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GRADE 3			
Title	Author	Summary	Awards & Honors
<i>Amelia's Road</i>	Altman, L	Tired of moving around so much, Amelia, the daughter of migrant farm workers, dreams of a stable home.	Lee and Low Books Award Winner
<i>Secret Footprints</i>	Alvarez, J	Guapa's curiosity about humans almost endangers her magical ciguapa people who live underwater and whose feet are on backwards.	CCBC Book Star Reviewed and Honor Book
<i>Seaside Dream</i>	Bates, J	At a birthday celebration on the beach, Cora gives her grandmother a special gift and encourages her to make a trip back to her home country, Cape Verde.	2011-2012 AL Camellia Award
<i>Knock Knock : My Dad's Dream For Me</i>	Beaty, D	Every morning a young African American boy pretends to be asleep when his father knocks on his bedroom door; when his father nears the bed, the boy jumps into his arms. But one day, the boy's father is gone. The boy feels lost until a letter arrives.	Compendium Spring 2014 2014 ALA Honor Coretta Scott King Award Winner 2014 ALA Notable Children's Book 2014 Best Children's Books 2014 Boston Globe - Horn Book 2014 CCBC Book Marion Vannet Ridgway 2015-2016 MO Show Me Book Award 2014 NCSS Notable Social Studies Title 2013 Parent's Choice Award Winner 2016-2017 TN Volunteer Primary 2015 WI Picture This! List
<i>Kinda Like Brothers</i>	Booth, C	Eleven-year-old Jarrett is angered and dismayed when his mother fosters Kevon, a haughty kid Jarrett's own age with whom he is forced to share a room.	2015 AIA Notable Children's Book 2017 AZ Grand Canyon Reader Intermediate Award 2015 Best Children's Books 2015 CCBC Book 2018 CT Nutmeg Intermediate Award 2015-2016 RI Children's Book Award 2016-2017 TN Volunteer MS Award 2017 WA Sasquatch Reading Winner
<i>Three Lucys</i>	Charara, H	A young Lebanese boy must learn to cope with loss, and hope for a peaceful future, after losing one of his beloved cats because of The July War between Lebanon and Israel in the summer of 2006.	Best Children's Books of 2017 2017 CCBC Book CCBC Global Reading Book
<i>Grandfather Counts</i>	Cheng, A	When her maternal grandfather comes from China, Helen, who is biracial, develops a special bond with him despite their age and language differences.	CCBC Book 2001-2002 NY Charlotte Award Primary Society of School Librarians Award

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<i>Only One Year</i>	Cheng, A	Nine-year-old Sharon has conflicted feelings towards her copycat little sister and rambunctious toddler brother, who is sent to China for a year to live with relatives.	2011 Best Children's Book Award 2011 CCBC Book 2012-2013 Children's Crown Gallery Award
<i>Caterflies And Ice</i>	Citro, A	Zoey and her cat Sassafras are determined to help the magical creatures that come to them for help. But a surprise snowstorm catches everyone off guard and endangers the caterfly eggs that are waiting to hatch.	
<i>Dragons And Marshmallows</i>	Citro, A	When Zoey learns that magical creatures are coming to her barn for help, she steps up to the challenge. But when a sick baby dragon named Marshmallow comes to her, Zoey and her pet cat, Sassafras, will have to think fast to find out what's wrong with him.	New York Public Library Best Books for Kids for 2017 Pick Compendium 2017 2019 Otter Award Nominee 2018-2019 Flicker Tale Early Chapter Nominee
<i>Merhorses And Bubbles</i>	Citro, A	Zoey and Sassafras go to the stream and discover magical creatures living in it who are in danger, meaning Zoey and Sassafras have to solve the stream's mystery and save the merhorses before time runs out.	
<i>Monsters And Mold</i>	Citro, A	Zoey and Sassafras have to work fast to help forest monster Gorp prepare for the annual Monster Ball.	
<i>Pod And The Bog</i>	Citro, A	Zoey, her cat Sassafras, and their friend Pip try to help a mysterious glowing seed pod grow before its seeds turn into purple dust.	
<i>Unicorns And Germs</i>	Citro, A	Zoey, her cat Sassafras, and Zoey's mom try to help an injured baby unicorn named Tiny who just happens to be gigantic. Tiny has a cut on his hoof that Zoey bandages, but the cut becomes infected.	2019-2020 Great Lakes Great Books Nominee
<i>Patchwork Bike</i>	Clarke, M	In a small desert village, brothers invent a bike from scratch using everyday items. Soon they are wreaking havoc as their disapproving mother looks on.	2019 Picture This! Reading List 2018 School Library Journal Best Book List 2019 ALA Notable Children's Book 2019 Charlotte Zolotow Award 2019 CCBC Book Compendium Title
<i>Let The Children March</i>	Clark-robinson, M	Under the leadership of Martin Luther King, Jr., African American children and teenagers form the Children's Crusade and march for their civil rights and against segregation in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1963.	2019 Coretta Scott King Award for Illustration 2019 ALA Honor 2019 Picture This! Reading List Title 2019 ALA Notable Children's Book 2019-2020 South Carolina Picture Book Award

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<i>Finding Langston</i>	Cline-ransome, L	After his mother's death in 1946, eleven-year-old Langston and his father leave behind their quiet life in Alabama and move to Chicago. Struggling to fit in and missing his mother, Langston finds refuge at the local library.	Compendium Title Coretta Scott King Honor Book Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year School Library Journal Best Book of 2018 2019 Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction Junior Library Guild Selection 2019 ALA Honor 2019 ALA Notable Children's Book 2019 CCBC Book 2019 Capitol Choices Award 2019 Notable Books for a Global Society
<i>Black Book Of Colors</i>	Cottin, M	Presents a text that describes colors through imagery and includes text in braille. Features raised black line drawings on black paper that can be sensed through touch.	2011 AZ Grand Canyon Reader Nonfiction 2009 NCTE Notable Book 2008 School Library Journal Best Books List 2010-2011 SD Praire Bud Award 2009-2010 UT Beehive Children's Picture Book 2008 VOYA Nonfiction Honor List Compendium Fall 2008
<i>New Home</i>	De regil, T	A boy is moving from New York City to Mexico City, and a girl is moving from Mexico City to New York City. On each spread, one line of text accompanies parallel illustrations showing that both children have the same worries and experiences as they prepare.	
<i>Lark Holds The Key</i>	Deen, N	Rookie detectives Lark Ba and her twin brother Connor come to the rescue when the town librarian misplaces her library key.	
<i>Hole Nine Yards</i>	Deutsch, S	When holes start appearing in the yards of everyone on Shaker Street, Michael, Liv, and Leo--the Mysterious Makers of Shaker Street--go investigating to find out who is destroying the landscape.	
<i>Stella Diaz Has Something To Say</i>	Dominguez, A	Stella Diaz loves spending time with her family and her best friend Jenny. But when Jenny is put in a different class for the school year, Stella feels lonely and self-conscious	Compendium Winter 2018 Sid Flieschman Humor Award 2019 Blue Crab Transitional Fiction Honor 2019 Global Read Aloud Contender

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		about her tendency to slip from English in Spanish and pronounce words wrong.	2019 Just One More Page! Reading List 2019 ALA Notable Children's Book 2019-2020 Horned Toad Tales Award 2019 Capitol Choices Award 2019-2020 Sunshine State Young Reader Award
<i>Jaden Toussaint, The Greatest : Episode 1 : The Quest For Sc</i>	Dumas, M	Five-year-old Jaden Toussaint knows everything about almost anything from ninja dancing to animal science, and now he must prove his computer science skills.	
<i>Dog Days</i>	English, K	Gavin is a new kid at Carver Elementary, where the kids do not know how good he is at skateboarding and soccer. Before he has a chance to prove his coolness, Gavin gets in trouble with his great-aunt Myrtle.	2014-2015 NH Cochecho Readers Award 2014-2015 NH Gate City Book Award 2015-2016 WA Otter Award
<i>Nadia's Hands</i>	English, K	A Pakistani-American girl takes part in her aunt's traditional Pakistani wedding.	CCBC Book Star Reviwed and Honor Book Compendium Title
<i>Nikki & Deja</i>	English, K	When an arrogant new girl comes to school, third-graders and best friends Nikki and Deja decide to form a club that would exclude her but find the results not what they expected.	Bank Street Best Children's Books 2011 CA California Collections 2010-2011 PA Reader's Choice
<i>Nikki & Deja : Birthday Blues</i>	English, K	As her eighth birthday approaches, Deja's biggest concern is whether her father will attend her party, until her aunt is called away on business and a classmate schedules a "just because party" on the same afternoon.	Gyphon Award
<i>Nikki & Deja : Election Madness</i>	English, K	When Carver Elementary holds school-wide elections for the first time, third-grader Deja puts all her efforts into running for school president, ignoring her best friend Nikki's problems.	
<i>Nikki & Deja : Substitute Trouble</i>	English, K	Nikki and Deja are scared about what the bad kids in their class will do now that Ms. Shelby-Ortiz is gone and Room Ten has a substitute teacher. However, they struggle with figuring out if tattling on their classmates is the right thing to do.	
<i>Nikki & Deja : The Newsy News Newsletter</i>	English, K	When Nikki and Deja start a newsletter about what is happening on their street and in their school, they focus more on writing exciting stories than on reporting the truth and get in big trouble.	
<i>Nikki & Deja : Wedding Drama</i>	English, K	Ms. Shelby's third-grade girls are so excited about her upcoming wedding that they start a wedding planning competition, which drives a wedge between best friends	2013 Best Children's Book Award

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		Nikki and Deja, the two whose names were drawn to attend the event.	
<i>We March</i>	Evans, S	Illustrations and brief text portray the events of the 1963 march in Washington, D.C., where the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. delivered a historic speech.	2013 Best Children's Book Award 2013 CCBC Book 2013 Charlotte Zolotow Award 2012 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2013 DC Capitol Choices Award Jane Addams Winner/Honor NCSS Notable Social Studies Title Compendium Fall 2012
<i>Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen</i>	Florence, D	Eager to do something her big sister has not done first, Jasmine Toguchi, eight, decides to pound mochi with the men and boys when her family gets together for New Year's.	Junior Library Guild Fall 2017 Selection Amazon's Best Children's Books of 2017 Beverly Cleary Children's Choice Award Nominee Evanston Public Library's 101 Great Books for Kids List 2017 Chicago Public Library's Best of the Best Books 2017 2017 Nerdy Book Club Award Winner We Are Kid List Collective 2019 Summer Reading List Pick Compendium 2017-2019 Amelia Bloomer Project 2018 2019 Otter Award Nominee
<i>Stolen Words</i>	Florence, M	A 7-year-old girl shares the dream catcher she made at school with her grandfather. She asks him how to say grandfather in his native, Cree language. When he tells her that his language was taken from him when he was a child, the two have an honest discussion.	2018 IRA Notable Books for a Global Society Compendium Winter 2018
<i>Lotus Seed</i>	Garland, S	A young Vietnamese girl saves a lotus seed and carries it with her everywhere to remember a brave emperor and the homeland that she has to flee.	
<i>Sarai And The Meaning Of Awesome</i>	Gonzalez, S	Sarai Gonzalez is in the fourth grade and believes she can do anything she sets her heart on, but when her grandparents are forced to move away, she doesn't know what to do. Soon she and her younger sisters and cousin hatch a plan to buy their house back...	Compendium Title 2018 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best
<i>Sarai Around The World</i>	Gonzalez, S	When Sarai outgrows her bicycle, she's not sure how she'll get around without it. She's determined to save up money to	

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		buy a new one, but her grandfather surprises her with an old bike he found at a garage sale.	
<i>Sarai In The Spotlight!</i>	Gonzalez, S	The outgoing Sarai is disappointed when her best friend moves away, leaving her to navigate school by herself. A new girl, Christina arrives and Sarai's teacher volunteers her to show the new girl around. Sarai doesn't have much in common with Christina...	2018 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best
<i>Sarai Saves The Music</i>	Gonzalez, S	Due to budget cuts, Sarai's school is cutting the band program. Sarai decides to do something about it and holds a benefit concert inspired by her personal hero, the pop star Sparkles Sanchez.	
<i>Smashie Mcperter And The Mystery Of Room 11</i>	Griffin, N	When the class hamster goes missing and objects start appearing with glue on them, Smashie and her best friend Dontel investigate.	2016 Best Children's Book Award
<i>Rich : A Dyamonde Daniel Book</i>	Grimes, N	Dyamonde Daniel and her best friend, Free, are excited about the library's poetry contest and its \$100 prize. When Dyamonde learns that a classmate is homeless, she encourages the girl to submit a poem about the homeless shelter where she lives.	2011 California Collections 2010 CCBC Book 2010-2011 Delaware Diamonds Award = 2015 IL Bluestem Book Award 2010 NCTE Notable Book
<i>Ballet Breakdown</i>	Gurevich, M	Although moving from Philadelphia to New Jersey was stressful, Jada is thankful to have found a place at Ms. Marianne's Academy of Dance where she can dance ballet. However, she doesn't think the girls on the team like her. Then when Jada sprains her ankle...	
<i>Peace</i>	Halperin, W	A lyrical, illustrated tribute to the nature of peace and how people and all-over the world can work toward achieving global peace and harmony.	2014-2015 ND Flicker Tale Nonfiction 2013 Skipping Stones Book Award
<i>John Henry, Steel-drivin' Elf : A Graphic Novel</i>	Harper, B	John Henry is the strongest elf in Gem Forest and is unmatched in carving mining tunnels. Then a gnome says he can do better with a machine. The two go head-to-head and accidentally awaken orcs. John must then defeat both the gnome's machine and the invaders...	
<i>Mae And June And The Wonder Wheel</i>	Harper, C	When June and her dog Sammy receive a Wonder Wheel from Grandma Penny, it sends June on a mission to find a new best friend, who could be June's new neighbor, Mae.	Compendium 2017
<i>Joshua's Masai Mask</i>	Hru, D	Fearing that his classmates will ridicule his playing the kalimba in the school talent show, Joshua uses a magical Masai mask to transform himself into different people he thinks are more interesting, before realizing that his own identity is one of value...	

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<i>Tan To Tamarind : Poems About The Color Brown</i>	Iyengar, M	In a series of short poems young people will discover that no matter what your skin tone is, every shade is beautiful.	
<i>La Mariposa</i>	Jimenez, F	Because he can only speak Spanish, Francisco, son of a migrant worker, has trouble when he begins first grade, but his fascination with the caterpillar in the classroom helps him begin to fit in.	CCBC Book Parent's Choice Award Winner Compendium Title
<i>Wind Flyers</i>	Johnson, A	A young boy's love of flying takes him from rural Alabama to Europe after he becomes a Tuskegee Airman with the 332nd in the United States Air Force.	2008-2009 AL Emphasis on Reading 2008 Bank Street Best Children's Books 2008 DC Capitol Choices Award 2008-2009 Delaware Diamonds Award 2010-2011 GA Picture Storybook Awards 2008-2009 VT Red Clover Award Compendium Fall 2007
<i>Unusual Chickens For The Exceptional Poultry Farmer</i>	Jones, K	Through a series of letters, Sophie Brown, age twelve, tells of her family's move to her Great Uncle Jim's farm, where she begins taking care of some unusual chickens with help from neighbors and friends.	Compendium Fall 2015 2016 Notable Children's Book 2017-2018 AR Charlie May Simon Award 2018 AZ Grand Canyon Reader Intermediate Award 2016 Best Children's Books Award 2016 CCBC Book 2016 DC Capitol Choices Award E.B. White Read Aloud Award Honor 2016-2017 GA GRade 4-8 Book Award 2016-2017 GA HRRB - Helen Ruffin Award 2018 IN Young Hoosier Award 2016-2017 MA Children's Award 2017-2018 MD Black-Eyed Susan Award 2016-2017 ME Student Book Award 2016-2017 NC Junior Book Award 2018 NJ Garden State Children's Fiction Award 2016-2017 NM Loe Coyote List 2018 OK Sequoyah Children's Book Award 2017-2018 OR Readers' Choice Award 2018 PNLA Young Reader's Choice Award 2015 School Library Journal Best Books 2017-2018 SD Prairie Pasque Award 2017-2018 TN Volunteer Intermediate

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<i>Rescue & Jessica : A Life-changing Friendship</i>	Kensky, J	Rescue the dog is at first disappointed when he receives the news he is to become a service dog. He had thought he would be a Seeing Eye dog--but, when he meets Jessica, a girl whose life turned out very different than she thought it would, too, Rescue ...	<p>Compendium Spring 2018</p> <p>2019 Schneider Family Book Award Winner</p> <p>Christopher Award for Adults and Young People</p> <p>2019 ALA Honor</p> <p>2019 Picture This! Reading List</p> <p>2020 Picture Book Award Nominee</p> <p>2019 CCBC Book</p> <p>2020 Monarch Award</p> <p>2019 Capitol Choices Award</p> <p>2020-2021 Volunteer Primary Award Nominee</p> <p>ILA Teachers' Choice Reading List</p>
<i>Bounce Back</i>	Khan, H	Zayd Saleem is devastated when he gets injured and has to sit on the sidelines when what he really wanted was to lead his basketball team to the playoffs. Somehow he has to find a way to still be a team leader from the bench, and maybe even impress his coach.	2018 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best
<i>On Point</i>	Khan, H	Zayd Saleem is excited to finally be on the Gold Team in basketball, but when the team starts struggling, he worries that it is his fault for freezing in key moments in the games. Then Zayd's best friend Adam, the team's captain, quits to play football,...	2018 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best
<i>Power Forward</i>	Khan, H	Fourth-grader Zayd yearns to play basketball on the Gold Team, but when he skips orchestra rehearsal to practice, his parents forbid anything basketball-related, and tryouts are coming soon.	<p>2019-2020 NH Great Stone Face Nominee</p> <p>2019 Just One More Page! Reading List</p> <p>2018 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best</p>
<i>King For A Day</i>	Khan, R	During the spring festival of Basant, young Malik, who is wheelchair-bound, competes against other kids in his city in a kite-making and flying contest. The prize for the winner is that he or she gets to be "king" of Basant for a day.	<p>CCBC Global Reading List Title</p> <p>Compendium Spring 2014</p>

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<i>Bringing Asha Home</i>	Krishnaswami, U	Eight-year-old Arun waits impatiently while international adoption paperwork is completed so that he can meet his new baby sister from India.	Bank Street College Best Children's Books 2007 CCBC Book
<i>Chachaji's Cup</i>	Krishnaswami, U	A boy learns about his family history and the Partition of India from his great uncle, through stories told over a beloved old teacup.	Bank Street College Best Children's Books 1995-2008 Skipping Stones Award
<i>Happiest Tree : A Yoga Story</i>	Krishnaswami, U	Embarrassed by her clumsiness, eight-year-old Meena, an Asian Indian American girl, is reluctant to appear in the school play until she gains self-confidence by practicing yoga.	Bank Street College Best Children's Books 2006 CCBC Book 2000-2007 School Library Journal Best Book List
<i>Polly Diamond And The Magic Book</i>	Kuipers, A	Polly loves writing stories, and one day, a magic book appears that turns her stories into real life. But she soon learns the dangers of making wishes when what she writes isn't the same as what she means.	Compendium Spring 2018 2018 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best
<i>Zombies Don't Eat Veggies!</i>	Lacera, M	A young zombie named Mo Romero and his family and friends learn a helpful lesson about self-discovery and the power of acceptance when Mo works up the courage to tell everyone he is a vegetarian.	Compendium Title
<i>Giant Steps To Change The World</i>	Lee, S	Pursuing one's own path in life takes courage, strength, and perseverance, as demonstrated by such inspirational leaders as Barack Obama, Albert Einstein, and Muhammad Ali.	Best Children's Books of 2012
<i>Big Mooncake For Little Star</i>	Lin, G	Reimagines the cycles of the moon as a mother bakes a big mooncake and, despite Mama's request to wait, Little Star begins nibbling at it every night.	Caldecott Honor Book 2019 ALA Honor 2019 ALA Notable Children's Book 2019 Picture This! Reading List 2018 SLJ Best Book List 2019 Charlotte Zolotow Award 2019 CCBC Book 2020 Monarch Award Compendium Title
<i>Year Of The Dog</i>	Lin, G	Pacy's mom tells her that this is a good year for friendship, family, and finding herself. As the year passes, Pacy makes a new friend, handles disappointment, and discovers why this year is lucky for her.	Compendium Title ALA Notable Children's Book of 2007 2010 AZ Grand Canyon Reader Intermediate 2006 Book Links Lasting Connections Booklist Editor's Choice 2007 CCBC Book 2010 CT Nutmeg Children's Award 2009-2010 FL Sunshine State Young Reader Award

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<i>Year Of The Rat</i>	Lin, G	In the Chinese Year of the Rat, a young Taiwanese American girl faces many challenges: her best friend moves to California and a new boy comes to her school, she must find the courage to forge ahead with her dream of becoming a writer and illustrator.	2008 CCBC Book 2002-2008 NAPPA Best Kids' Books 2009-2010 PA Reader's Choice
<i>Auntie Yang's Great Soybean Picnic</i>	Lo, G	When Jinyi and her sister visit their Auntie Yang in Chicago, Auntie Yang discovers her favorite Chinese food--the soybean--in America and begins an annual soybean picnic for local Chinese Americans.	Best Children's Books of 2013 2012 Booklist Ed. Choice Books for Youth 2013 CCBC Book 2013 Charlotte Zolotow Award 2013-2014 Delaware Diamonds Award 2014-2015 SD Prairie Pasque Award Compendium Fall 2012
<i>Alvin Ho : Allergic To Birthday Parties, Science Projects, A</i>	Look, L	When second-grader Alvin Ho is invited to a birthday party given by a girl, his fear of everything causes him to dread going.	2011 Best Children's Book Award 2013 NJ Garden State Children's Fiction Award
<i>Alvin Ho : Allergic To Camping, Hiking, And Other Natural Di</i>	Look, L	When Alvin's father takes him camping to instill a love of nature, like that of their home-town hero Henry David Thoreau, Alvin makes a new friend and learns that he can be brave despite his fear of everything.	Gryphon Award 2009 Horn Book Fanfare 2011-2012 KC3 Reading Award 2012 NJ Garden State Children's Fiction Award Compendium Spring 2010

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<i>Alvin Ho : Allergic To Dead Bodies, Funerals, And Other Fata</i>	Look, L	A fearful second grader in Concord, Massachusetts, learns about death when his grandfather's best friend passes away and he offers to accompany his grandfather to the funeral.	2012 Best Children's Book Award 2014 NJ Garden State Fiction Series Award Compendium Spring 2012
<i>Alvin Ho : Allergic To Girls, School, And Other Scary Things</i>	Look, L	A young boy in Concord, Massachusetts, who loves superheroes and comes from a long line of brave Chinese farmer-warriors, wants to make friends, but first he must overcome his fear of everything.	2012 California Collection 2011-2012 CA Young Reader Medal 2009 CCBC Book FL Sunshine State Young Reader Award 2011 IN Young Hoosier Award 2010-2011 KC3 Reading Award MI Mitten Award Winner and Honor 2002-2008 NAPPA Best Kids' Books 2009 NCSS Notable Social Studies Title 2009-2010 Cochecho Readers Award 2010-2011 NH Gate City Book Award 2011 NJ Garden State Easy Fiction 2010-2011 NM Land of Enchantment Award 2011 OK Sequoyah Children's Book Award 2011 OR Beverly Cleary Children's Choice 2010-2011 OR Reader's Choice 2010-2011 PA Reader's Choice 2009-2010 RI Children's Book Award 2009-2010 TX Bluebonnet Award 2009-2010 TX Horned Toad Tales Award 2010-2011 VA Reader's Choice Elementary 2012 WA Sasquatch Reading Award Compendium Spring 2009
<i>Alvin Ho : Allergic To The Great Wall, The Forbidden Palace,</i>	Look, L	Alvin Ho is less than enthusiastic about being in China for a family vacation, where he has to squat over the toilet and face his fears of airplanes and earthquakes.	2015 Best Children's Book Award 2015-2016 NH Cochecho Readers Award
<i>Ruby Lu, Brave And True</i>	Look, L	"Almost-eight-year-old" Ruby Lu spends time with her baby brother, goes to Chinese school, performs magic tricks and learns to drive, and has adventures with both old and new friends.	Compendium Title 2005 ALA Notable Children's Book Andre Norton Award Bank Street College Best Children's Books CCBC Book Chicago Public Library Best of the Best Children's Literature Choices Award 2005 DC Capitol Choices Award

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<i>Ruby Lu, Empress Of Everything</i>	Look, L	After Ruby Lu's deaf cousin, Flying Duck, and her parents come from China to live with her, Ruby finds life challenging as she adjusts to her new family, tries to mend her rocky relationship with her friend Emma, and faces various adventures in summer school.	Compendium Spring 2007 2017 ALA Notable Children's Books 2007 CCBC Book 2007 DC Capitol Choices Award 2007-2008 Delaware Diamonds Award Gyphon Award 2010 IL Monarch Award 2007-2008 NH Cochecho Readers 2008-2009 NM Land of Enchantment Award 2009 Beverly Cleary Children's Choice Award 2000-2007 School Library Journal Best Books
<i>Ruby Lu, Star Of The Show</i>	Look, L	Ruby Lu's father loses his job on her first day of third grade, which causes many things in her life to change, and she is willing to do a lot to help out but giving up some things seems impossible.	2012 Best Children's Book Award
<i>Digging Deep</i>	Maddox, J	Asiyah Najjar enjoys playing volleyball with her friend, Lucy, and the rest of the players in their recreational league, but this year Lucy has talked her into joining the travel team--and suddenly volleyball is a lot more demanding, and a lot less fun.	
<i>Hoop Hustle</i>	Maddox, J	When he misses his curfew, Brian Worth Jr.'s punishment is to volunteer at the senior center, which means he can't	

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<i>Rebound Time</i>	Maddox, J	Twin girls Sarit and Allie have always been coached in basketball by their father, but now that their parents are divorced and he has moved away, Sarit is unhappy playing on the school team, and resentful that her sister still enjoys the game.	
<i>Second Shot</i>	Maddox, J	When fourteen-year-old Leggie LaGrande, star runner on the Bricklin Middle School track team, suffers a hamstring injury at the very start of the season, he figures his shot at the Junior Olympics is over--but his coach insists that even if he cannot run...	
<i>Soccer Shake-up</i>	Maddox, J	Worried sick about his baby brother's operation, twelve-year-old Dominic does not really feel much like playing soccer, so he just messes around on the field during practice--but when his grandfather teaches him some moves he starts to take an interest.	
<i>Soccer Switch</i>	Maddox, J	Andre can't wait for soccer to start, but when a new coach takes over and the team gets frustrated running strange drills, it feels like they'll never get a victory.	2018-2019 UT Beehive Graphic Novel Award
<i>Softball Surprise</i>	Maddox, J	Jo is disappointed when she is not placed on the Red Angels in the summer softball league--but when she is offered the chance to switch teams, Jo has to decide if she will leave her friends and play for the "winning" team--or win with the Sonics.	
<i>Stick To The Facts, Katie : Writing A Research Paper With Ka</i>	Manushkin, F	Katie's school assignment is to pick a topic and write a research paper on it, and when she picks butterflies as her subject she learns that even small animals can be very interesting.	
<i>Gold-threaded Dress</i>	Marsden, C	When Oy and her Thai American family move to a new neighborhood, her third-grade classmates tease and exclude her because she is different.	Compendium Title 2002-2003 AL Emphasis on Reading Award 2004-2005 FL Sunshine State Young Reader Award 2005-2006 IA Children's Choice 2006-2007 MN Maud Hart Lovelace Div. 1 Award 2004-2005 NC Junior Book Award 2003-2004 NH Cochecho Readers Award 2004-2005 PA Reader's Choice

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<i>Miami Jackson Gets It Straight</i>	Mckissack, P	With only five more days of school remaining before summer vacation, nine-year-old Miami still faces several hurdles, such as how to get along with Destinee Tate, his nemesis.	
<i>Miami Jackson Makes The Play</i>	Mckissack, P	Miami's enjoyment of summer baseball camp is threatened by the presence of an antagonistic lodgemate and his main enemy, Destinee Tate.	
<i>Miami Jackson Sees It Through</i>	Mckissack, P	Miami Jackson and his strict new fourth grade teacher, Miss Spraggins, get off to such a bad start that Miami is determined to transfer out of her class, even if it means leaving his friends behind.	
<i>Juana & Lucas</i>	Medina, J	A little girl named Juana loves her dog, Lucas, more than anything, and she hates learning "the English" more than anything--but thankfully her grandfather has some "fantastico" way to help her learn that will make it a breeze.	Compendium Fall 2016 & Spring 2017 Pura Belpre Award 2017 Best Children's Books of the Year 2019 Beverly Cleary Children's Choice Award CCBC Book 2017 ALA Honor 2018 NY Charlotte Award Intermediate 2019 CT Nutmeg Elementary Nominee 2019 NJ Garden State Children's Fiction Nominee
<i>Deshawn Days</i>	Medina, T	A collection of poems relating the life of a young African American boy from the projects.	Compendium Title CCBC Book 2002-2003 RI Children's Book Award
<i>Uncle Jed's Barbershop</i>	Mitchell, M	Despite serious obstacles and setbacks Sarah Jean's Uncle Jed, the only black barber in the county, pursues his dream of saving enough money to open his own barbershop.	Coretta Scott King Honor Book 1995-1996 AR Charlie May Simon Winner KC3 Reading Award
<i>Chews Your Destiny</i>	Montijo, R	When Mom issues a no-gum rule, Gabby Gomez sneaks a piece of special bubble gum that turns her into a superhero.	Oklahoma Sequoyah Children's Book Award Winner
<i>Gum Luck</i>	Montijo, R	Every time young Gabby Gomez chews gum she turns into the superhero Gum Girl. But after she promises her parents not to chew gum anymore, a super villain appears and only Gum Girl can help.	
<i>Popped Star</i>	Montijo, R	Every time Gabby Gomez chews gum, she turns into a stretchy superhero called Gum Girl. But trouble awaits	

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		when a new hero comes into town, Ninja-Rina, and Gabby isn't sure what to make of this new girl.	
<i>Bookjoy, Wordjoy</i>	Mora, P	Collects poetry and illustrations celebrating the writing process, the power and magic of words, and the way books can inspire young students.	Compendium Spring 2018
<i>Confetti : Poems For Children</i>	Mora, P	Poems celebrating the beauty of the Southwest as experienced by a Mexican American girl who lives there.	Compendium Title 2009 American's Award - CLASP 1996-2007 IRA Notable Books for a Global Society
<i>Dona Flor : A Tall Tale About A Giant Woman With A Great Big</i>	Mora, P	Doña Flor, a giant lady with a big heart, sets off to protect her neighbors from what they think is a dangerous animal, but soon discovers the tiny secret behind the huge noise.	ALA Pura Belpre Award ALA Pura Belpre Honor 2006 ALA Notable Children's Books Bank Street College Best Children's Books Golden Kite Award Honor 2006 TX Golden Spur Children's Award
<i>Dreamers</i>	Morales, Y	In this picture book with lyrical text and Spanish words interspersed, Mexican American author Yuyi Morales retells her own immigration story. Describes how she carried her infant son across a bridge into America and struggled to speak and understand...	Compendium Title 2019 Pura Belpre Illustrator Award New York Times/New York Public Library Best Illustrated Book of 2018 2019 Boston Globe Horn Book Honor Recipient Anna Dewdney Read Together Honor Book Named a Best Book by Kirkus Reviews, Publishers Weekly, School Library Journal, Shelf Awareness, NPR, The Boston Globe, The Chicago Tribune, and Salon.com Junior Library Guild Selection Eureka! Nonfiction Honoree Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books Blue Ribbon Title Tomas Rivera Mexican American Children's Book Award 2019 ALA Honor 2019 ALA Medalist 2019 ALA Notable Children's Book 2019 Charlotte Zolotow Award 2019 CCBC Book 2020 Colorado Children's Picture Book Award 2019 Picture This! Reading List

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			2019 Capitol Choices Award 2019 Notable Books for a Global Society 2019 Americas Award - CLASP
<i>Just A Minute : A Trickster Tale And Counting Book</i>	Morales, Y	In this version of a traditional tale, Senor Calavera arrives at Grandma Beetle's door, ready to take her to the next life, but after helping her count, in English and Spanish, as she makes her birthday preparations, he changes his mind.	Tomas Rivera Mexican American Children's Book Award Pura Belpre Award Compendium Title
<i>Book Itch : Freedom, Truth & Harlem's Greatest Bookstore</i>	Nelson, V	Relates the story of the National Memorial African Bookstore, founded in Harlem by Louis Michaux in 1939, as seen from the perspective of Louis Michaux Jr., who met famous men like Muhammad Ali and Malcolm X while helping there.	Compendium Spring 2016 2016 ALA Honor Book Coretta Scott King Honor Book 2016 ALA Notable Children's Book 2016 Best Children's Book 2016 CCBC Book 2015 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2018-2019 GA Picture Storybook Award Jane Addams Honor Book 2016 Kirkus Prize - Young Readers' Nominee 2017-2018 KS William Allan White Award 2016 NCTE Notable Book Compendium Spring 2016
<i>Alien Scout</i>	Newton, A	Harris invites Zeke, his alien best friend, to join him for a weekend at Beaver Scout Camp. There Zeke needs help understanding the activities. Then Zeke becomes careless with his powers, and he needs Harris's help hiding his alien identity.	
<i>Aliens For Dinner?!</i>	Newton, A	Harris and Roxy visit Zeke's house after school, then Harris's parents invite Zeke's family to dinner, but trying to convince anyone that they are aliens only gets Harris grounded.	
<i>Baseball Blues</i>	Newton, A	Zeke, Harris, and Roxy try out for the baseball team. Zeke uses his alien powers to be the best he can be, but Harris accuses him of cheating--straining their friendship.	
<i>Mystery Valentine</i>	Newton, A	Harris and Roxy try to help Zeke the alien over his confusion about Valentine's Day, and to figure out who sent him an anonymous candy-gram.	
<i>New Kid</i>	Newton, A	While his scientist-parents study Earth, second-grader Zeke tries to fit in, but Harris, a classmate, notices his abilities and sets out to prove Zeke is an alien.	2019-2020 Sunshine State Young Reader Jr.

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<i>Trick Or Cheat?</i>	Newton, A	Zeke spends Halloween in his true alien form, but when a jealous classmate decides to stop him from winning the school costume contest, Harris and Roxy must save the day.	
<i>Up, Up, And Away</i>	Newton, A	When Zeke's parents inform him that their mission on Earth is done and they'll be moving back to their home planet Tragas, he's very sad to leave his friends. But with his best friend Harris's help, he hopes to find a way to stop his family from leaving.	
<i>Flowers From Mariko</i>	Noguchi, R	When she and her family are released from the Japanese American internment camp where they have spent the last three years, Mariko plants a garden to raise their spirits.	Compendium Title CCBC Book
<i>Sitti's Secrets</i>	Nye, N	A young girl describes a visit to see her grandmother in a Palestinian village on the West Bank.	Jane Addams Award Honor
<i>Kiki's Journey</i>	Orona-ramirez, K	When eight-year-old Kiki travels to Taos Pueblo, the reservation where her parents grew up, she confronts her identity as both a Tiwa Indian and a big city girl.	Bank Street College Best Children's Books
<i>Have A Good Day Cafe</i>	Park, F	Mike's grandmother, who has moved from Korea to live with Mike and his family in the United States, inspires him to suggest an idea to help their floundering food cart business.	Bank Street College Best Children's Books 2006 CCBC Book 2008-2009 Volunteer Primary Award
<i>Different Pond</i>	Phi, B	A young Vietnamese-American boy is woken up very early by his dad to go down to the fishing hole, but this trip is more than about fishing--the boy learns from his dad just how far their family has come to get to where they are.	Caldecott Honor Book Midwest Bookseller's Choice Award APALA Picture Book Award 2019 Picture This! Reading List MN Book Award - Children and YA 2019-2020 Georgia Picture Book Award 2018 ALA Honor Book 2017 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2017 Booklist Editor's Choice 2018 Charlotte Zolotow Award 2018 ALA Notable Children's Book 2018 Skipping Stones Honor Award 2018-2019 Flicker Tale Picture Book Nominee Compendium Winter 2018
<i>Max Found Two Sticks</i>	Pinkney, J	Although he doesn't feel like talking, a young boy responds to questions by drumming on various objects, including a bucket, hat boxes, and garbage cans, echoing the city sounds around him.	

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<i>Battle Of The Bands</i>	Reed, M	Keyboardist Jasmine, age eight, tries to convince her bandmates, Maggie, Becca, and Scarlet, to prove themselves in a Battle of the Bands competition, despite their poor equipment.	
<i>Turtle Ship</i>	Rhee, H	A young boy named Sun-sin Yi gets a great idea for how to build a warship when he observes his pet turtle, Gobugi, is strong and sturdy even when on the water. He designs his Turtle Ship and submits the design to the Korean king, who loves it and builds...	Compendium Title
<i>Two Naomis</i>	Rhuday-perkovich, O	Other than their names, Naomi Marie and Naomi Edith think they don't have anything in common--however, when their single parents start dating one another, they will have to learn to get along with one another, and maybe even become step-sisters.	Compendium Title Fall 2016 2016 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2016 Kirkus Prize Young Readers Nominee 2018-2019 OR Reader's Choice Award
<i>We Came To America</i>	Ringgold, F	Celebrates United States immigration and the country's diverse immigrant heritage.	Compendium Fall 2016 2017 Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People 2017 Best Children's Book Award 2018 DE Blue Hen Young Readers Award
<i>Gift From Abuela</i>	Ruiz, C	From the moment Abuela first held Niña in her arms, she knew her granddaughter was special. Niña grows up loving Abuela, and Abuela decides to save money every week to buy Niña something special--but something terrible happens, and Abuela finds herself ...	2019 Picture This! Reading List 2019 CCBC Book 2019 CLASP Americas Award
<i>Silent Music : A Story Of Baghdad</i>	Rumford, J	As bombs and missiles fall on Baghdad in 2003, a young boy uses the art of calligraphy to distance himself from the horror of war.	2009 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year 2009 ALA Notable Children's Book CCBC Global Reading Book 2009 Charlotte Zolotow Award 2009 DC Capitol Choices Award 2009 IRA Notable Books for a Global Society 2009-2010 MI Great Lakes Great Books Award Middle East Book Award and Honor 2009 NCSS Notable Social Studies Title 2009 NCTE Notable Book 2009-2010 VT Red Clover Award 2010-2011 WV Children's Book Award Compendium Fall 2008

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<i>Grandfather's Journey</i>	Say, A	A Japanese American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries.	Caldecott Medalist 1995-1996 AR Charlie May Simon Award Boston Globe - Horn Book through 2009 1990-2007 Bulletin Blue Ribbon Award California Book Award 1984-1999 KY Bluegrass Nominee
<i>Indian Shoes</i>	Smith, C	Together with Grampa, Ray Halfmoon, a Seminole-Cherokee boy, finds creative and amusing solutions to life's challenges.	Bank Street College Best Children's Books CCBC Book 2004-2005 Children's Crown Award NCCS Title 2005-2006 SD Prairie Pasque Award
<i>Janna And The Kings</i>	Smith, P	Janna loves the Saturday visits that she and her grandfather make to the local barbershop where she becomes a princess, but after he dies, Janna feels as though her world has changed.	Lee and Low New Voices Award
<i>Mangoes, Mischief, And Tales Of Friendship : Stories From In</i>	Soundar, C	Features eight stories inspired by traditional Indian folktales. Prince Veera and his best friend, Suku, find themselves making important decisions as the prince presides over the king's court.	
<i>In Daddy's Arms I Am Tall : African Americans Celebrating Fa</i>	Step toe, J	A collection of poems celebrating African-American fathers by Angela Johnson, E. Ethelbert Miller, and Carole Boston Weatherford.	Coretta Scott King Award Winner ALA Notable Children's Book Chicago Public Library's Best of the Best 1997 DC Capitol Choices Award Compendium Title
<i>Destiny's Gift</i>	Tarpley, N	Destiny's favorite place in the world is Mrs. Wade's bookstore, so when she finds out it may close she stirs the community to help out, then works on a special gift of her own to encourage Mrs. Wade.	
<i>Ghosts For Breakfast</i>	Terasaki, S	One night, a young boy and his father investigate their frightened neighbors' report of ghosts on a nearby farm.	Smithsonian Notable Books for Children
<i>Double Scribble</i>	Terrell, B	Diego Rivera earned the nickname "Clutch" due to his trademark hook shot and how he helped his school win last year's championship. This season is different. Something has happened to make Diego lose his confidence.	
<i>Keena Ford And The Field Trip Mix-up</i>	Thomson, M	Keena and her second-grade class go on a field trip to the United States Capitol where they meet a congressman and Keena makes a big impression, which she documents in her new journal.	
<i>Keena Ford And The Second-grade Mix-up</i>	Thomson, M	When Keena Ford's teacher mistakenly believes that Keena's birthday is coming up, Keena plays along and her	2011 IL Monarch Award 2009 MD Blue Crab Transitional Reader

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		little lie ends up causing much more trouble than she meant it to.	Award 2009-2010 ND Flicker Tale Intermediate Award
<i>Keena Ford And The Secret Journal Mix-up</i>	Thomson, M	When Keena Ford accidentally leaves her journal at Tiffany's apartment, Tiffany threatens to reveal what is in the journal unless Keena does everything Tiffany wants. With a little persuasion from her brother, a couple of fables, and a visiting author, Keena...	2011-2012 NH Cochecho Reader Award 2011-2012 NH Gate City Book Award
<i>Sam Wu Is Not Afraid Of Ghosts</i>	Tsang, K	After an embarrassing incident on a school field trip, Ralph Philip Zinkerman the Third teases Sam Wu for being a scaredy-cat. Sam is then determined to prove he is not afraid of ghosts and comes up with a plan.	
<i>Suki's Kimono</i>	Uegaki, C	Suki decides to wear her kimono on the first day of school, ignoring teasing and staring from the other children as she fondly remembers the festival she attended with her grandmother where she first wore the kimono.	Bank Street College Best Children's Book List 2006 IL Monarch Award 1997-2007 IRA Teachers' Choice
<i>Dad, Jackie, And Me</i>	Uhlberg, M	In Brooklyn, New York, in 1947, a boy learns about discrimination and tolerance as he and his deaf father share their enthusiasm over baseball and the Dodgers' first baseman, Jackie Robinson.	Compendium Title ALA Schnieder Family Book Award 2007-2008 AR Diamond Primary Award 2007-2008 CA Young Reader Medal 2007-2008 Children's Crown Award Comstock Book Award 2006-2007 Florida Reading ASSN Nominees 2009 IN Young Hoosier Award 1997-2007 IRA Teacher's Choices 2007-2008 KC3 Reading Award 2006-2007 KS Bill Martin Jr. Award 2007-2008 MD Black-Eyed Susan Picture Book Award 2007-2008 MO Show Me Book Award 2006-2007 NC Children's Picture Books 1997-2006 NCTE Notable Books 2007-2008 NM Land of Enchantment Award 2008 NY Charlotte Award Intermediate 2008-2009 PA Reader's Choice 2009-2010 VA Reader's Choice
<i>Man Called Raven</i>	Van camp, R	A mysterious man tells two Indian brothers why they must not hurt the ravens that pester them.	

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<i>Shai & Emmie Star In Break An Egg!</i>	Wallis, Q	Best friends Shai and Emmie, two third graders, are shocked when Shai doesn't get the lead role in the class musical. Instead, the part goes to Gabby, the new girl. Then, Mr. Martinez actually asks Shai to help Gabby in her part, and Gabby won't make it easy...	
<i>Matatu</i>	Walters, E	When a young boy in East Africa named Kioko sees the village dogs chase after the bus called a matatu, his grandfather tells him an African folktale about a dog, a goat, and a sheep that explains why the dogs behave as they do.	Children's Africana Book Award Aesop Prize 2013 CCBC Book CCBC Global Reading Book
<i>Absolutely Alfie And The Furry Purry Secret</i>	Warner, S	When Alfie finds out that her neighbor's cat has had kittens, she is bound and determined to get one even though it means lying to her parents and keeping the kitten a secret in her bedroom.	
<i>Mia Mayhem Is A Superhero!</i>	West, K	Eight-year-old Mia Macarooney is delighted to learn she is from a family of superheroes, but her acceptance into the Program for In Training Superheroes requires she take a placement exam.	Compendium Winter 2019 2019-2020 FL Sunshine State Young Reader Jr. Award
<i>Squishy Taylor And The Bonus Sisters</i>	Wild, A	Sita (A.K.A . Squishy) has moved in with her father and his new family, which includes a pair of twin girls (Jessie and Vee) while her mother is away on a security assignment in Geneva, and she is finding her "bonus sisters" difficult to get along with ...	
<i>Something Beautiful</i>	Wyeth, S	When she goes looking for "something beautiful" in her city neighborhood, a young girl finds beauty in many different forms.	2000-2001 AR Diamond Primary Award 2001-2002 Children's Crown Gallery 1996-2007 IRA Notable Books for a Global Society Title 2001-2002 NC Children's Picture Book National Council of Social Studies Title 200-2001 NE Golden Sower Primary Award 2001-2002 PA Reader's Choice
<i>Always Come Home To Me</i>	Yang, B	A pair of young twins, living with their parents in a small town in northern China, are devastated when the doves they love and care for are given to their uncle and determine to find a way to get them back.	Bank Street Best Children's Books
<i>My Life In Pictures</i>	Zemke, D	Drawing always makes young artist Bea Garcia happy, but when her best friend and neighbor Yvonne moves to Australia, and a loud boy moves into her old house, Bea's	Compendium Fall 2016 2019-2020 Young Reader's Choice Award

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		creativity seems to leave as well. Bea channels her feelings into art.	
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