

**Association for Library Service to Children/ALA
Notable Children's Books - Nominated Titles for Discussion
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2020 Notable Children's Books Committee

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NOTABLE CHILDREN'S BOOKS CRITERIA

Notable is defined as: Worthy of note or notice, important, distinguished, outstanding. As applied to children's books, notable should be thought to include books of especially commendable quality, books that exhibit venturesome creativity, and books of fiction, information, poetry and pictures for all age levels (through age 14) that reflect and encourage children's interests in exemplary ways.

The evaluation criteria to be used are:

1. Literary quality
2. Originality of text and illustration
3. Clarity and style of language
4. Excellence of illustration
5. Excellence of design and format
6. Clarity of organization and accuracy of information
7. Subject matter of interest and value to children
8. The likelihood of acceptance by children.
(Board Action, June 1977)

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June 22 1:00 - 5:30 and June 23 1:00 - 4:00 at the Marriott Marquis, Dahlia Boardroom.

Picture Books

- ***Another*** by Christian Robinson. Atheneum
- ***The Bear, the Piano, the Dog, and the Fiddle*** by David Litchfield. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt/Clarion
- ***Because*** by Mo Willems. Illustrated by Amber Ren. Hyperion Books for Children
- ***The Bell Rang*** by James E. Ransome. Simon & Schuster/Atheneum/A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book
- ***Bikes for Sale*** by Carter Higgins. Illustrated by Zachariah OHora. Chronicle
- ***Circle*** by Mac Barnett. Illustrated by Jon Klassen. Candlewick
- ***Gittel's Journey, An Ellis Island Story*** by Leslea Newman. Illustrated by Amy June Bates. Abrams
- ***Hands Up!*** by Breanna J. McDaniel. Illustrated by Shane Evans. Dial Books
- ***How to Two*** by David Soman. Penguin Random House/Dial
- ***Inside Outside*** by Anne-Margot Ramstein and Matthias Arégui. Candlewick Studio
- ***The Little Red Stroller*** by Joshua Furst. Illustrated by Katy Wu. Dial
- ***Lottie & Walter*** by Anna Walker. Houghton Mifflin/Clarion Books
- ***Lubna and Pebble*** by Wendy Meddour. Illustrated by Daniel Egneus. Dial
- ***Luca's Bridge/El Puente de Luca*** by Mariana Llanos. Illustrated by Anna Lopez Real. Penny Candy Books
- ***Maybe Tomorrow?*** By Charlotte Agell. Illustrated by Ana Ramirez Gonzalez. Scholastic
- ***My Heart*** by Corinna Luyken. Penguin Random House/Dial
- ***The Neighbors*** by Einat Tsarfati. Abrams
- ***Nine Months Before a Baby is Born*** by Miranda Paul. Illustrated by Jason Chin. Holiday House/Neal Porter Books
- ***Not Your Nest!*** by Gideon Sterer. Illustrated by Andrea Tsurumi. Dial
- ***Olive & Pekoe: In Four Short Walks*** by Jacky Davis. Illustrated by Giselle Potter. Greenwillow
- ***The Panda Problem*** by Deborah Underwood. Illustrated by Hannah Marks. Dial Books

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- ***Say Something*** by Peter Reynolds. Orchard/Scholastic
- ***A Scarf for Keiko*** by Ann Malaspina. Illustrated by Merrilee Liddiard. Kar-Ben
- ***Sea Bear: A Journey for Survival*** by Lindsay Moore. HarperCollins/Greenwillow
- ***Sea Glass Summer*** by Michelle Houts, Illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline. Candlewick
- ***Snakes on a Train*** by Kathryn Dennis. Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan
- ***UNDERWEAR!*** by Jenn Harney. Disney-Hyperion
- ***¡Vamos! Let's Go to the Market*** by Raúl the Third. colors by Elaine Bay. Versify/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Fiction

- ***Because of the Rabbit*** by Cynthia Lord. Scholastic Press
- ***The Bridge Home*** by Padma Venkatraman. Penguin Random House/Nancy Paulsen
- ***Dragon Pearl*** by Yoon Ha Lee. Disney-Hyperion/Rick Riordan Presents
- ***Eventown*** by Corey Ann Haydu. Katherine Tegen Books
- ***Genesis Begins Again*** by Alicia D. Williams. Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books
- ***Good Enough*** by Jen Petro-Roy. Feiwel & Friends
- ***A Good Kind of Trouble*** by Lisa Moore Ramée. HarperCollins/Balzer + Bray
- ***How High the Moon*** by Karen Parsons. Little Brown Books for Young Readers
- ***The Iliad*** adapted by Gareth Hinds. Candlewick Press
- ***The Lost Girl*** by Anne Ursu. HarperCollins/Walden Pond
- ***The Missing Piece of Charlie O'Reilly*** by Rebecca K.S. Ansari. Walden Pond Press
- ***New Kid*** by Jerry Craft. Harper/HarperCollins
- ***Pay Attention, Carter Jones*** by Gary D. Schmidt. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt/Clarion
- ***Sal & Gabi Break the Universe*** by Carlos Hernandez. Disney-Hyperion/Rick Riordan Presents
- ***Someday We Will Fly*** by Rachel DeWoskin. Penguin Random House / Viking
- ***Song for a Whale*** by Lynne Kelly. Delacorte Books for Young Readers

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- ***Spy Runner*** by Eugene Yelchin. Henry Holt & Co.
- ***Storm Keeper's Island*** by Catherine Doyle. Bloomsbury
- ***A Story About Cancer (with a Happy Ending)*** by India Desjardins. Illustrated by Marianne Ferrer. Quarto Knows/Frances Lincoln
- ***Sweeping Up the Heart*** by Kevin Henkes. Greenwillow/HarperCollins
- ***To Night Owl From Dogfish*** by Holly Goldberg Sloan and Meg Wolitzer. Dial Books
- ***Trace*** by Pat Cummings. HarperCollins/Harper

Nonfiction

- ***Bloom Boom!*** by April Pulley Sayre. Simon & Schuster/Beach Lane
- ***The Bluest of Blues: Anna Atkins and the First Book of Photographs*** by Fiona Robinson. Abrams Books for Young Readers
- ***The Electric War: Edison, Tesla, Westinghouse, and the Race to Light the World*** by Mike Winchell. Macmillan/Henry Holt/Christy Ottaviano Books
- ***A Green Place to Be: The Creation of Central Park*** by Ashley Benham Yazdani. Candlewick
- ***Hedy and Her Amazing Invention*** by Jan Wahl. Illustrated by Morgana Wallace. Penny Candy
- ***Let 'er Buck!: George Fletcher, the People's Champion*** by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson. Illustrated by Gordon C. James. Carolrhoda
- ***Ninita's Big World: The True Story of a Deaf Pygmy Marmoset*** by Sarah Glenn Marsh. Illustrated by Stephanie Fizer Coleman. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt/Clarion
- ***Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré*** by Anika Aldamuy Denise. Illustrated by Paola Escobar. Harper/HarperCollins
- ***A Ray of Light*** by Walter Wick. Scholastic
- ***This Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality*** by Jo Ann Allen Boyce and Debbie Levy. Bloomsbury Children's Books
- ***Titanosaur*** by Dr. Jose Luis Carballido and Dr. Diego Pol. Illustrated by Florencia Gigena. Scholastic/Orchard

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Poetry

- ***Predator and Prey: A Conversation in Verse*** by Susannah Buhrman-Deever. Illustrated by Bert Kitchen. Penguin Random Books
- ***The Roots of Rap: 16 Bars on the 4 Pillars of Hip-Hop*** by Carole Boston Weatherford. Illustrated by Frank Morrison. Bonnier/little bee
- ***Thinker: My Puppy Poet and Me*** by Eloise Greenfield. Illustrated by Ehsan Abdollahi. Sourcebooks, Inc./Sourcebooks Jabberwocky
- ***The Undefeated*** by Kwame Alexander. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson. Versify/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

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