### 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.

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### 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. Subject matter of interest and value to Children
7. The likelihood of acceptance by children (Board Action, June 1977)
Fiction

- *A Work in Progress* by Jarrett Lerner. Illustrated by the author. Aladdin
- *Bea Wolf* by Zach Weinersmith. Illustrated by Boulet. First Second
- *Big Tree* by Brian Selznick. Scholastic Press
- *Elena Rides* by Juana Medina. Illustrated by the author. Candlewick
- *Finally Seen* by Kelly Yang. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers
- *Good Different* by Meg Eden Kuyatt. Scholastic Press
- *Half Moon Summer* by Elaine Vickers. Peachtree
- *Hands* by Torrey Maldonado. Nancy Paulsen Books
- *The Labors of Hercules Beal* by Gary D. Schmidt. Clarion Books
- *The Last Year: A Survival Story of the Ukrainian Famine* by Katherine Marsh. Roaring Brook Press
- *Mirror to Mirror* by Rajani LaRocca. Quill Tree Books
- *Nat the Cat Takes a Nap* by Jarrett Lerner. Illustrated by the author. Simon Spotlight
- *Not an Easy Win* by Chrystal D. Giles. Random House Books for Young Readers
- *Simon Sort of Says* by Erin Bow. Disney Hyperion
- *What Happened to Rachel Riley?* by Claire Swinarski. Quill Tree Books
- *When Sea Becomes Sky* by Gillian McDunn. Bloomsbury Children’s Books
- *World Made of Glass* by Ami Polonsky. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers
**Nonfiction**

- *A First Time for Everything* by Dan Santat. Illustrated by the author. First Second

- *An American Story* by Kwame Alexander. Illustrated by Dare Coulter. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers


- *The Last Plastic Straw: A Plastic Problem and Finding Ways to Fix It* by Dee Romito. Illustrated by Ziyue Chen. Holiday House

- *Little Rosetta and the Talking Guitar: The Musical Story of Sister Rosetta Tharpe, the Woman Who Invented Rock and Roll* by Charnelle Pinkney Barlow. Illustrated by the author. Doubleday Books for Young Readers

- *Nearer My Freedom: The Interesting Life of Olaudah Equiano by Himself* by Monica Edinger and Lesley Younge. Zest Books™


- *We Go Way Back: A Book About Life on Earth and How it All Began* by Idan Ben-Barak. Illustrated
by Philip Bunting. Roaring Brook Press

- *Whale Fall: Exploring an Ocean-Floor Ecosystem* by Melissa Stewart. Illustrated by Rob Dunlavey. Random House Studio

**Picture Books**


- *Beneath* by Cori Doerrfeld. Illustrated by the author. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

- *Bibi* by Jo Weaver. Illustrated by the author. Peachtree

- *Big* by Vashti Harrison. Illustrated by the author. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

- *Evergreen* by Matthew Cordell. Illustrated by the author. Feiwel & Friends

- *Finding Papa* by Angela Pham Krans. Illustrated by Thi Bui. HarperCollins


- *In Between* by April Pulley Sayre. Illustrated by the author with Jeff Sayre. Beach Lane Books

- *In Every Life* by Marla Frazee. Illustrated by the author. Beach Lane Books

- *In the Night Garden* by Carin Berger. Illustrated by the author. Neal Porter Books


- *Nell Plants a Tree* by Anne Wynter. Illustrated by Daniel Miyares. Balzer + Bray

- *Once Upon a Book* by Grace Lin and Kate Messner. Illustrated by Grace Lin. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

- *Our Pool* by Lucy Ruth Cummins. Illustrated by the author. Atheneum Books for Young Readers

- *Papá’s Magical Water-Jug Clock* by Jesús Trejo. Illustrated by Eliza Kinkz. Minerva

- *Ramen for Everyone* by Patricia Tanumihardja. Illustrated by Shiho Pate. Atheneum Books for Young Readers


- *Spicy Spicy Hot!* by Lenny Wen. Illustrated by the author. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers
• *This Is a Story* by John Schu. Illustrated by Lauren Castillo. Candlewick

• *The Tree and the River* by Aaron Becker. Illustrated by the author. Candlewick

• *Tumble* by Adriana Hernández Bergstrom. Illustrated by the author. Orchard Books

• *Twenty Questions* by Mac Barnett. Illustrated by Christian Robinson. Candlewick

• *When You Can Swim* by Jack Wong. Illustrated by the author. Orchard Books