

CHILDREN'S CROWN GALLERY AWARD
2004-2005 NOMINEE LIST

1. *America is...*, by Louise Borden & illus. by Stacey Schuett. 0-689-83900-6, RL 3, Margaret K. McElderry, \$16.00, 36 pages. A story of contemporary America through poetry against a backdrop of delightful illustrations.
2. *Can You Hear A Rainbow?*, by Jamee Riggio Heelan & illus. by Nicola Simmonds. 1-56145-268-8, RL 3, Peachtree, \$14.95, 32 pages. A deaf child tells how he uses sign language, hearing aids, and his other senses to communicate and how his friends help him, and his attendance in public school with an interpreter.
3. *Eaglet's World*, by Evelyn Minshull & illus. by Andrea Gabriel. 0-8075-8929-2, RL 2, Albert Whitman, \$15.95, 32 pages. A baby bald eagle is reluctant to take each new step in his growth, but the day comes when he is able to fly and see beyond his parents' nest.
4. *Hey, Daddy! Animal Fathers and Their Babies*, by Mary Batten & illus. by Higgins Bond. 1-56145-272-6, RL 4, Peachtree, \$15.95, 32 pages. This book shows the important role some animal fathers play in the lives of their offspring.
5. *Jam & Jelly by Holly & Nellie*, by Gloria Whelan & illus. by Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen. 1-58536-109-7, RL 3, Sleeping Bear Press, \$17.95, 46 pages. Nellie and her mother pick berries all summer in order to make enough money so that Nellie can have a coat to wear to school in the winter.
6. *Louisa May & Mr. Thoreau's Flute*, by Julie Dunlap & Marybeth Lorbiecki & illus. by Mary Azarian. 0-80372-470-5, RL 3, Penguin, \$16.99, 32 pages. In 1831, in Concord, Massachusetts, seven-year-old Louisa May Alcott joins other children on varied excursions led by Henry David Thoreau, and is inspired to write her first poem.
7. *Noah's Ark*, by Jerry Pinkney. 1-58717-201-1, RL 3, SeaStar, \$15.95, 32 pages. The retelling of the Biblical account of the great flood and how Noah and his family faithfully responded to God's call to save life on earth.
8. *The Sea Chest*, by Toni Buzzeo & illus. by Mary GrandPré. 0-8037-2703-8, RL 5, Dial, \$16.99, 32 pages. A young girl listens as her relative, a lighthouse keeper's daughter, tells of her childhood living on a Maine island, and of an infant that washed ashore in a storm.
9. *Summer Sun Risin'*, by W. Nikola-Lisa & illus. by Don Tate. 1-58430-034-5, RL 1, Lee & Low, \$16.95, 32 pages. An African American boy enjoys a summer day on his family's farm, milking the cows, fishing, and having fun.
10. *Water Hole Waiting*, by Jane Kurtz & Christopher Kurtz & illus. by Lee Christiansen. 0-06-029850-2, RL 2, Greenwillow, \$15.95, 32 pages. A thirsty monkey waits as the larger animals drink from the water hole on the African savanna.

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1. *Becoming Joe DiMaggio*, by Maria Testa & illus. by Scott Hunt. 0-7636-1537-4, RL 5, Candlewick, \$13.99, 51 pages. The highlight of Joseph Paul's growing up years was listening to baseball games on the radio & learning the rules of the game at his grandfather's knee.
2. *Castaways in Lilliput*, by Henry Winterfeld & illus. by William M. Hutchinson. RL 4, 0-15-216286-0, Odyssey Classics, \$5.95, 220 pages. (pbk), 0-15-216298-4, Harcourt, \$17.00, 220 pages. Three Australian children, adrift on a rubber raft, are cast ashore in a land of tiny people.
3. *The Confessions and Secrets of Howard J. Fingerhut*, by Esther Hershenhorn & illus. by Ethan Long. 0-8234-1642-9, RL 4, Holiday House, \$16.95, 124 pages. A fourth grade entrepreneur competes with his classmates to win a contest and writes a book about the experience.
4. *Dear Emma*, by Johanna Hurwitz & illus. by Barbara Garrison. 0-06-029840-5, RL 5, Harper Collins, \$15.99, 150 pages. In 1910, through letters to a friend, a young Russian immigrant new to New York, shares her thoughts about an epidemic and a factory fire.

5. ***A Doctor Like Papa***, by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock & illus. by James Bernardin. 0-06-029319-5, RL 4, HarperCollins, \$14.99, 73 pages. When an outbreak of the flu comes to Vermont in 1918, eleven-year-old Margaret aspires to be a doctor just like her papa.
6. ***Elizabeth Taylor's Nibbles & Me***, by Elizabeth Taylor. 0-689-85334-3, RL 3, Simon & Schuster, \$15.99, 81 pages. Originally published in 1946, the actress records the antics of a menagerie of animals & her special pet chipmunk while filming *The Courage of Lassie*.
7. ***Georgie Lee***, by Sharon Phillips Denslow & illus. by Lynne Rae Perkins. 0-688-17940-1, RL 4, HarperCollins, \$15.99, 91 pages. A young boy and his grandmother share all sorts of adventures on her farm with her cat, Boot, and her mysterious cow, Georgie Lee.
8. ***The Great Serum Race***, by Debbie S. Miller & illus. by Jon Van Zyle. 0-8027-8812-2, RL 5, Walker, \$18.95, 40 pages. A dogsled team is the only way to save an Alaskan community from a diphtheria epidemic by transporting medicine across 1,000 miles of snow and ice.
9. ***Indian Shoes***, by Cynthia Leitich Smith & illus. by Jim Madsen. 0-06-029531-7, RL 5, HarperCollins, \$15.99, 66 pages. Together with Gramps, Ray Halfmoon, a Seminole-Cherokee boy, finds creative and amusing solutions to life's challenges.
10. ***Lewis & Clark & Me***, by Laurie Myers & illus. by Michael Dooling. 0-8050-6368-4, RL 4, Henry Holt, \$16.95, 63 pages. Meriwether Lewis's dog, Seaman, describes Lewis and Clark's expedition, which he accompanied from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean.
11. ***Look! Zoom in on Art!***, by Gillian Wolfe. 0-19-521912-0, RL 6, Oxford, \$16.95, 39 pages. Mr. Wolfe has selected 18 paintings from around the world and across art history to teach young art enthusiasts the most important skill in enjoying beauty on a canvas.
12. ***Mercedes & the Chocolate Pilot***, by Margot Theis Raven & illus. by Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen. 1-58536-069-4, RL 4, Sleeping Bear Press, \$21.95, 46 pages. To relieve the hunger in Germany in 1948, pilots began airlifting supplies including candy and gum for the children, which gave them a reason to hope for a better life.
13. ***Paisano, the Roadrunner***, by Jennifer Dewey Owings & illus. by Wyman Meinzer. 0-7613-1250-1, RL 5, Millbrook, \$17.95, 48 pages. The author describes the experiences with a family of roadrunners that came to live near her house.
14. ***Runt***, by Marion Dane Bauer. 0-618-21261-2, RL 4, Clarion, \$15.00, 138 pages. Deep in the woods, four normal-sized pups—Leader, Sniffer, Runner, & Thinker—are born. Then comes one last, very small pup. For him there is no name but Runt and he struggles for acceptance.
15. ***Stolen by the Sea***, by Anna Myers. 0-8027-8787-8, RL 4, Walker, \$16.95, 121 pages. In Galveston, Texas, a teenage girl and boy work together to save themselves and others from the terrible hurricane of 1900, still the largest natural disaster in American history.
16. ***To Fly: The Story of the Wright Brothers***, by Wendie C. Old & illus. by Robert Andrew Parker. 0-618-13347-X, RL 5, Clarion, \$16.00, 48 pages. This book traces the work that the two brothers did together 100 years ago to develop the first machine-powered aircraft. A flight timeline is included.
17. ***Walking With Henry***, by Thomas Locker. 1-55591-355-5, RL 4, Fulcrum, \$17.95, 32 pages. Introduces philosopher, writer, and environmentalist Henry David Thoreau, using selections from his writings with stunning illustrations by Mr. Locker.
18. ***The Wanigan: A Life on the River***, by Gloria Whelan & illus. by Emily Martindale. 0-375-81429-9, RL 5, Knopf, \$14.95, 133 pages. In 1878, eleven-year-old Annabel and her parents survive a year of adventure that includes floating downriver in two shacks along with a group of Michigan lumbermen.
19. ***When the Circus Came to Town***, by Laurence Yep & illus. by Suling Wang. 0-06-029325-X, RL 4, HarperCollins, \$14.95, 113 pages. An Asian cook and a Chinese New Year celebration help a ten-year-old girl at a stagecoach station regain her confidence after smallpox scars her face.
20. ***When Marian Sang***, by Pam Munoz Ryan & illus. by Brian Selznick. 0-439-26967-9, RL 5, Scholastic, \$18.95, 40 pages. An introduction to the life of Marian Anderson, an extraordinary singer, whose life and career encouraged social change. She was the first African American to perform at the Metropolitan Opera.

LAMPLIGHTER AWARD
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1. ***Among the Betrayed***, by Margaret Peterson Haddix. 0-689-83905-7, RL 4, Simon & Schuster, \$15.95, 156 pages. Thirteen-year-old Nina is threatened by the Population Police, who give her the option of helping them identify “third-born” children, or facing death.
2. ***Daughter of Venice***, by Donna Jo Napoli. 0-385-32780-3, RL 4, Wendy Lamb Books, \$16.95, 274 pages. Frustrated with the restrictions her gender imposes on her life, fourteen-year-old Donata, roams the streets of sixteenth-century Venice dressed as a boy.
3. ***The Great Storm: The Hurricane Diary of J. T. King***, by Lisa Waller Rogers. 0-89672-478-6, RL 4, Texas Tech Press, \$14.95, 129 pages. A teenage boy keeps a diary of events during the devastating hurricane that struck Galveston, Texas, in 1900, and of the rescue operations that followed.
4. ***Green Angel***, by Alice Hoffman. 0-439-44384-9, RL 5, Scholastic, \$16.95, 116 pages. Haunted by grief and her past after losing her family, fifteen-year-old Green retreats into her ruined garden as she struggles to survive emotionally and physically on her own. This was written in response to Sept.11, 2001. Ask Scholastic for a discussion guide for class study.
5. ***Guts: The True Stories Behind Hatchet & the Brian Books***, by Gary Paulsen. RL 6, 0-440-40712-5, Laurel-Leaf, \$5.50, 148 pages. (pbk), 0-385-32650-5, Random House, \$16.95, 148 pages. The author relates incidents in his life and how they inspired parts of his books about the character, Brian Robeson.
6. ***The Stranger Next Door***, by Peg Kehret. 0-525-46829-3, RL 4, Dutton, \$15.99, 162 pages. A clever cat’s heroism helps two twelve-year-old boys become friends after their families, one of whom is in a witness-protection program, move to neighboring houses.
7. ***Tree Castle Island***, by Jean Craighead George. RL 4, 0-06-000254-9, Harper Trophy, \$5.99, 242 pages. (pbk), 0-06-000256-5, HarperCollins, \$15.95, 242 pages. After building his own canoe, fourteen-year-old Jack tries it out in his beloved Okefenokee Swamp, where an accident tests his survival skills and leads him to a shocking discovery.
8. ***The Voyage of Patience Goodspeed***, by Heather Vogel Frederick. 0-689-84851-X, RL 6, Simon & Schuster, \$16.00, 219 pages. Following their mother’s death, Captain Goodspeed brings twelve-year-old Patience and six-year-old Tad aboard his whaling shipages. Patience is thrilled to use her excellent mathematical skills to help navigate the shipages.
9. ***When My Name Was Keoko***, by Linda Sue Park. 0-618-13335-6, RL 4, Clarion, \$16.00, 199 pages. With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely.
10. ***Wild Man Island***, by Will Hobbs. 0-688-17473-6, RL 5, HarperCollins, \$15.95, & 0-380-73310-2, 184 pages. Harper Trophy, \$5.99. Fourteen-year-old Andy visits the Alaskan wilderness site of his archaeologist father’s death and becomes stranded on Admiralty Island.

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