



Best Bets 2007

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PICTURE BOOKS

- Baby Talk by Judy Hindley, illustrated by Britaq Granstrom (Candlewick Press)
- Bad Boys Get Cookie! by Margie Palatini, illus. by Henry Cole (HarperCollins)
- Black? White! Day? Night!: A Book of Opposites by Laura Vaccaro Seeger (Roaring Brook)
- The Boy Who Cried Wolf by B. G. Hennessy, illustrated by Boris Kulikov (S&S)
- But Excuse Me That is My Book by Lauren Child. (Dial)
- The Cow Who Clucked by Denise Fleming (Henry Holt)
- Dooby Dooby Moo by Doreen Cronin, illustrated by Betsy Lewin (Atheneum)
- Duck and Goose by Tad Hills (S&S)
- Edwina: The Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct by Mo Willems (Hyperion)
- Fancy Nancy by Jane O'Connor, illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser (HarperCollins)
- Farley found It! by Bruce Van Patetr (Boyds Mill Press)
- For You Are a Kenyan Child by Kelly Cunnane, illus. by Ana Juan (S&S)
- Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich by Adam Rex (Harcourt)
- Freedom Ship by Doreen Rappaport, illustrated by Curtis James (Hyperion)
- Good Boy, Fergus! by David Shannon (Scholastic)
- John, Paul, George, & Ben by Lane Smith (Hyperion)
- Lilly's Big Day by Kevin Henkes (Greenwillow)
- Library Lion by Michelle Knudson, illus. by Kevin Hawkes (Candlewick)
- Little Lost Bat by Sanda Markle, illus. by Alan Marks (Charlesbridge)
- Los Gatos Black on Halloween by Marisa Montes, illustrated by Yuyi Morales (Henry Holt)
- Mama, I'll Give You the World by Roni Schotter, illus. by Susan Gallagher (Random House)
- Max's Words by Kate Banks, illustrated by Boris Kulikov (FSG)
- Miss Bindergarten Celebrates the Last Day of Kindergarten by Joseph Slate, illustrated by Ashley Wolff (Dutton)
- Miss Malarkey Leaves No Reader Behind by Judy Finchler, illus. by Kevin O'Malley (Walker)
- My Father the Dog by Elizabeth Bluemle, illus. by Randy Cecil (Candlewick)
- The New Girl....and Me by Jacqui Robbins, illustrated by Matt Phelan (Atheneum)
- One Potato, Two Potato by Cynthia DeFelice, illus. by Andrea U'Ren (FSG)
- Our Librarian Won't Tell Us Anything! by Toni Buzzeo, illus. by Sachiko Yoshikawa (Upstart)
- Pancakes for Supper by Anne Isaacs, illus. by Mark Teague (Scholastic)
- Roar of a Snore by Marsha Diane Arnold, illustrated by Pierre Pratt (Dial)

Russell and the Lost Treasure by Rob Scotton (HarperCollins)
Snow is My Favorite and My Best by Lauren Child (Dial)
Ten in the Bed by Jane Cabrera (Holiday House)
Ugly Fish by Kara LaReau, illus. by Scott Magoon (Harcourt)

BEGINNING READERS

Mercy Watson Fights Crime by Kate Di Camillo, illus. by Chris Van Deusen
Houndlsey and Catina by James Howe, illus. by Marie-Louise Gay (Candlewick)
Houndsley and Catina and the Birthday Surprise by James Howe, illus. by Marie-Louise Gay (Candlewick)
Shoo, Fly Guy! by Tedd Arnold (Scholastic)

TRANSITIONAL NOVELS

Baby Mouse: Beach Babe! by Jennifer Holm, illus. by Michael Holm (Random House)
Baby Mouse: Rock Star by Jennifer Holm, illus. by Michael Holm (Random House)
Clementine by Sara Pennypacker, illus. by Marla Frazee (Hyperion)
The Happiness of Kati by Jane Vejjijava (S&S)
The Jade Dragon by Carolyn Marsden (Candlewick)
Judy Moody: Around the World in 8-1/2 Days by Megan McDonald (Candlewick)
Lucy Rose: Busy Like You Can't Believe by Katy Kelly (Random House)
Marco? Polo! by Jon Scieszka (Viking) *Time Warp Trio series*
Phineas L. Macguire...Erupts! by Frances O'Roark Dowell (S&S)
Ruby Lu, Empress of Everything by Lenore Look, illus. by Anne Wilsdorf (S&S)
Stink and the Incredible Super-Galactic Jawbreaker by Megan McDonald (Candlewick)
Toys Go Out by Emily Jenkins, illus. by Paul Zelinsky (S&S)
Welcome to the Bed & Biscuit by Joan Carris (Candlewick)

ELEMENTARY NOVELS

Alabama Moon by Watts Key (FSG)
Blood on the River: Jamestown 1607 by Elisa Carbone (Viking)
Bread and Roses, Too by Katherine Paterson (Clarion)
Bunnicula Meets Edgar Allan Crow by James Howe
The Case of the Missing Marquess: An Enola Holmes Mystery by Nancy Springer
Counting on Grace by Elizabeth Winthrop (Random House)
Free Baseball by Sue Corbett (Dutton)
Gossamer by Lois Lowry (HMCo.)
Home and Other Big Fat Lies by Jill Wolffson (Holt)
Miracle on 49th Street by Mike Lupica (Penguin)
The Mysterious Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo, illus. by Bagram Ibatoulline (Candlewick)
That Girl Lucy Moon by Amy Timberlake (Hyperion)
Weedflower by Cynthia Kadohata (S&S)

MIDDLE AND UP NOVELS

Angel of Death by Alane Ferguson (Viking)

Ask Me No Questions by Marina Budhos
A Brief Chapter in My Impossible Life by Dana Reinhardt
Death Collector by Justin Richards (Bloomsbury)
Framed by Frank Cottrell Boyce (HarperCollins)
The Trap by John Smelcer (Holt)
The Rules of Survival by Nancy Werlin (Dial)

POETRY

Behold the Blue Umbrellaphant and Other Poems by Jack Prelutsky, illus. by Carin Berger (Greenwillow)
Hey There, Stink Bug! by Leslie Bulion, Leslie Evans (Charlesbridge)
Langston Hughes by Arnold Rampersad & David Roessel, illus. by Benny Andrews (Sterling)
What a Day it Was at School by Jack Prelutsky, illus. by Doug Cushman (Greenwillow)

TRADITIONAL LITERATURE

Epossumondas Saves the Day by Coleen Salley, illus. by Janet Stevens (Harcourt)
The Gingerbread Girl by Lisa Campbell Ernst (Dutton)
Sister Tricksters: Rollicking Tales of Clever Females by Robert D. San Souci, illus. by Daniel San Souci (August House/Little Folk)

NON-FICTION

The Adventures of Marco Polo by Russell Freedman, illus. by Bagram Ibatoulline (Scholastic)
Almost Gone: The World's Rarest Animals by Steve Jenkins (HarperCollins)
Bodies from the Ash: Life and Death in Ancient Pompeii by James Deem (HMCo.)
Dizzy by Jonah Winter, illus. by Sean Qualls (Scholastic)
Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott (Holiday House)
Hammerin' Hank: The Life of Hank Greenberg by Yona Zeldis McDonough, illus. by Malcah Zeldis (Walker)
The Magic School Bus and the Science Fair Expedition by Joanna Cole, illustrated by Bruce Degen (Scholastic)
Move! by Steve Jenkins, illus. by Robin Page (HMCo.)
Oh Rats!: The Story of Rats and People by Albert Marrin (Dutton)
Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship by Isabella Hatkoff, Craig Hatkoff, & Paula Kahumbu, photos by Peter Greste (Scholastic)
Pompeii: Lost and Found by Mary Pope Osborne, illus. by Bonnie Christensen (Knopf)
Something Out of Nothing: Marie Curie and Radium by Carla McClafferty (FSG)
Up Before Daybreak: Cotton and People in America by Deborah Hopkinson. Scholastic
The Wand in the Word: Conversations with Writers of Fantasy by Leonard Marcus (Candlewick)

Caldecott Award

Flotsam by David Weisner (Houghton Mifflin)

Caldecott Honors

Gone Wild: An Endangered Animal Alphabet by David McLimans (Walker)

Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Kadir Nelson (Hyperion/Jump at the Sun)

Newbery Award

The Higher Power of Lucky by Susan Patron (Simon & Schuster)

Newbery Honors

Penny From Heaven by Jennifer L. Holm (Random House)

Hattie Big Sky by Kirby Larson (Delacorte Press)

Rules by Cynthia Lord (Scholastic)

Coretta Scott King Awards

Author Award

Copper Sun by Sharon Draper

Author Honors

Road to Paris by Nickki Grimes

Illustrator Award

Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Kadir Nelson (Hyperion/Jump at the Sun)

Illustrator Honors

Jazz by Walter Dean Myers, illustrated by Christopher Myers (Holiday House)

The Poetry of Langston Hughes by David Roessel and Arnold Rampersad, illustrated by Benny Andrews (Sterling)

Theodor Seuss Geisel Award

Zelda and Ivy: The Runaways by Laura McGee Kvasnosky (Candlewick)

Geisel Honors

Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride by Kate DiCamillo, illus. by Chris Van Dusen (Candlewick)

Move Over, Rover! By Karen Beaumont, illus. by Jane Dyer (Harcourt)

Robert F. Siebert Informational Medal

Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon by Catherine Thimmesh (HMCo.)

Siebert Honors

Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the Front Lines of the Civil Rights Movement by Ann Bausum (National Geographic)

Quest for the Tree Kangaroo: An Expedition to the Cloud Forest of New Guinea by

Sy Montgomery, photographs by Nic Bishop (HMCo.)

To Dance: A Ballerina's Graphic Novel written by Siena Cherson Siegel, artwork by Mark Siegel (Simon & Schuster)