! by Christin Ditchfield; ill. by Rosalind Beardshaw
Where do cowlicks come from? Find out in this imaginative picture book rhyme.

Dogku by Andrew Clements; ill. by Tim Bowers
In this sweet story told in haiku, a stray puppy looks for a home.

Good Sports: Rhymes about Running, Jumping, Throwing and More by Jack Prelutsky; ill. by Chris Raschka
From scoring touchdowns to striking out, this humorous set of poems describes the ups and downs of children's sports.

Here's a Little Poem: a very first Book of Poetry by Jane Yolen and Andrew Fusek Peters; ill. by Polly Dunbar
This anthology of poems by a variety of well-known authors celebrates the everyday events for a young child.

Mother Goose: Numbers on the Loose by Leo and Diane Dillon
Children will enjoy learning to count with this playful collection of Mother Goose number rhymes.

The Snack Smasher: and other Reasons Why it's Not My Fault by Andrea Perry; ill. by Alan Snow
This set of poems reveals the little creatures that cause everyday annoyances such as "why are half the chips in a bag crumbs?"

Where I Live by Eileen Spinelli; ill. by Matt Phelan
Told in a series of poems, this novel describes a young girl's feelings when her family must move away from their home to live with her grandfather.

Young Adults' Books

The Case of the Left-Handed Lady by Nancy Springer
Pursued by her older brother Sherlock Holmes, 14 year-old Enola attempts to solve the kidnapping of a baronet's daughter in nineteenth-century London.

Epic by Conor Kostick
On New Earth, a world based on a video role-playing game, Erik persuades his friends to aid him in some unusual gambits in order to save Erik's father from exile and safeguard the futures of each of their families.

Fight Game by Kate Wild
Just like all of his relatives who have the "Hercules gene," 15-year-old Freedom Smith is a fighter. He must choose between jail or working with a covert law enforcement agency to break up a mysterious, illegal fight ring.

Hot Lunch by Alex Bradley
When classmates Molly Ollinger and Cassie Birchmeyer are assigned to work in the cafeteria as a punishment for their food fight, they realize that the only way they are going to be released from kitchen duty is to cooperate and learn to cook.

It's a Mall World After All by Janette Rallison

While working at the mall, organizing a school fundraiser, and trying to prove that her best friend's boyfriend is seeing another girl, high-school student Charlotte's best intentions always seem to backfire.

Kiki Strike: Inside the Shadow City by Kirsten Miller

Ananka Fishbein discovers an underground room in the park across from her New York City apartment. She meets a mysterious girl, Kiki Strike, who claims that she, too, wants to explore the subterranean world.

The King of Attolia by Megan Whalen Turner

Eugenides, still known as a Thief of Eddis, faces palace intrigue and assassins as he strives to prove himself both to the people of Attolia and to his new bride, their queen.

Life as We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer

After a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions 16-year-old Miranda must learn to survive the unimaginable.

Pigboy by Vicki Grant

Dan Hogg's school trip to a heritage farm goes from miserable to dangerous when an escaped convict take over.

Red Moon at Sharpsburg by Rosemary Wells

Finding courage she never thought she had, a young Southern girl musters the strength and wit to survive the ravages of the Civil War and keep her family together.

Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt

On Wednesday afternoons during the 1967 school year, all Hollings classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, leaving him in Mrs. Baker's classroom. Through the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world in which he lives.

Wildwood Dancing by Juliet Marillier

Five sisters who live with their merchant father in Transylvania use a hidden portal in their home to cross over into a magical world, the Wildwood.