

Triple Crown Awards

2012-2013

1-3 Crown Gallery Nominees

1. *Andy Shane and the Barn Sale Mystery*, by Jennifer Richard Jacobson and illustrated by Abby Carter, RL 3 . Andy Shane along with his friend, Delores Starbuckle, raise money so Andy can buy an unbirthday gift for his Granny Webb. Along the way, Andy discovers his Granny's binoculars are missing and he uses his detective skills to solve the case.
2. *Cat Diaries: Secret Writings of the MEOW Society*, by Betsy Byars, Betsy Duffey, and Laurie Myers and illustrated by Erik Brooks, RL 3. The MEOW Society has gathered from all over the world to share their stories. Stories of discovered treasure and halting crime are just some of the tales.
3. *Christian the Lion*, by Anthony (Ace) Bourke and John Rendall, RL 3. Two men purchased a lion for sale in a London department store. The men shared their home with Christian until he became too big and they gave him a chance to live in the wild where he belonged.
4. *In the Garden with Dr. Carver*, by Susan Grigsby and illustrated by Nicole Tadgell, RL 4. George Washington Carver visits Alabama to help the people learn how to grow plants in the soil. He also visits a school where he teaches children how nature is connected.
5. *Letters to God*, by Patrick and Heather Doughtie, RL 2. A young boy searches for his special compass. Along the way he decides to write a letter to God and discovers the miracle of God's hand in everyday situations.
6. *Only One Year*, by Andrea Cheng and illustrated by Nicole Wong, RL 3. Di Di's younger brother goes off and lives with his grandparents for a year. At first, she and her sister try to keep him fresh in their minds, but over the year they become involved with their lives. When he returns it is a readjustment, but they soon rediscover their close connection.

7. *Rattlesnake Rules*, by Conrad J. Storad and illustrated by Nathaniel P. Jensen, RL. The world of rattlesnakes is presented to help people understand their nature. What they eat and how they live is presented.
8. *Testing the Ice: A True Story about Jackie Robinson*, by Sharon Robinson and illustrated by Kadir Nelson, RL 3. Sharon Robinson tells the story of her family's move to Connecticut and the stories that her dad, Jackie Robinson, shared with her friends. Along the way she also learned some facts about her dad that she didn't know.
9. *Wonder Horse: The True Story of the World's Smartest Horse*, by Emily Arnold McCully, RL 4. Bill "Doc" Key showed a weak and homely horse some kindness and patience. He saw Jim's potential and taught him the alphabet, the primary colors, and even some math.
10. *Word After Word After Word*, by Patricia MacLachlan, RL 3. Fourth grade feels the same for a group of students until Ms. Mirabel comes. She inspires them to understand how writing can change lives and help build a connection with your own stories.

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4-5 Children's Crown Nominees

1. *The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth*, by Kathleen Krull and illustrated by Greg Couch, RL 5. Philo Farnsworth was obsessed with machines and electricity. He spent eight years working on his idea of "making pictures fly through the air." His idea became a reality when he transmitted the world's first television image.
2. *The Dancing Pancake*, by Eileen Spinelli and illustrated by Joanne Lew-Vriethoff, RL 3. Bindi's life has changed with a new apartment, new friends,

and the opening of The Dancing Pancake Restaurant. With all the changes, Bindi is worried about her family.

3. *The Declaration of Independence from A to Z*, by Catherine L. Osornio and illustrated by Layne Johnson, RL 4. This alphabet book follows the citizens of the Thirteen Colonies and their fight for representation. It begins with the Boston Tea Party in 1773 and takes us through the first reading of the Declaration of Independence.
4. *Dog Whisperer: The Rescue*, by Nicholas Edwards, RL 5. Emily finds a large dog outside her house that is barely alive. She helps the dog survive and realizes there is a bond between her and the dog.
5. *The Extraordinary Mark Twain (According to Susy)*, by Barbara Kerley and illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham, RL 5. This is a true story about Susy Clemens writing a biography about her father, Mark Twain, in her journal.
6. *Hip-Pocket Papa*, by Sandra Markle and illustrated by Alan Marks, RL 4. The tiny male hip-pocket frog is no bigger than a thumbnail, but has a big responsibility. He must care for his children as they grow, protecting them from predators and nature.
7. *The Junkyard Wonders*, by Patricia Polacco, RL 4. Young Trisha finds out her new school class is called “the junkyard.” She is devastated until she discovers the true meaning of genius with the oddly brilliant group of students.
8. *Mirror Mirror*, by Marilyn Singer and illustrated by Josee Masse, RL 4. In this book of poems based on fairy tales, a new twist is given. The poems are read top to bottom and then reversed to create a new take on the fairy tales.
9. *A Nest for Celeste*, by Henry Cole, RL 5. Celeste is a mouse looking for a home. She is harassed by rats and ends up in the apprentice’s room where a friendship develops with the assistant to John James Audubon.
10. *Never Blame the Umpire*, by Gene Fehler, RL 4. Eleven-year-old Kate is having the best summer of her life until tragedy strikes. Her mother’s faith helps Kate see that life is still beautiful and God is still good.

11. *Nuts*, by Kacy Cook, RL 4. Nell finds a baby squirrel abandoned in her backyard. In order to care for the squirrel she must do research, but to keep the squirrel Nell finds herself telling a few lies.
12. *The Secret Zoo*, by Bryan Chick, RL 4. Megan lives next door to the zoo and notices puzzling behavior from the animals. When she disappears, her friends follow a set of clues and must sneak into the zoo. There they discover much more than they could have ever guessed.
13. *Sparky: The Life and Art of Charles Schulz*, by Beverly Gherman, RL 6. Ms. Gherman traces the life events of Charles Schulz that helped formed his art. His beloved comic strip of more than fifty years continues to entertain millions of readers.
14. *Special Delivery!* by Sue Stauffacher, RL 4. The animal rescue has a mystery to solve when a call comes into Carters' Urban Rescue. There is a stinky new resident and a flock of crows bothering the mailman.
15. *Summer According to Humphrey*, by Betty G. Birney, RL 4. Humphrey is unsure of his future as he finds out school is ending. However, Mrs. Brisbane has plans for Humphrey and Og the frog. They are going to Camp Happy Hollow with Ms. Mac and the students in room 26.
16. *That Doggone Calf*, by Bill and Carol Wallace, RL 3. Cookie arrives on the ranch ready to take over the herd. However, Hoss won't allow that and tries to put this stubborn calf in his place.
17. *Tumbleweed Skies*, by Valerie Sherrard, RL 4. Ellie is stuck with her Grandma Acklebee while her father takes a temporary job as a traveling salesman. Neither one wants to be with each other, but over time they come to understand each other.
18. *We the Children, Keepers of the School series*, by Andrew Clements and illustrated by Adam Stower, RL 5. Ben's harbor-side school is going to be bulldozed, but something seems fishy. As he and his friend Jill starting looking for answers, they learn something no one wants them to know.
19. *Wild Girl*, by Patricia Reilly Giff, RL 4. Lidie leaves Brazil to live go live with her father in New York. However, upon arriving she finds that she must show her father and brother that she is no longer a little girl. In order to do

that she will befriend and ride the filly her father just bought called Wild Girl.

20. *Wildfire Run*, by Dee Garretson, RL 4. An earthquake sets off a raging wildfire at Camp David. The president's son, Luke, must create a plan to save those who were supposed to save him as well as override all the security systems in place.

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Lamplighter Nominees

1. *Around the World in 100 Days*, by Gary Blackwood. It is 1891 and Harry Fogg and his crew have 100 days to circle the entire globe. Only cars on land and boats in the water are allowed.
2. *Bamboo People*, by Mitali Perkins. This book tells the story of two boys on opposite sides of the conflict between the Burmese government and the Karenni. One serves in the Burmese army while the other fights for independence.
3. *Case Closed? Nine Mysteries Unlocked by Modern Science*, by Susan Hughes and illustrated by Michael Wandelmaier. Scientists, archeologists and historians peer into nine unsolved mysteries from the past. Readers will learn about the tools and techniques used to explain these cases.
4. *The Charlatan's Boy*, by Jonathan Rogers. Armed with tricks, the charlatan and his boy set out to create another Great Feechie Scare. The hope is they will be able to swindle the people out of more money, but Grady is tired of the lies.

5. *Close to Famous*, by Joan Bauer. Foster has a big dream which is to have her own cooking show. While she keeps baking, she discovers she is not the only one with dreams of fame.
6. *The Hive Detectives: Chronicle of a Honey Bee Catastrophe*, by Loree Griffin Burns and photographs by Ellen Harasimowicz. Scientists and bee wranglers across the country are working to understand what is killing the honeybees. A mysterious plague is affecting the honeybee populations.
7. *A Long Walk to Water*, by Linda Sue Park. Based on a true story, the author tells the story of Nya who spends seven months of the year walking each day for eight hours in order for her family to have water. The reader also learns the story of Salva who is walking away from his ruined village to find safety.
8. *Out of My Mind*, by Sharon M. Draper. Eleven-year-old Melody has a photographic memory, but her teachers and doctors do not know how smart she is and think she is incapable of learning. Melody's problem is she can't speak, walk or write, until recently when she discovers something.
9. *When Molly Was a Harvey Girl*, by Frances M. Wood. Nineteen-year-old Colleen must take care of Molly after their father dies. So, she dresses Molly and herself to look older and both get a job at the Harvey Eating Houses.
10. *Spilling Ink*, by Anne Mazer and Ellen Potter and illustrated by Matt Phelan. The authors guide children through the process of writing from developing a voice, characters, and a plot. Fun writing prompts help children get started.