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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, the term “notable” includes books for all age levels (through age 14) of especially commendable quality, books that exhibit venturesome creativity, and books of fiction, information, poetry, folklore, and picture books that reflect and encourage children’s interest 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)
PICTURE BOOKS

3, 2, 1, Go! by Emily Arnold McCully. Holiday House.


Click! by Jeffrey Ebbeler. Holiday House.


A Fine Dessert: Four Centuries, Four Families, One Delicious Feast by Emily Jenkins. Illus. by Sophie Blackall. Random House/Schwartz and Wade


How to Draw a Dragon by Douglas Florian. Beach Lane Books.


In by Nikki McClure. Abrams/Appleseed.


My Pen by Christopher Myers. Disney/Hyperion.


Should You Be a River: A Poem about Love by Ed Young. Little Brown and Company.


Spectacular Spots by Susan Stockdale. Peachtree.

Stormy Night by Salina Yoon. Bloomsbury.

Such a Little Mouse by Alice Schertle. Illus. by Stephanie Yue. Scholastic/Orchard Books.


A Wonderful Year by Nick Bruel. Roaring Brook Press/A Neal Porter Book.

FICTION (INCLUDING FICTION, VERSE NOVELS AND GRAPHIC NOVELS)


Bayou Magic by Jewell Parker Rhodes. Little Brown and Company


Echo by Pam Muñoz Ryan. Illus. by Dinara Mirtalipova. Scholastic Press.


Honey by Sarah Weeks. Scholastic Press.


Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper. Simon & Schuster/Atheneum.

This Side of Home by Renée Watson. Bloomsbury.


NON-FICTION (INCLUDING INFORMATION PICTURE BOOKS, POETRY AND FOLKLORE)


**Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary** by Gail Jarrow. Highlights/Calkins Creek.


Lerner/Millbrook Press.


Raindrops Roll by April Pulley Sayre. Simon & Schuster/Beach Lane.

