



2015  
RHODE ISLAND  
CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD  
NOMINATIONS

Black, Holly. *Doll Bones* Grades 5+  
What if the only way to stop a ghost from entering your dreams is to do what they ask, even if it is dangerous? Three preteens love playing fantasy games, with the antique china doll being the evil queen, until one of them refuses to play. Suspense

Cervantes, Angela. *Gaby, Lost and Found* Grades 3+  
Gaby is devastated when her mother is deported to Honduras, and she is left to adjust to life with a father who is rarely home. Gaby survives the loneliness and neglect by escaping to her best friend's welcoming home and volunteering in an animal shelter. Along the way, she discovers a unique talent that helps her to cope. Realistic Fiction

Chin, Jason. *Island: A Story of the Galápagos* Grades 3+  
Millions of years come alive on pages that chronicle the evolution of the Galapagos, the island and its unusual inhabitants. The accurate depictions of the creatures that evolved on this island will make you wish you were Darwin too! Non-fiction

Curtis, Christopher Paul. *The Mighty Miss Malone* Grades 5+  
Deza has a close and loving family - even though it's the middle of the Great Depression and there is no work, no money and not enough food. When Deza's father leaves to find a job, the rest of the family must stick together to face extreme poverty with courage, wits and even humor. Historical Fiction

Engle, Margarita. *Mountain Dog* Grades 4+  
After his mother is sent to jail, Tony is forced to live with an uncle he barely knows in Nevada. Find out how a mountain home, an amazing search and rescue dog named Gabe, a Mountain School, and a Cowboy Church show Tony just what it means to be loved. Novel in Verse

Grabenstein, Chris. *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* Gr. 4+  
Within the walls of Mr. Lemoncello's library, a magical and super high tech challenge leaves contestants wondering whom they can trust and how to escape. Can you figure it out? Fiction

Harley, Bill. *Charlie Bumpers vs. the Teacher of the Year* Gr. 3+  
How can the "teacher of the year" be the strictest teacher in school? Of course Charlie is assigned to her class for fourth grade. How will he ever make it through? Laugh out loud funny! Realistic Fiction

Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody. *Legend of the Ghost Dog* Grades 4+  
According to local legend, a mysterious ghost dog haunts the woods of Anita's new hometown in the Alaskan wilderness. Could these spooky stories be true? And if so, who is this ghost dog....and what does it want? Mystery

Mack, W.C. *Athlete vs. Mathlete* Grades 4+  
For twin brothers Owen and Russell, life is simple. Owen is the athlete and Russell is the mathlete in the family. Then, a new basketball coach comes to town. He wants Russell to try out for the basketball team and won't take no for an answer. What will Owen do? Realistic Fiction

Markle, Sandra. *Bats: Biggest! Littlest!* Grades 3+  
Did you know that some small bats build tents and some small bats drink blood? Did you know some big bats catch fish and some big bats carry their young? Learn all about the special adaptations that help big and little bats survive. Non-fiction

Marino, Nan. *Hiding Out at the Pancake Palace* Grades 4+  
Famous musician Elvis Ruby cannot go anywhere without being noticed. At least not since he humiliated himself on national television! Disguising his tween-star good looks, will Elvis be able to hide out as an "average" kid this summer? Realistic Fiction

Mull, Brandon. *Wild Born (Spirit Animals Book 1)* Grades 3+  
Love a good fantasy? Eager for some adventure? Join four twelve-year olds from very different backgrounds who learn their destiny is more than they imagined. Each one has a spirit animal that they must work with to help save the world from dark forces. Fantasy

Mills Claudia. *Kelsey Green, Reading Queen* Grades 3+  
Third grader Kelsey Green loves to read and is determined to help her class win the all-school reading contest and the pizza party prize. She also has her eye on getting the certificate for top reader in her class. But will she succeed when some of her classmates don't live up to her expectations? Realistic Fiction

Nelson, Kadir. *Nelson Mandela* Grades 3+  
Nelson Mandela was sent to jail in South Africa in 1964 for speaking out against laws that kept people apart based on their skin color. He was held there for twenty-seven years. Mandela continued his protest, even in prison, and became one of the most famous world leaders of our time. Non-fiction

Pincus, Greg. *The Fourteen Fibs of Gregory K.* Grades 4+  
Gregory's family loves math. Gregory does not. All he wants to do is go to author camp. After telling a few "fibs", Gregory ends up in a city-wide math competition. Can he use his love of writing to survive the competition? Realistic Fiction

Polacco, Patricia. *The Blessing Cup* Grades 3+  
Fleeing from their burning Russian village in the middle of the night, Anna and her family struggle to find their way across the country. Throughout their journey towards America and through the generations, this tea set becomes a symbol of hope, family and love to Patricia's family. Picture Book

Reinhardt, Dana. *Odessa Again* Grades 3+  
Odessa discovers that she has the ability to go back in time to re-do the previous day. This comes in handy as she goes back again and again to fix all sorts of small problems. However, she finds that time is running out and she has no idea how to solve her biggest problem... her father is getting remarried! Fantasy

Shurtliff, Liesl. *Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin* Gr. 5+  
What's in a name? Young Rump is convinced his name is incomplete and sets out to discover his true name and destiny. Find out the real story of Rumpelstiltskin. Fantasy

Vanderpool, Clare. *Navigating Early* Grades 5+  
Jack is put in a boarding school in Maine after the death of his mother and deployment of his father. He finds friendship with Early, a very different kind of boy. They embark on a camping adventure with exciting twists and turns that will keep you guessing. Fiction

Wissenger, Tamara. *Gone Fishing* Grades 3+  
A special day of fishing for dad and son...what, my sister is coming? Sam finds that a day of fishing brings more than just catching fish. This novel in verse will bring back fond memories for older readers, and create new ones for the novice reader. Poetry