



2020 RHODE ISLAND CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD NOMINATIONS

Bob by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead Grades 3+
Rediscover that magical fantasy-world that existed when you were five years old as you join Livy in the search for her living toy friend, Bob's, mother. Fantasy.

Captain Superlative by J.S. Puller Grades 4+
Who is Captain Superlative and why has she become the protector of Deerwood Middle School citizens? Jane needs to know, and her quest leads her to discover herself in quite unexpected ways. Fiction.

Front Desk by Kelly Yang Grades 4+
Mia and her family, Chinese immigrants, are hopeful about their new job managing a motel, but the cruel owner takes advantage of them. It will take hard work, courage, and new love of writing, but Mia is determined to help save her family. Fiction.

Game Changers by Lesa Cline-Ransome, illustrated by James E. Ransome Grades 3+ Venus and Serena Williams grew up as sisters, best friends, and tennis players. With strong prose and beautiful, collage style illustrations, this book describes how the Williams sisters, with their family's support, faced and overcame many challenges on the road to becoming world champion tennis players. Picture Book Biography.

Hidden City: Poems of Urban Wildlife by Sarah Grace Tuttle Grades 3+ Amy Schimler-Safford, illustrator. In this beautifully illustrated collection of poetry, discover the plants and animals that make their home in the city throughout the seasons. The double page spreads of colorful collage and simple poems gently remind readers about the wonder of nature. Poetry.

Inky's Amazing Escape: How a Very Smart Octopus Found His Way Home by Sy Montgomery Grades 3+
A true tale of a very curious little octopus named, Inky. Upon being discovered in a lobster trap, Inky is brought to the local New Zealand Aquarium. Being a curious octopus, Inky has other plans; to find a way to return to his home in the sea. Nonfiction Picture Book.

Just Like Jackie by Lindsey Stoddard Grades 4+
Life gets difficult for Robbie as she deals with her grandfather's fading memory, a bully at school, and feeling misunderstood. Join her as she fights to keep her family together and learns that things aren't always what they seem. Fiction.

Knights vs. Dinosaurs by Matt Phelan Grades 3+
Raising an eyebrow at one knight's exaggerated bragging, the wizard Merlin magicks a group of King Arthur's knights back in time to face down a variety of fierce dinosaurs. This hilarious illustrated tale shows just what happens when knights and "Terrible Lizards" meet. Fantasy.

A Lady Has the Floor: Belva Lockwood Speaks Out for Women's Rights by Kate Hannigan, illustrated by Alison Jay Grades 3+
Belva Lockwood, activist, lawyer, potential presidential candidate, sets out to prove that women are second to none and lets no one get in her way. Engaging facts and historical illustrations make this a rich picture book biography about a female politician ahead of her time. Picture Book Biography.

Margot and Mateo Save the World by Darcy Miller Grades 3+
It's play day at West Cove Middle School and Margot and Mateo have the lead roles. Unfortunately, the day is being hijacked by alien slugs that have attached themselves to several people in West Cove. Margot and Mateo find themselves on a mission to save themselves, West Cove, and the play. Science Fiction.

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnulty Grades 4+
Lucy was struck by lightning 4 years ago and changed forever. The zap made her a math whiz now qualified for college at age 12. But one last test stands in her way: a year of middle school. Will she survive? Fiction.

Monster Mayhem by Christopher Eliopoulos Grades 3+
Zoe loves two things: inventing robots and Japanese monster movies, but she doesn't have many friends. So, when a mysterious ring brings one of her favorite monsters to life, she's thrilled to have a new pal - until more monsters arrive and begin destroying her town... Graphic Novel.

Nightbooks by J.A. White Grades 3+
When a witch imprisons a young writer named Alex in an enchanted apartment, he must tell scary stories each night to stay alive. But when Alex begins to run out of stories, he must team up with the apartment's other occupants to have any chance of escape. Fantasy.

The Peculiar Incident on Shady Street by Lindsay Currie Grades 4+
Tessa tries to make the best of things when her family moves from sunny Fort Myers to gray Chicago. But how can she when unexplainable incidents start happening in her new house? Fantasy.

A Pup Called Trouble by Bobbie Pyron Grades 3+
Trouble, a coyote pup, lets his curiosity lead him away from his family and into Central Park. Even if Trouble likes his new home, is New York the safest place for a coyote? Fiction.

The Rhino in Right Field by Stacy DeKeyser Grades 4+
Nick Spirakis will have to overcome some incredible obstacles in order to enter, and win, the batboy contest hosted by the local team. Family, friends, baseball and a 2,580 pound rhino provide for a laugh out loud adventure! Historical Fiction.

Saving Winslow by Sharon Creech Grades 3+
Louie, an unlucky, 10 year old boy is determined to save a newborn donkey by nursing him back to health. He encounters many obstacles along the way, but his determination and perseverance makes a big impact on many lives. Fiction.

The Season of Styx Malone by Kekla Magoon Grades 4+
Brothers Caleb and Bobby Gene had many adventures in the woods behind their house. This all changes when they meet Styx Malone, a mysterious and smart teenager. He convinces them to trust him and take risks to trade a bag of fireworks up until they get a moped. Fiction.

Solar System: Our Place in Space by Rosemary Mosco, illustrated by Jon Chad, color by Luke Healy Grades 3+
Definitely not the MOST BORING BOOK EVER about the solar system. This non-fiction, graphic novel pulls you in with a one two punch of comics style pictures and an action adventure story. Before you know it, you're caught up in an exploration of space that's filling you in on each planet in our solar system. Spacecraft and travel are involved. Graphic Novel.

The Train of Lost Things by Ammi-Joan Paquette Grades 4+
Come whoosh on a journey through the night on the train of lost things as we marvel at the awesome finds while taking a tender look at friendship, longing, memory, living, and what comes after. Fantasy.

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