# 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)

**Be sure to also stop by and observe the Notable Children’s Recordings Committee Meetings**

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. Simon & Schuster/Atheneum
- *The Bear, the Piano, the Dog, and the Fiddle* by David Litchfield. Clarion
- *Because* by Mo Willems. Illustrated by Amber Ren. Disney/Hyperion
- *Bikes for Sale* by Carter Higgins. Illustrated by Zachariah OHora. Chronicle
- *Circle* by Mac Barnett. Illustrated by Jon Klassen. Candlewick
- *Hands Up!* by Breanna J. McDaniel. Illustrated by Shane Evans. Dial
- *How to Two* by David Soman. Dial
- *Inside Outside* by Anne-Margot Ramstein and Matthias Arégui. Candlewick
- *The Little Red Stroller* by Joshua Furst. Illustrated by Katy Wu. Dial
- *Lottie & Walter* by Anna Walker. Clarion
- *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. Dial
- *The Neighbors* by Einat Tsarfati. Abrams
- *Nine Months Before a Baby is Born* by Miranda Paul. Illustrated by Jason Chin. Holiday/Neal Porter
- *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
- *Say Something* by Peter Reynolds. Scholastic/Orchard

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

**Fiction**

- **Because of the Rabbit** by Cynthia Lord. Scholastic
- **The Bridge Home** by Padma Venkatraman. Nancy Paulsen
- **Dragon Pearl** by Yoon Ha Lee. Disney/Hyperion/Rick Riordan Presents
- **Eventown** by Corey Ann Haydu. HarperCollins/Katherine Tegen
- **Genesis Begins Again** by Alicia D. Williams. Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy
- **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
- **The Iliad** adapted by Gareth Hinds. Candlewick
- **The Lost Girl** by Anne Ursu. HarperCollins/Walden Pond
- **New Kid** by Jerry Craft. HarperCollins
- **Pay Attention, Carter Jones** by Gary D. Schmidt. Clarion
- **Sal & Gabi Break the Universe** by Carlos Hernandez. Disney/Hyperion/Rick Riordan Presents
- **Someday We Will Fly** by Rachel DeWoskin. Viking
- **Song for a Whale** by Lynne Kelly. Delacorte
- **Spy Runner** by Eugene Yelchin. Holt.
- **Storm Keeper's Island** by Catherine Doyle. Bloomsbury

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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

To Night Owl From Dogfish by Holly Goldberg Sloan and Meg Wolitzer. Dial

Trace by Pat Cummings. HarperCollins

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

The Electric War: Edison, Tesla, Westinghouse, and the Race to Light the World by Mike Winchell. Holt/Christy Ottaviano

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. Clarion

Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré by Anika Aldamuy Denise. Illustrated by Paola Escobar. 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

Titanosaur by Dr. Jose Luis Carballido and Dr. Diego Pol. Illustrated by Florencia Gigena. Scholastic/Orchard

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Poetry

- *Thinker: My Puppy Poet and Me* by Eloise Greenfield. Illustrated by Ehsan Abdollahi. Sourcebooks/Jabberwocky
- *The Undefeated* by Kwame Alexander. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson. Versify

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