

**Association for Library Service to Children/ALA
2024 Notable Children's Books**

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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. 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 Lost 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
- ***Parachute Kids*** by Betty C. Tang. Illustrated by the author. Graphix
- ***Simon Sort of Says*** by Erin Bow. Disney Hyperion
- ***The Swifts: A Dictionary of Scoundrels*** by Beth Lincoln. Illustrated by Claire Powell. Dutton Books for Young Readers
- ***What Happened to Rachel Riley?*** by Claire Swinarski. Quill Tree Books
- ***When Sea Becomes Sky*** by Gillian McDunn. Bloomsbury Children's Books
- ***The Windeby Puzzle*** by Lois Lowry. Illustrated by Jonathan Stroh. Clarion Books
- ***World Made of Glass*** by Ami Polonsky. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers
- ***The Worlds We Leave Behind*** by A.F. Harrold. Illustrated by Levi Pinfold. Bloomsbury Children's Books

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 Astronaut's Guide to Leaving the Planet*** by Terry Virts. Illustrated by Andrés Lozano. Workman Publishing Company
- ***Can I Recycle This?: A Guide to Better Recycling and How to Reduce Single-Use Plastics*** by Jennie Romer. Illustrated by Christie Young. Penguin Books
- ***Eat Your Superpowers!: How Colorful Foods Keep You Healthy and Strong*** by Toni Buzzeo. Illustrated by Serge Bloch. Rise x Penguin Workshop
- ***The Fire of Stars: The Life and Brilliance of the Woman Who Discovered What Stars Are Made Of*** by Kirsten W. Larson. Illustrated by Katherine Roy. Chronicle Books
- ***The Indestructible Tom Crean: Heroic Explorer of the Antarctic*** by Jennifer Thermes. Illustrated by the author. Viking Books for Young Readers
- ***Indigenous Ingenuity: A Celebration of Traditional North American Knowledge*** by Deidre Havrelock and Edward Kay. Christy Ottaviano Books
- ***Jumper: A Day in the Life of a Backyard Jumping Spider*** by Jessica Lanan. Illustrated by the author. Roaring Brook Press
- ***Just Jerry: How Drawing Shaped My Life*** by Jerry Pinkney. Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney. 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™
- ***Search for a Giant Squid: Pick Your Path*** by Amy Seto Forrester. Illustrated by Andy Chou Musser. Chronicle Books
- ***Stars of the Night: The Courageous Children of the Czech Kindertransport*** by Caren Stelson. Illustrated by Selina Alko. Carolrhoda 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

- ***Babajoon's Treasure*** by Farnaz Esnaashari. Illustrated by Nabi H. Ali. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers
- ***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
- ***Friends Beyond Measure: A Story Told with Infographics*** by Lalena Fisher. Illustrated by the author. 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
- ***My Baba's Garden*** by Jordan Scott. Illustrated by Sydney Smith. 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
- ***Remember*** by Joy Harjo. Illustrated by Michaela Goade. Random House Studio
- ***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