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)
(Titles with a * were discussed in June at the Annual Conference and will be briefly reviewed after Midwinter discussions are complete.)

**Picture Books:**

- **Ada Twist, Scientist.** By Andrea Beaty. Illus. by David Roberts. Abrams Books for Young Readers, $17.95 (9781419721373).
- **Alan's Big, Scary Teeth.** By Peter Jarvis. Candlewick, $16.99 (9780763681203).
- **Best in Snow.** By April Pulley Sayre. Simon & Schuster/ Beach Lane Books, $17.99 (9781481459167).
- **Blocks.** By Irene Dickson. Nosy Crow, $14.99 (9780763686567).
- **A Child of Books.** By Oliver Jeffers and Sam Winston. Candlewick, $17.99 (9780763690779).
- **Cityblock.** By Christopher Franceschelli. Illus. by Peskimo. Abrams Books for Young Readers, $16.95 (9781419721892).
- **Du Iz Tak?** By Carson Ellis. Candlewick, $16.99 (9780763665302).
- **Duck, Duck, Porcupine!** By Salina Yoon. Bloomsbury USA Children’s, $9.99 (9781619637238).
• Fish. By Liam Francis Walsh. Macmillan / Roaring Brook Press, $17.99 (9781626723337).
• *A Hungry Lion, or A Dwindling Assortment of Animals. By Lucy Ruth Cummins. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers, $16.99 (9781481448895).
• The Journey. By Francesca Sanna. Flying Eye Books, $17.95 (9781909263994).
• Leave Me Alone!. By Vera Brosgol. Macmillan / Roaring Brook Press, $17.99 (9781626724419).
• Look Up! By Jung Jin-ho. Holiday House, $16.95 (9780823436521).

• **Nobody Likes a Goblin**. By Ben Hatke. First Second, $17.99 (9781626270817).


• *Olinguito, de La A a la Z! : descubriendo el bosque nublado = Olinguito, from A to Z!: Unveiling the Cloud Forest*. By LuLu Delacre. Lee & Low Books / Children's Book Press, $18.95 (9780892393275).


• **The Princess and the Warrior: A Tale of Two Volcanoes**. By Duncan Tonatiuh. Abrams Books for Young Readers, $16.95 (9781419721304).

• **The Pros & Cons of Being a Frog**. By Sue DeGennaro. Simon & Schuster / Paula Wiseman Books $15.58 (9781481471305)

• **Puddle**. By Hyewon Yum. Macmillan / Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers, $16.99 (9780374316952).


• **A Small Thing . . . but Big**. By Tony Johnston. Illus. by Hadley Hooper. Macmillan / Roaring Brook Press, $17.99 (97816262722569).


• *There is a Tribe of Kids* By Lane Smith. Macmillan / Roaring Brook Press, $18.99 (9781626270565).

• **They All Saw a Cat**. By Brendan Wenzel. Chronicle Books, $16.99 (9781452150130).

• **This Is Not A Book**. By Jean Jullien. Phaidon Press, $9.95 (9780714871127).

• **This Is Not a Picture Book!** By Sergio Ruzzier. Chronicle Books, $16.99 (9781452129075).


• **Twenty Yawns.** By Jane Smiley. Illus. by Lauren Castillo. Amazon Publishing/Two Lions, $17.99 (9781477826355).


• **We Found a Hat.** By Jon Klassen. Candlewick, $17.99 (9780763656003).

• **When Andy Met Sandy.** By Tomie dePaola and Jim Lewis. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, $8.99 (978148141551).


### Fiction:


• **Armstrong: The Adventurous Journey of a Mouse to the Moon.** By Torben Kuhlmann. NorthSouth, $19.95 (9780735842625).

• **As Brave As You.** By Jason Reynolds. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum / Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, $16.99 (9781481415903).


• **Cloud and Wallfish.** By Anne Nesbet. Candlewick, $16.99 (9780763688035).


• **Falling Over Sideways.** By Jordan Sonnenblick. Scholastic Press, $17.99 (97805456863247).


• *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*. By Kelly Regan Barnhill. Workman / Algonquin Young Readers, $16.95 (9781627791069).


• *Hour of the Bees*. By Lindsay Eagar. Candlewick Press, $16.99 (9780763679224).


• *The Lie Tree*. By Frances Hardinge. Harry N. Abrams/Amulet Books, $17.95 (9781419718953).


• *When Mischief Came to Town.* By Katrina Nannestad. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers, $16.99 (9780544534322).

Non-Fiction:

• **Blood Brother: Jonathan Daniels and His Sacrifice for Civil Rights.** By Rich Wallace and Sandra Neil Wallace. Highlights Press / Calkins Creek, $18.95 (9781629790947).
• **Cloth Lullaby: The Woven Life of Louise Bourgeois.** By Amy Novesky. Illus. by Isabelle Arsenault. Abrams Books for Young Readers, $18.95 (9781419718816).
• **Coyote Moon.** By Maria Gianferrari. Illus. by Bagram Ibatoulline. Macmillan / Roaring Brook Press, $17.99 (9781626270411).
• *Elizabeth Started All the Trouble* by Doreen Rappaport. Illus. by Matt Faulkner. Disney Book Group/ Hyperion, $17.99 (9780786851423).
• *The Great Monkey Rescue: Saving the Golden Lion Tamarins* by Sandra Markle. Lerner Publishing Group/ Millbrook Press, $30.65 (9781467780308).


• *Magritte’s Apple.* By Klaas Verplancke. Abrams Books for Young Readers, $19.95 (9781633450165).


• *The Marvelous Thing That Came from a Spring: The Accidental Invention of the Toy That Swept the Nation.* By Gilbert Ford. Calkins Creek, $17.99 (9781481450652).


• *The Music in George’s Head: George Gershwin Creates Rhapsody in Blue.* By Suzanne Slade. Illus. by Stacy Innerest. Highlights Press / Calkins Creek, $17.95 (9781629790992).


• *The Real Poop on Pigeons.* By Kevin McCloskey. TOON Books, $12.95 (9781936607006).


• **Smart About Sharks.** By Owen Davey, Flying Eye Books, $19.95 (9781909263918).


• **This Land Is Our Land: A History of American Immigration.** By Linda Barrett Osborne. Harry N. Abrams, $24.95 (9781419716607).


• **The Tragic Tale of the Great Auk.** By Jan Thornhill. Groundwood Books, $18.95 (9781554988655).


• *Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson’s Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions* by Chris Barton. Illus. by Don Tate / Charlesbridge Publishing, $16.95 (9781580892971).


*Poetry:*

• **Among a Thousand Fireflies.** By Helen Frost. Photographs by Rick Lieder. Candlewick, $15.99 (9780763676421).


• *Somos como las nubes / We Are Like the Clouds.* By Jorge Argueta. Illus. by Alfonso Ruano. Groundwood Books, $18.95 (9781554988495).

