

TRIPLE CROWN AWARDS 2005-2006

CHILDREN'S CROWN GALLERY AWARD© NOMINEES

1. *Always and Forever*, by Alan Durant & illus. by Debi Gliori. 0-15-216636-X, RL 3, Harcourt, \$16.00, 28 p. A family of forest animals learns to cope with the death of a beloved friend.
2. *Anna the Bookbinder*, by Andrea Cheng & illus. by Ted Rand. 0-8027-8831-9, RL 3, Walker, \$16.95, 30 p. Anna loves to watch her father at his bookbinding business. When he is unable to finish an important client's books, Anna is determined to take matters into her own hands.
3. *Black All Around*, by Patricia Hubbell & illus. by Don Tate. 1-58430-048-5, RL 1, Lee & Low, \$16.00, 32 p. An African American girl ponders the many black things around her, from the inside of her pocket to the cozy night where there is no light.
4. *Goldie and the Three Bears*, by Diane Stanley. 0-06-000008-2, RL 2, HarperCollins, \$15.95, 32 p. In this story, loosely based on that of Goldilocks, Goldie, who has yet to find a friend to "love with all her heart," makes an unplanned visit to the house of some bears.
5. *The Magical Garden of Claude Monet*, by Laurence Anholt. 0-7641-5574-1, RL 3, Barron's, \$14.95, 28 p. On a visit with her mother to the garden of the famous painter, Julie discovers a world of true beauty where plants grow as tall as trees.
6. *Mama Played Baseball*, by David A. Adler. 0-15-202196-5, RL 2, Harcourt, \$16.00, 32 p. While her dad is away serving in WW II, Amy helps her mother get a job as a player in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League.
7. *The Perfect Thanksgiving*, by Eileen Spinelli & illus. by Joann Adinolfi. 0-8050-6531-8, RL 2, Henry Holt, \$15.95, 32 p. Two families, one that is perfect and one that is far from it, celebrate Thanksgiving in their own loving ways.
8. *Snuggle Mountain*, by Lindsay Lane & illus. by Melissa Iwai. 0-618-04328-4, RL 3, Clarion, \$16.00, 32 p. In the morning, Emma climbs Snuggle Mountain, trying to rouse the two-headed Sleeping Giant to make pancakes for breakfast.
9. *When the Moon is High*, by Alice Schertle, & illus. by Julia Noonan. 0-688-15143-4, RL 2, HarperCollins, \$15.99, 32 p. A father takes his sleepless child out in the night to see the moon and the animals as a way to relax them both.
10. *Where's God?* by Laura Schlessinger & illus. by Daniel McFeeley. 0-06-051909-6, RL 3, HarperCollins, \$15.99, 32 p. When Sammy tries to look for God with his binoculars, his grandfather explains where and how to find Him.

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1. *Abe Lincoln, the Boy Who Loved Books*, by Kay Winters & illus. by Nancy Carpenter. 0-689-82554-4, RL 3, Simon & Schuster, \$16.95, 40 p. This book

- gives a glimpse into the boyhood of the sixteenth president of the United States. It shows him reading at every chance in between the chores and work of a pioneer family.
2. *All Their Names Were Courage*, by Sharon Phillips Denslow. 0-06-623810-2, RL 5, Greenwillow, \$15.99, 135 p. During the Civil War, Sallie Burd writes letters to Confederate and Union generals asking about their horses in order to write a book.
 3. *Bicycle Madness*, by Jane Kurtz & illus. by Beth Peck. 0-8050-6981-X, RL 4, Henry Holt, \$15.95, 122p. In the late nineteenth century, Lillie gains friendship and help with a spelling bee from a neighbor who braves criticism to speak out about women's rights.
 4. *Boxes for Katje*, by Candace Fleming & illus. by Stacey Dressen-McQueen. 0-374-30922-1, RL 3, Farrar, Strauss, Giroux, \$16.00, 36 p. After a young Dutch girl writes to her new American friend in thanks for the care package sent after World War II, she begins to receive increasingly larger packages.
 5. *The Dulcimer Boy*, by Tor Seidler & illus. by Brian Selznick. 0-06623609-6, RL 5, HarperCollins, \$15.99, 153 p. Twin baby brothers are abandoned on their uncle's doorstep in early twentieth-century England with nothing but a silver-stringed dulcimer.
 6. *Escaping the Giant Wave*, by Peg Kehret. 0-689-85272-X, RL 4, Simon & Schuster, \$15.95, 151 p. When an earthquake creates a tsunami while thirteen-year-old Kyle is babysitting his sister during a family vacation at a Pacific Coast resort, he tries to save his sister and a boy who has bullied him for years.
 7. *The Green Dog: a Mostly True Story*, by Suzanne Staples. 0-374-32779-3, RL 3, Farrar, Straus, Giroux, \$16.00, 120 p. During the summer before fifth grade, Suzanne, a daydreaming loner who likes to fish and walk through the woods, acquires a canine companion. It is based on Ms. Staple's childhood in PA.
 8. *Hallelujah Handel*, by Douglas Cowling & illus. by Jason Walker. 0-439-05850-3, RL 3, Scholastic, \$15.00, 40 p. In eighteenth-century London, a young orphan who sings like an angel but is unable to speak, is befriended by the great composer George Frederic Handel and finds his way home.
 9. *Hippos in the Night*, by Christina Allen. 0-688-17826-X, RL 6, HarperCollins, \$16.99, 136 p. Biologist Christina Allen describes her fascinating adventures in Africa, including watching the shadow of a hippo lurking outside her tent!
 10. *Holding the Reins: a Ride Through Cowgirl Life*, by Marc Talbert. 0-06-029255-5, RL 6, HarperCollins, \$16.99, 105 p. This title explores a year in the life of four teenage girls as they live and work on their home ranches in Utah, Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, and New Mexico.
 11. *It Can't Be Done, Nellie Bly!* by Nancy Butcher. 1-56145-289-0, RL 5, Peachtree, \$12.95, 84 p. In 1888, a young, female reporter for New York World newspaper sets out to travel around the world in fewer than eighty days, while a Cosmopolitan magazine reporter tries to beat her to the goal.
 12. *Johann Gutenberg and the Amazing Printing Press*, by Bruce Koscielniak. 0-618-26351-9, RL 6, Houghton Mifflin, \$16.00, 32 p. A history of the modern printing industry, including how paper and ink are made, looking particularly at the printing press invented by Gutenberg round 1450 but also at its precursors.

13. *Lost City: the Discovery of Machu Picchu*, by Ted Lewin. 0-399-23302-4, RL 3, Philomel, \$16.99, 42 p. In 1911, Yale professor Hiram Bingham, on a trek to find a rumored lost city of the Incas, discovers another a lost Incan city with the help of a Peruvian boy. What he stumbled onto was even more beautiful and amazing.
14. *Mary Cassat: Family Pictures*, by Jane O'Connor and illus. by Jennifer Kalis. 0-448-43153-X, RL 3, Grosset & Dunlap, \$15.00, 32 p. Discusses the life and the work of impressionist painter Mary Cassat, as told from a child's point of view.
15. *Mother to Tigers*, by George Ella Lyon & illus. by Peter Catalanotto. 0-689-84221-X, RL 4, Atheneum, \$16.95, 32 p. The story of Helen Martini, founder of the Bronx Zoo's animal nursery in 1944 and its first woman zookeeper. Her home was pretty much a zoo too for seriously ill animals.
16. *My Mama Likes To Say*, by Denise Brennan-Nelson & illus. by Jane Donovan. 1-58536-106-2, RL 4, Sleeping Bear, \$15.95, 32 p. Maxims, idioms, parental proverbs and witticisms are explained for children and the illustrations take in a child's point of view when hearing them.
17. *River Boy*, by William Anderson & illus. by Dan Andreasen. 0-06-028400-5, RL 4, HarperCollins, \$15.99, 34 p. An overview of the childhood antics and adult genius of one of America's most gifted writers.
18. *Seaward Born*, by Lea Wait. 0-689-84719-X, RL 4, McElderry Books, \$16.95, 156 p. In 1805, a thirteen-year-old slave and his friend make a dangerous escape from Charleston, South Carolina, and stow away to head north toward freedom.
19. *The Story of a Seagull and the Cat Who Taught Her To Fly*, by Luis Sepulveda & illus. by Chris Sheban. 0-439-40186-0, RL 5, Arthur A. Levine, \$15.95, 126 p. A seagull, dying from the effects of an oil spill, entrusts her egg to Zorba the cat, who promises not only to care for it but raise it as well.
20. *A Voice of Her Own*, by Kathryn Lasky & illus. by Paul Lee. 0-7636-0252-3, RL 5, Candlewick, \$16.99, 40 p. A biography of an African girl brought to New England in 1761 who became famous on both sides of the Atlantic as the first Black poet in America.

LAMPLIGHTER AWARD© NOMINEES

1. *The City of Ember*, by Jeanne DuPrau. 0-375-82273-9, RL 5, Random House, \$15.95, 288 p. In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a messenger to run to new places in her beloved but decaying city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.
2. *A Grateful Harvest*, by Kristiana Gregory. 0-439-43993-0, RL 5, Scholastic, \$4.99, 192 p. In this second Prairie River series, Nessa is having difficulty making friends and her position as the local teacher is on shaky ground. Through it all she relies heavily on prayer to sustain her.
3. *The Impossible Journey*, by Gloria Whelan. 0-06-623811-0, RL 5, HarperCollins, \$15.99, 248 p. In 1934, thirteen-year-old Marya and her younger brother, Georgi, set out alone on a long journey into Siberia to find their mother after she and their father are exiled for opposing Stalin.
4. *Jackie's Wild Seattle*, by Will Hobbs. 0-688-17474-4, RL 4, Harper Collins, \$15.99, 200 p. Fourteen-year-old Shannon and her little brother, Cody, spend the summer with their uncle, helping at a wildlife rescue center named Jackie's Wild Seattle.

5. *Kensuke's Kingdom*, by Michael Morpugo. 0-439-38202-5, RL 4, Scholastic, \$16.95, 164 p. When Michael is swept off his family's yacht, he washes up on a desert island, where he struggles to survive—until he finds he is not alone.
6. *Mud City*, by Deborah Ellis. 0-88899-518-0, RL 4, Groundwood, \$15.95, 164 p. After fleeing her native Afghanistan fourteen-year-old Shauzia is living in a refugee camp in Pakistan. She masquerades as a boy to try and earn money to fulfill her dream of living in France.
7. *My Contract With Henry*, by Robin Vaupel. 0-8234-1701-8, RL 6, Holiday House, \$16.95, 244 p. A mission that begins as an eighth-grade project on Henry David Thoreau's experimental living at Walden Pond becomes a life-changing experience for a group of outsider students who become budding philosophers, environmental activists, and loyal friends.
8. *The Ravenmaster's Secret*, by Elvira Woodruff. 0-439-28133-4, RL 5, Scholastic, \$15.95, 225 p. The eleven-year-old son of the Ravenmaster at the Tower of London befriends a Jacobite rebel being held prisoner there. It is a riveting historic adventure.
9. *Saba: Under the Hyena's Foot*, by Jane Kurtz. 1-58485-829-X, RL 5, American Girl, \$15.95, 207 p. After being kidnapped and brought to the emperor's palace in Gondar, Ethiopia, twelve-year-old Saba discovers that she and her brother are part of the emperor's desperate attempt to consolidate political power in 1846.
10. *Where I'd Like To Be*, by Frances O'Roark Dowell. 0-689-84420-4, RL 5, Atheneum, \$15.95, 232 p. Maddie, Logan and other foster children at a Tennessee orphanage build a fort they can go to and call their own.