

Triple Crown Awards
2008-2009

3-5 CHILDREN'S CROWN AWARD

1. Brothers, by E. Yin & illus. by Chris Soentpiet. 0-399-23406-3 , RL 3, Philomel Books, \$16.00, 32p. The story of Patrick and Ming, fictional characters based on actual historical events. 1
2. The Cat with the Yellow Star, by Susan Goldman Rubin with Ela Weissberger. 0-8234-1831-6, RL 5, Holiday House, \$16.95, 40p. This unusual memoir pays tribute to the devoted adults who helped the children of Terezin, and tells the story of a girl flowering against all odds. 4
3. Cookies, by Amy Krouse Rosenthal & illus. by Jane Dyer. 0-06-058081-X , RL 3, Harper Collins Publishers, \$12.99, 32p. Everyone knows that cookies taste good but these cookies have something good to say. 5
4. The Cricket Winter, by Felice Holman & illus. by Robyn Thomas. 0-8028-5289-0, RL 4, Design Press, \$15.00, 91p. A little boy exchanges Morse code messages with the cricket that lives in his house and together they trap the rat that has been plaguing the boy's father and the cricket's friends. 4
5. Crossing Bok Chitto, by Tim Tingle & illus. by Jeanne Rirex Bridges. 0-938317-77-6, RL 4, Cinco Puntos Press, \$17.95, 32p. Martha Tom, a young Choctaw girl, crosses a river called Bok Chitto, thus begins the story about seven slaves who find their freedom on the other side of the river led by a Choctaw angel. 1
6. Godspeed, John Glenn, by Richard Hilliard. 1-59078-384-0, RL 7, Boyds Mills Press, \$16.95, 32p. Richard Hilliard tells the story of John Glenn who becomes the first American astronaut to orbit the earth. 2
7. Grandfather's Dance, by Patricia MacLachlan. 0-06-027560-X, RL 3, HarperCollins, \$14.99, 84p. As her family gathers for the wedding of her sister Anna, fourth grader Cassie Witting sees the many changes brought about by everyday life and finds comfort in the love of those around her, especially her grandfather. 4
8. The Jade Dragon, by Carolyn Marsden and Virginia Shin-Mui Loh. 0-7636-3012-8. RL 3, Candlewick Press, \$15.99, 165p. Drawing on her own life story Virginia Shin-Mui Loh joins Carolyn Marsden to poignantly capture a young girl's dilemma as she navigates between her culture and her friendship. 4
9. John Muir, by Kathryn Lasky & illus. by Stan Fellows. 076361957-4, RL 6, Candlewick Press, \$16.99, 40p. Quoting liberally from John Muir's diaries, Kathryn Lasky tells the inspiring tale of one of America's most dedicated and influential environmentalists. 2
10. Julia's Kitchen, by Brenda A. Ferber & illus. by Pep Montserrat. 0-374-39932-8. RL 3, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, \$16.00, 150p. When her mother and younger sister are killed in a house fire, eleven-year-old Cara struggles to find a way to deal with her emotions and to reach out to her grieving father. 4

11. Kringle, by Tony Abbott & illus. by Greg Call. 0-439-74942-5, RL 4, Scholastic Press, \$14.99, 324p. Back in the days of long ago, when elves and goblins still roamed the earth, there was a boy named Kringle who would be cast out into the wilderness with a destiny to be filled. 4
12. On Christmas Eve, by Ann M. Martin. 0-439-74588-8, RL 4, Scholastic Press, \$15.99, 149p. This title portrays the magic and the spirit of hope that makes the holidays merry. 3
13. Our House, by Pam Conrad & illus. by Brian Selznick. 0-439-74508-X, RL 5, Scholastic Press, \$16.99, 120p. Originally published in 1995, this book has six stories, one from each decade from the 1940's to the 1990's, about children growing up in Levittown, New York. 1
14. Owen & Mzee, The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship, by Isabella Hatkoff, Craig Hatkoff, and Dr. Paula Kahumbu & illus. by Peter Greste. 0-439-82973-9, RL 6, Scholastic Press, \$16.99, 32p. The true story of two great friends: a baby hippo named Owen and a 130-year-old giant tortoise named Mzee.
15. The Story of Salt, by Mark Kurlansky & illus. by S.D. Schindler. 0-399-23998-7, RL 7, G. P. Putnam's Sons, \$16.99, 46p. With a playful mix of witty illustrations, informative sidebars, and illuminating maps, The Story of Salt shows both the scientific and historical ways that salt has shaped the world. 1
16. Theodore, by Frank Keating & illus. by Mike Wimmer. 0-689-86532-5, RL 4, Simon & Schuster, Inc., \$16.95, 32p. Frank Keating's telling of incidents in Roosevelt's rich and varied life reminds readers how one person can make a difference. 2
17. Trading Places, by Claudia Mills. 0-374-31798-4, RL 4, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, \$16.00, 137p. When fifth-grade twins, Amy and Todd, tackle a school project, they also have to cope with issues of friendship at school and problems at home, including their father's unemployment. 4
18. Trapped, by Peg Kehret. 0-525-47728-4, RL 5, Dutton Childrens Books, \$16.99, 176p. When his owner, Alex, finds an illegal animal trap in the woods, Pete the cat faces grave danger as he tries to help his human friends find the culprit who set the trap. 4
19. The Winner's Walk, by Nancy Ruth Patterson & illus. by Thomas F. Yezerski. 0-374-38445-2, RL 4, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, \$16.00, 114p. Surrounded by a multitalented family, nine-year-old Case Callahan feels driven to succeed, but his failed attempts at various competitions discourage him until he finds a stray dog with a surprising past. 4
20. Welcome to Camden Falls, by Ann M. Martin. 0-439-86879-3, RL5, Scholastic Press, \$12.00, 174p. This story is that of small town life and friendships. 4