

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

- ***The Airport Book*** by Lisa Brown. Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press/ A Neal Porter Book
- ***Are We There Yet? By Dan Santat.*** Hachette Book Group/ Little Brown Books for Young Readers
- ***Ballet Cat Dance! Dance! Underpants!*** by Bob Shea. Disney Book Group/ Hyperion
- ***The Bear and the Piano*** by David Litchfield. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers/ Clarion Books
- ***Daniel Finds a Poem*** by Micha Archer. Penguin Random House: Penguin Young Readers Group / Nancy Paulsen Books
- ***Don't Call Me Grandma*** by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson. Lerner Publishing Group/ Carolrhoda Books
- ***Emma and Julia Love Ballet*** by Barbara McClintock. Scholastic Press
- ***Finding Wild*** by Megan Wagner Lloyd. Illustrated by Abigail Halpin. Penguin Random House: Random House Children's Books/ Knopf Books for Young Readers
- ***Grumpy Pants*** by Claire Messer . Albert Whitman & Company
- ***Have You Seen Elephant?*** by David Barrow. Lerner Publishing Group/ Gecko Press
- ***Hippopotamister*** by John Patrick Green. Macmillan/ First Second
- ***Hoot and Peep*** by Lita Judge. Penguin Random House: Penguin Young Readers Group/ Dial Books
- ***Horrible Bear*** by Ame Dyckman illustrated by Zachariah OHora. Hachette / Book Group/ Little Brown Books for Young Readers
- ***A Hungry Lion, or A Dwindling Assortment of Animals*** by Lucy Ruth Cummins. Simon & Schuster/ Atheneum Books for Young Readers
- ***Ideas Are All Around*** by Philip C. Stead. Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press/ A Neal Porter Book
- ***I Hear a Pickle (and Smell, See, Touch and Taste It, Too!)*** by Rachel Isadora. Penguin Random House: Penguin Young Readers Group / Nancy Paulsen Books
- ***Little Red*** by Bethan Woollvin. Peachtree Publishers
- ***Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood*** by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell. Illustrated by Rafael Lopez. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers
- ***My Heart Fills with Happiness*** by Monique Gray Smith. Orca Book Publishers
- ***The Night Gardener*** by Eric Fan and Terry Fan. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers
- ***Olinguito, de La A a la Z!/Olinguito, from A to Z!*** by LuLu Delacre. Lee & Low Books/ Children's Book Press
- ***One Day in the Eucalyptus, Eucalyptus Tree*** by Daniel Bernstrom. Illustrated by Brendan Wenzel / HarperCollins Children's/ Katherine Tegen Books
- ***The Quickest Kid in Clarksville*** by Pat Zietlow Miller. Illustrated by Frank Morrison / Chronicle Books
- ***The Secret Subway*** by Shana Corey. Penguin Random House: Random House Children's Books / Schwartz & Wade Books
- ***Swatch*** by Julia Denos. HarperCollins/ Balzer + Bray
- ***Tell Me a Tattoo Story*** by Alison McGhee. Chronicle Books

- ***There is a Tribe of Kids*** by Lane Smith. Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press
- ***Thunder Boy, Jr.*** by Sherman Alexie. Illustrated by Yuyi Morales. Hachette Book Group/ Little Brown Books for Young Readers
- ***Treat*** by Mary Sullivan. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers
- ***Twenty Yawns*** by Jane Smiley illustrated by Lauren Castillo. Amazon Publishing/ Two Lions
- ***The White Cat and the Monk*** by Jo Ellen Bogart and Sydney Smith. Greenwood Books/ House of Anansi Press
- ***Yaks Yak*** by Linda Sue Park. Illustrated by Jennifer Black Reinhardt. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers/ Clarion Books

### Fiction

- ***All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook*** by Leslie Connor. HarperCollins Children's/ Katherine Tegen Books
- ***As Brave As You*** by Jason Reynolds. Simon & Schuster/ Atheneum/ Caitlyn Dlouhy Books
- ***Booked*** by Kwame Alexander. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers
- ***The Charmed Children of Rookskill Castle*** by Janet Fox. Penguin Random House: Penguin Young Readers Group / Viking Children's Books
- ***The Door by the Staircase*** Katherine Marsh. Disney Book Group/ Hyperion
- ***Free Verse*** by Sarah Dooley. Penguin Random House: Penguin Young Readers Group / G.P. Putnam's Sons
- ***The Goblin's Puzzle: Being the Adventures of a Boy with No Name and Two Girls Called Alice*** by Andrew S. Chilton. Illustrated by Jensine Eckwall. Penguin Random House: Random House Children's Books/ Knopf Books for Young Readers
- ***The Great Pet Escape*** by Victoria Jamieson. Macmillan/ Henry Holt Books for Young Readers
- ***Hour of the Bees*** by Lindsay Eagar. Candlewick Press
- ***It Ain't So Awful, Falafel*** by Firoozeh Dumas. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers/ Clarion Books
- ***The Land of Forgotten Girls*** by Erin Entrada Kelly. Harper Collins Children's/ Greenwillow Books
- ***The Lie Tree*** by Frances Hardinge. Harry N. Abrams/ Amulet Books
- ***Maybe a Fox*** by Kathi Appelt and Alison McGhee. Simon & Schuster/ Atheneum/ Caitlyn Dlouhy Books
- ***The Nameless City*** by Erin Faith Hicks and Jordie Bellaire. Macmillan/ First Second
- ***Once Was a Time*** by Leila Sales. Chronicle Books
- ***Paper Wishes*** by Lois Sepahban. Macmillan/ Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers/ Margaret Ferguson Books
- ***Pax*** by Sara Pennypacker. Illustrated by Jon Klassen. HarperCollins/ Balzer + Bray
- ***Raymie Nightingale*** by Kate DiCamillo. Candlewick Press
- ***Salt to the Sea*** by Ruta Sepetys. Penguin Random House: Penguin Young Readers Group/

Philomel Books

- ***Summerlost*** by Ally Condie . Penguin Random House: Penguin Young Readers Group/ Dutton Books for Young Readers
- ***Weekends with Max and His Dad*** by Linda Urban. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers
- ***When Mischief Came to Town*** by Katrina Nannestad. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Reders
- ***The Wild Robot*** by Peter Brown. Hachette Book Group/ Little Brown Books for Young Readers
- ***Wolf Hollow*** by Lauren Wolk. Penguin Random House: Penguin Young Readers Group/ Dutton Books for Young Readers

### Nonfiction

- ***Anything but Ordinary Addie: The True Story of Adelaide Herrmann, Queen of Magic*** by Mara Rockliff. Illustrated by Iacopo Bruno. Candlewick Press
- ***The Borden Murders: Lizzie Borden and the Trial of the Century*** by Sarah Miller. Penguin Random House: Random House Children's Books / Schwartz & Wade Books
- ***Elizabeth Started All the Trouble*** by Doreen Rappaport. Illustrated by Matt Faulkner. Disney Book Group/ Hyperion
- ***The Extraordinary Suzy Wright: A Colonial Woman on the Frontier*** by Teri Kanefield. Harry N. Abrams
- ***Freedom in Congo Square*** by Carole Boston Weatherford. Bonnier Publishing Group/ Little Bee Books
- ***Glow: Animals with Their Own Night-Lights*** by W. H. Beck. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers
- ***The Great Monkey Rescue: Saving the Golden Lion Tamarins*** by Sandra Markle. Lerner Publishing Group/ Millbrook Press
- ***I Am Pan!*** by Mordicai Gerstein. Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press
- ***Pink Is For Blobfish: Discovering the World's Perfectly Pink Animals*** by Jess Keating . Penguin Random House: Random House Children's Books/ Knopf Books for Young Readers
- ***Platypus*** by Sue Whiting. Illustrated by Mark Jackson. Candlewick Press
- ***Salamander Dance*** by David FitzSimmons. Illustrated by Michael DiGiorgio. Wild Iris Publishing
- ***Solving the Puzzle Under the Sea: Marie Tharp Maps the Ocean Floor*** by Robert Burleigh. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers/ Paula Wiseman Books
- ***Ten Days A Madwoman: The Daring Life and Turbulent Times of the Original "Girl" Reporter, Nelly Bly*** by Deborah Noyes . Penguin Random House: Penguin Young Readers Group / Viking Children's Books
- ***This Land Is Our Land: A History of American Immigration*** by Linda Barret Osborne. Harry N. Abrams

- ***We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement that Defied Adolf Hitler*** by Russell Freedman . Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers/ Clarion Books
- ***Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions*** by Chris Barton. Illustrated by Don Tate / Charlesbridge Publishing

### Poetry

- ***Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph*** by Roxanne Orgill. Illustrated by Francis Vallejo. Candlewick Press
- ***Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems*** by Bob Raczka. Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press
- ***When Green Becomes Tomatoes: Poems for All Seasons*** by Julie Fogliano. Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press/ A Neal Porter Book
- ***You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen*** by Carole Boston Weatherford. Illustrated by Jeffery Boston Weatherford. Simon & Schuster/ Atheneum Books for Young Readers