

Triple Crown Awards

2010-2011

**1-3 Crown Gallery Nominees**

1. *The Blacker the Berry*, by Joyce Carol Thomas and illustrated by Floyd Cooper, RL 2. These poems celebrate the uniqueness of color in the world around us and within us.
2. *A Crooked Kind of Perfect*, by Linda Urban, RL 3. Zoe Elias longs to play the piano, but must resign herself to learning the organ. She finds that her musicianship has a positive impact on her mother, father, and her school social life.
3. *I, Vivaldi*, by Janice Shefelman and illustrated by Tom Shefelman, RL 3. Antonio Vivaldi nearly died so his mother vowed he would become a priest if he lived. His mother's vow caused him much trouble as he only wanted to play the violin which got in the way of his studies for the priesthood.
4. *If Jesus Came to My House*, by Joan G. Thomas and illustrated by Lori McElrath-Eslick, RL 3. A young boy realizes that he can treat others according to the lessons he would learn if Jesus really did come to his house.
5. *Loving Marley*, by Donald and Sara Hassler and illustrated by Carol Newsom, RL 2. From the first moment the Barkers saw the puppy it was love at first sight. They soon learn that adopting a pet is a big responsibility and a decision that will lead to a lifetime of fun and adventures.
6. *Market Day*, by Carol Foskett Cordsen and illustrated by Douglas B. Jones, RL 1. The Benson family oversleeps and there is so much to do to get ready for the market. In a hurry they don't remember if they fed the cows or closed the farm gate. One hungry, lovable cow helps make the day at the farmer's market more exciting.
7. *This Is the Day!*, by Nancy White Carlstrom and illustrated by Richard Cowdrey, RL 2. The story takes the reader through each day of the week celebrating the wonders of the world that God has created.
8. *Wild River*, by P. J. Peterson, RL 3. Ryan reluctantly agrees to join his experienced older brother on a camping trip. It turns into the most frightening day of his life when Ryan is alone and afraid he can't save his brother's life.
9. *You Can Do It!* by Tony Dungy and illustrated by Amy June Bates, RL 3. Linden is upset over being the only one in his class or at home who does not know what he wants to be when he grows up. Faith and the support of his family help him through this struggle.

10. *You're A Grand Old Flag*, by George Cohan and illustrated by Todd Ouren, RL 3. This patriotic song is beautifully illustrated. The history of the American flag is chronicled as well as recounting the life of the composer.

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#### **4-5 CHILDREN'S CROWN AWARD**

1. *Animal Heroes*, by Sandra Markle, RL 5. These are heartwarming, true stories of how dogs, cats, cows, monkeys, and even dolphins use their normal senses or special training to help people in trouble or in need all over the world.
2. *Cicada Summer*, by Andrea Beaty, RL 4. Lily mourns her brother, and has not spoken since the accident she feels she could have prevented. The summer Tinny comes to town, she is the only one who realizes Lily's secret.
3. *Colonial Voices: Hear Them Speak*, by Kay Winters and illustrated by Larry Day, RL 5. In Colonial times, Ethan is delivering a message to the Patriots; he is afforded glimpses into the occupations and politics of a diverse group of people, from a clockmaker to a schoolteacher to a slave and more.
4. *David and the Mighty Eighth*, by Marjorie Hodgson Parker and Mark Postlethwaite, RL 5. During World War II in England, David and Roger and their families endure the direct attacks by the Luftwaffe from Nazi Germany. The story relates the magnificent Royal Air Force victory during the Battle of Britain and the decisive contributions of the mighty Armada of the Eighth Air Force.
5. *Hummingbird*, by Kimberly Greene Angle, RL 5. March Anne Tanner has a busy life on the family pumpkin and watermelon farm in Jubilee, Georgia. She feels that something is missing, and when her grandmother passes on, March Anne finds that she must act on her feelings of loss.
6. *Julia Gillian (and the Art of Knowing)*, by Alison McGhee and illustrated by Drazen Kozjan, RL 5. Julia Gillian learns a lot about facing fear as she and her St. Bernard take long walks through their neighborhood. One hot summer she seeks the courage to finish a book that could have an unhappy ending.

7. *The Leanin' Dog*, by K. A. Nuzum, RL 5. Dess Dean's life was changed forever when she found a friend to love and confide in and to share her heart. She now had a dog who would delight in the joy and fun of Christmas with her.
8. *Little Leap Forward*, by Guo Yue and Clare Farrow and illustrated by Helen Cann, RL 5. In Communist China in 1966, Leap Forward learns about freedom while flying kites with his best friend, by trying to get a caged bird to sing, and through the music he is learning to play on a bamboo flute.
9. *Masterpiece*, by Elise Broach and illustrated by Kelly Murphy, RL 4. Marvin, a beetle, makes a miniature drawing as a birthday gift for James, a human. The two new friends work together to help recover a drawing stolen from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
10. *One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference*, by Katie Smith Milway and illustrated by Eugenie Fernandes, RL 4. Kojo never has enough money or food. He is given a small loan and buys a chicken which he turns into a profitable business buying more chickens and helping others.
11. *Pizza, Pigs, and Poetry*, by Jack Prelutsky, RL 5. Jack Prelutsky provides the techniques of how to write a poem and what has inspired his poetry. He includes several of his own poems as inspiration.
12. *The Porcupine Year*, by Louise Erdrich, RL 5. Omakayas or Little Frog and her Ojibwe family lived the most extraordinary year full of flight and adventure and joy in 1852 while searching for a new home. While the family has prepared, unexpected danger, enemies, and hardships test their survival.
13. *A River of Words*, by Jen Bryant and illustrated by Melissa Sweet, RL 4. William Carlos Williams' words gave him freedom and peace, but he also needed to earn a living. When he grew up he became a doctor, but he never stopped writing poetry.
14. *Something to Sing About*, by C. C. Payne, RL 4. Jamie Jo's fear of bees keeps her inside most of the time. A series of events brings about many changes, including new friendships and greater trust in God.
15. *Spy!* by Anna Myers, RL 4. In 1774, Jonah becomes a pupil of Nathan Hale, who inspires him to question his beliefs about the impending revolution. Two years later, Jonah makes a decision that leads to Nathan's execution.
16. *Surprises According to Humphrey*, by Betty G. Birney, RL 4. Humphrey, a pet hamster, faces many surprises, like rolling in a hamster ball, a substitute janitor, and the possibility of Mrs. Brisbane retiring.

17. *Sword Quest*, by Nancy Yi Fan, RL 5. Wind-voice, the half dove, is free and Maldeor, the one-winged archaeopteryx, hungers for supreme power. Wind-voice and his valiant companions are trying to save the world.
18. *The Tallest Tree*, by Sandra Belton, RL 4. A group of young African-American children learn about Paul Robeson from one of the neighborhood “elders”. They decide to reclaim the town theater in order to celebrate Robeson’s life.
19. *Two Bobbies*, by Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery and illustrated by Jean Cassels, RL 4. Bobbi and Bob Cat are best friends living in New Orleans. Hurricane Katrina struck and they lost everything. They survive by staying together.
20. *Window boy*, by Andrea White, RL 5. Sam arrives for his first day of school, along with his imaginary friend Winston Churchill, who encourages him to persevere with his cerebral palsy.

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#### **LAMPLIGHTER AWARD**

1. *Brooklyn Bridge*, by Karen Hesse and illustrated by Chris Sheban, RL 4. In 1903 Brooklyn, Joseph Michtom’s life changes when his parents, Russian immigrants, invent the teddy bear and turn their apartment into a factory, while nearby the glitter of Coney Island contrasts with the dismal lives of children dwelling under the Brooklyn Bridge.
2. *The Deep Freeze of Bartholomew Tullock*, by Alex Williams, RL 5. The Breeze family is going into debt trying to sell fans even though their village is covered in snow. Greedy Tullock is trying to take their house while Madeline and her father set off to sell fans in a warmer region.
3. *The Golden Bull*, by Marjorie Cowley, RL 5. During a severe drought in Mesopotamia in 2600 B.C., Jomar and his sister Zefa are sent to the city of Ur, where Jomar is apprenticed to a goldsmith and Zefa must try to find a way to keep from becoming a slave.
4. *Radiant Girl*, by Andrea White, RL 6. In the aftermath of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster, Katya comes to understand the things most important about her homeland and fulfills a promise she made to herself many years before.

5. *Savvy*, by Ingrid Law, RL 6. The story recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her “savvy”-a magical power unique to each member of her family-just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.
6. *Snow Falling In Spring*, by Moying Li, RL 7. Moying Li is twelve years old when the Cultural Revolution begins. While her world is crumbling around her, she finds sanctuary in literature even though many schools shut down and most books are forbidden.
7. *A Thousand Never Evers*, by Shana Burg, RL 5. As the civil rights movement in the South gains momentum in 1963, the black residents, including Addie Ann Pickett, in the small town of Kuckachoo, Mississippi, begin their own courageous struggle for racial justice.
8. *The Underneath*, by Kathi Appelt, RL 5. An old hound that has been chained up at his hateful owner’s run-down shack, and two kittens born underneath the house, endure separation, danger, and many other tribulations.
9. *Under Siege!*, by Andrea Warren, RL 7. On the confederate side, Lucy McRae and Willie Lord have taken shelter in caves enduring heat, snakes, dirt, and exploding shells during the Civil War Battle for Vicksburg. Frederick Grant has come to visit his father, Ulysses S. Grant and Union soldier, and is experiencing the horrors of battle firsthand.
10. *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*, by Kadir Nelson, RL 5. This is the story of Negro League baseball with its gifted athletes and determined owners; of racial discrimination and international sportsmanship; of fortunes won and lost; of triumphs and defeats on and off the field.