

TRIPLE CROWN AWARDS 2006-2007

CHILDREN'S GALLERY AWARD© NOMINEES

Grades K - 2

1. *Buddy: The Story of Buddy Holly*, by Anne Bustard & illus. by Kurt Cyrus. 0-689-86667-4, RL 2, Simon Schuster, \$16.95, 32 p. A biography of the musician, born Charles Hardin Holley, during the Depression in Texas, who pioneered a new kind of music.
2. *Don't Call Me Pig! A Javelina Story*, by Conrad J. Storad & illus. by Beth Neely & Don Rantz. 1-891795-03-1, RL 4, RGU Group, \$15.95, 32 p. Tells in humorous rhyme the characteristics of a javelina while contrasting those of a pig.
3. *Ella the Elegant Elephant*, by Carmella & Steven D'Amico. 0-439-62792-3, RL 3, Arthur A. Levine Books, \$16.95, 32 p. Ella is nervous about the first day of school in her new town, but wearing her grandmother's good luck hat makes her feel better – until the other students tease her and call her names.
4. *Lost in the Woods: A Photographic Fantasy*, by Carl R. Sams II & Jean Stoick. 0-9671748-8-0, RL 2, Carl R. Sams II Photography, Inc., \$19.95, 48 p. A spring tale of trust, patience, and waiting for your time. Woodland creatures are concerned for a newborn white-tailed fawn they believe is lost.
5. *Our Nest*, by Reeve Lindbergh & illus. by Jill McElmurry. 076361286-3, RL 3, Candlewick Press, \$15.99, 24 p. A rhymed view of the interrelatedness and belonging of all things and creatures in the universe, from the stars, to the sea, to a mouse, to a child.
6. *Rockwell: A Boy and His Dog*, by Loren Spiotta-DiMare & illus. by Cliff Miller. 0-7641-5790-6, RL 2, Barron's, \$14.95, 32 p. A fictionalized tale that captures the personalities of two real townspeople in the charming community of Stockbridge, Massachusetts in the mid-twentieth century America.
7. *She'll Be Comin' 'Round the Mountain*, by Philemon Sturges & illus. by Ashley Wolff. 0-316-82256-6, RL 1, Little, Brown, \$15.99, 32 p. New words to the traditional tune describe a camper driving, "hootin'" and "shoutin'" guest and the party that will begin when she arrives.
8. *A Sock Is a Pocket for Your Toes: A Pocket Book*, by Elizabeth Garton Scanlon & illus. by Robin Preiss Glasser, 0-06-029526-0, RL 2, HarperCollins, \$15.99, 32 p. A poetic celebration of nontraditional pockets and what they hold, pointing out that a sock is a pocket for your toes and a vase is a pocket for a rose.
9. *Someday Is Not a Day of the Week*, by Denise Brennan-Nelson & illus. by Kevin O'Malley. 1-58536-243-3, RL 2, Sleeping Bear Press, \$15.95, 32 p. When asking to go on various outings, Max always receives the answer "someday" from adults, but with a little help from the days of the week; he discovers where "someday" lives.
10. *When You Were Born*, by Dianna Hutts Aston & illus. by E. B. Lewis. 076361438-6, RL 4, Candlewick Press, \$15.99, 32 p. A mother describes the joyful time of her baby's birth and how family and neighbors celebrated it.

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Grades 3 - 5

1. *America's White Table*, by Margot Theis Raven & illus. by Mike Benny. 1-58536-216-6, ERL 3, Sleeping Bear Press, \$16.95, 32 p. Because their Uncle John is a POW in Vietnam, three children set a special table in his memory & of others fallen or MIA.
2. *Amber: The Story of a Red Fox*, by Shirley Woods & illus. by Celia Godkin. 1-55041-811-4, RL 5, Fitzhenry & Whiteside, \$15.95, 96 p. The story of a young fox, from her first month to an independent life with a family of her own.
3. *Back to School with Betsy*, by Carolyn Haywood. 0-15-205105-8, RL 3, Harcourt, \$16.00, 148 p. Third grader Betsy and her friend Billy seem to be always getting into scrapes both inside and outside of school.
4. *Escape Across the Wide Sea*, by Katherine Kirkpatrick. 0-8234-1854-5, RL 4, Holiday House, \$17.95, 189 p. After escaping religious persecution in France in 1686, a young boy & his parents come to New York and help establish the town of New Rochelle, New York.
5. *The Greatest Skating Race*, by Louise Borden & illus. by Niki Daly. 0-689-87440-5, RL 4, McElderry Books, \$18.95, 44 p. During World War II in the Netherlands, a ten-year old boy's dream of skating in a famous race allows him to help two children escape to Belgium by ice-skating past German soldiers and other enemies.
6. *Hachiko Waits*, by Leslea Newman & illus. by Machiyo Kodaira. 0-8050-7336-1, RL 4, Henry Holt, \$15.95, 96 p. Professor Ueno's loyal Akita, Hachiko, waits for him at the train station every afternoon, and even after the professor unexpectedly dies while at work, Hachiko faithfully continues to await his return until the day the dog dies.
7. *Last Holiday Concert*, by Andrew Clements. 0-689-84516-2, RL 5, Simon & Schuster, \$15.95, 166 p. Life is unusually easy for popular sixth grader Hart Evans, but when his music teacher puts him in charge of the holiday concert, Hart must use all of his leadership skills to unite the other students.
8. *The Lost Colony of Roanoke*, by Jean Fritz & illus. by Hudson Talbott. 0-399-24027-6, RL 5, Putnam, \$16.99, 58 p. Describes the English colony of Roanoke, which was founded in 1585, and discusses the mystery of its disappearance.
9. *Miss Lady Bird's Wildflowers: How a First Lady Changed America*, by Kathi Appelt & illus. by Joy Fisher Hein. 0-06-001107-6, RL 5, HarperCollins, \$16.99, 40 p. A biography of Lady Bird Johnson, who, as the wife of President Lyndon Johnson, reminded citizens about the importance of conserving natural resources and promoted the beautification of cities and highways by planting wildflowers.
10. *More Perfect Than the Moon*, by Patricia MacLachlan. 0-06-027558-8, RL 2, HarperCollins, \$14.99, 80 p. Eight-year old Cassie Witting is upset when she finds out that her mother, Sarah, is expecting a baby, but writing in the journal that was her brother Caleb's helps sort out her feelings and she finally learns that Sarah will always love her.
11. *An Orange for Frankie*, by Patricia Polacco. 0-399-24302-X, RL 4, Philomel, \$16.99, 48 p. Frankie and his eight brothers and sisters learn lessons about giving, family, and tradition during a snowy Michigan Christmas long ago.

12. *Pinduli*, by Janell Cannon. 0-15-204668-2, RL 3, Harcourt, \$16.00, 48 p. Pinduli, a young striped Hyena, talks with Dog, Lion, and Zebra about their ears, manes, and stripes.
13. *Saving Samantha: A True Story*, by Robbyn Smith van Frankenhuyzen & illus. by Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen. 1-58536-220-4, RL 5, Sleeping Bear Press, \$17.95, 44 p. The author finds Samantha, a fox pup, in a rusty trap. The author recounts how Samantha is nursed back to health, and gradually reintroduced into the wild.
14. *Sequoyah: The Man Who Gave His People Writing*, by James Rumford & translated by Anna Huckaby. 0-618-36947-3, RL 3, Houghton Mifflin, \$16.00, 30 p. The tale of an ordinary man with an extraordinary idea -- to create a writing system for the Cherokee Indians and turn his people into a nation of readers and writers.
15. *Son of Spirit Horse*, by Janice Shefelman & illus. by Tom Shefelman. 1-57168-833-1, RL 3, Eakin Press, \$14.95, 72 p. Young Wolf rides his colt Snow Wind in a race against his former friend Little Big Mouth.
16. *Thunder From the Sea*, by Joan Hiatt Harlow. 0-689-86403-5, RL 5, McElderry Books, \$14.95, 243 p. Just when his dreams of being part of a family and having a dog seem to be coming true, Tom wonders if trouble with neighbors on his new island home and the impending birth of a new baby will change everything.
17. *Under the Wild Western Sky*, by Jim Arnosky. 0-688-1722-2, RL 5, HarperCollins, \$16.89, 32 p. This is a collection of some of the author's favorite mountains, rivers, and deserts. Brilliant illustrations accompany the information rich text of northwestern USA.
18. *Winter's Gift*, by Jane Donovan. 1-58536-231-X, RL 4, Sleeping Bear Press, \$15.95, 32 p. A lonely old farmer whose wife has died acquires new hope for keeping going after helping rescue a mare in a snowstorm on Christmas Eve.
19. *The World According to Humphrey*, by Betty G. Birney. 0-399-24198-1, RL 4, Putnam, \$14.99, 124 p. Humphrey, a pet hamster at Longfellow School, learns that he has an important role to play in helping his classmates and their teacher.
20. *Zoo School*, by Laurie Hornik & illus. by Debbie Tilley. 0-618-34204-4, RL 4, Clarion Books, \$16.00, 135 p. Students attending the unusual new Zoo School do not realize how much they have learned until inspectors threaten to close it down.

LAMPLIGHTER AWARD© NOMINEES

Grades 6 - 8

1. *Albino Animals*, by Kelly Milner Halls. 1-58196-012-3, RL 7, Darby Creek, \$18.95, 72 p. Learn about albino animals, the genetics that causes albinism, and the survival challenges albinos face.
2. *The Bark of the Bog Owl*, by Jonathan Rogers. 080543131-4, RL 6, Broadman & Holman, \$15.99, 231 p. Young Aidan is surely meant for greater things than keeping sheep. After a series of adventures, Aidan joins his siblings, battles a giant, and leads a covert operation in this Christian fantasy.
3. *The Black Canary*, by Jane Louise Curry. 0-689-86478-7, RL 6, McElderry Books, \$16.95, 279 p. Twelve-year old James has no interest in music in spite of the fact that

- both his parents are musicians, but when he discovers a portal to the seventeenth-century London, he finds that his great voice and the fact that he is biracial might serve him well.
4. *The Dark Hills Divide*, by Patrick Carman. 0-439-75843-2, RL 6, Orchard Books, \$9.99, 253 p. Alexa is spending another summer in Bridewell with her father. She's eager to solve the mystery that lurks in the forests and The Dark Hills which townspeople fear.
 5. *Discovery at Flint Springs*, by John R. Erickson. 0-670-05946-3, RL 5, Viking, \$16.99, 153 p. When Dr. Montrose visits their Texas ranch in the summer of 1927, brothers Riley and Coy are drawn into an archeological adventure.
 6. *Eyes Like Willy's*, by Juanita Havill. 0-688-13673-7, RL 5, HarperCollins, \$16.89, 135 p. Willy, a German boy enjoys friendship during several summers in Austria with two French siblings until World War I puts them on opposing sides.
 7. *Fish*, by L. S. Matthews. 0-385-73180-9, RL 5, Delacorte, \$14.95, 183p. Tiger and his parents who are aid workers must leave their village when fighting breaks out. A great read of strength and survival in an unforgiving world.
 8. *Monsoon Summer*, by Mitali Perkins. 0-385-73123-X, RL 4, Delacorte, \$15.95, 257 p. Secretly in love with her best friend and business partner Steve, fifteen-year old Jazz must spend the summer away from him when her family goes to India during that country's rainy season to help set up a clinic.
 9. *Nine Days a Queen: The Short Life and Reign of Lady Jane Grey*, by Ann Rinaldi. 0-06-054924-6, RL 4, HarperCollins, \$16.89, 192 p. Lady Jane Grey, who at fifteen was Queen of England for nine days before being executed, recounts her life story from the age of nine.
 10. *Promises to Keep*, by Sharon Robinson. 0-439-42592-1, RL 7, Scholastic, \$16.95, 64 p. As told by his daughter, this is a biography about baseball legend Jackie Robinson, the first African American to play in the major leagues, and his impact on America's game.

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