

2011 WCCPBA Nominees

Title: Applesauce Season

Author: Eden Ross Lipson

Illustrator: Mordecai Gerstein

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press, 2009

Synopsis: In an urban setting, the story of how a family gets together to cook apples for applesauce. It includes a recipe for applesauce, to help you create your own traditions.

Title: Are You a Horse?

Author: Andy Rash

Illustrator:

Publisher: Arthur A. Levine, 2009

Synopsis: When Roy gets a saddle for his birthday, he goes in search of a horse.

Title: The Beckoning Cat

Author: Koko Nishizuka

Illustrator: Rosanne Litzinger

Publisher: Holiday House, 2009

Synopsis: A retelling of the traditional Japanese tale describing the origins of the beckoning cat and how it came to be a symbol of good luck.

Title: Chicken Little

Author: Rebecca Emberley

Illustrator: Ed Emberley

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press, 2009

Synopsis: A retelling of the classic story of Chicken Little, who has an acorn fall on his head and runs in a panic to his friends Henny Penny, Lucky Ducky, and Loosey Goosey, to tell them the sky is falling.

Title: The Curious Garden

Author: Peter Brown

Illustrator:

Publisher: Tsai Fung Books, 2009

Synopsis: Liam discovers a hidden garden and with careful tending spreads color throughout the gray city.

Title: Dark Night

Author: Dorothee DeMonfreid

Illustrator:

Publisher: Random House, 2009

Synopsis: When he wanders into the forest at night, Felix, terrified by the ferocious animals he sees, finds refuge in an unusual underground house.

Title: Duck! Rabbit!

Author: Amy Krouse Rosenthal

Illustrator: Tom Lichtenheld

Publisher: Chronicle Books, 2009

Synopsis: Two unseen characters argue about whether the creature they are looking at is a rabbit or a duck.

Title: Imogene's Last Stand

Author: Candace Fleming

Illustrator: Nancy Carpenter

Publisher: Random House, 2009

Synopsis: Enamored of history, young Imogene Tripp tries to save her town's historical society from being demolished in order to build a shoelace factory. Includes notes about historical figures quoted in the story.

Title: I Need My Monster

Author: Amy Noll

Illustrator: Howard McWilliam

Publisher: Flashlight Press, 2009

Synopsis: One night, when Ethan checks under his bed for his monster, Gabe, he finds a note from him instead: "Gone fishing. Back in a week." Ethan knows that without Gabe's familiar nightly scares he doesn't stand a chance of getting to sleep, so Ethan interviews potential substitutes to see if they've got the right equipment for the job—pointy teeth, sharp claws, and a long tail—but none of them proves scary enough for Ethan.

Title: The King's Taster

Author: Kenneth Oppel

Illustrator: Steve Johnson

Publisher: Harper Collins, 2009

Synopsis: Max is the cook's dog. And because he is also the king's taster, Max gets to feast.

Title: Let's Do Nothing

Author: Tony Fucile

Illustrator:

Publisher: Candlewick, 2009

Synopsis: Frankie and Sal have run out of things to do: "We've played every sport ever invented" and "baked enough cookies to feed a small country--" Then Sal hits upon a solution: "Let's do nothing!" How hard could that be?

Title: My Name is Sangoel

Author: Karen Lynn Williams & Khadra Mohammed

Illustrator: Catherine Stock

Publisher: Eerdman's Books, 2009

Synopsis: As a refugee from Sudan to the United States, Sangoel is frustrated that no one can pronounce his name correctly until he finds a clever way to solve the problem.

Title: Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle

Author: Brian Dennis, Kirby Larson, Mary Nethery

Illustrator:

Publisher: Little Brown, 2009

Synopsis: Nubs, an Iraqi dog of war, never had a home or a person of his own. He was the leader of a pack of wild dogs living off the land and barely surviving. But Nubs's life changed when he met Marine Major Brian Dennis. The two formed a fast friendship, made stronger by Dennis's willingness to share his meals, offer a warm place to sleep, and give Nubs the kind of care and attention he had never received before. Nubs became part of Dennis's human "pack" until duty required the Marines to relocate a full 70 miles away--without him. Nubs had no way of knowing that Marines were not allowed to have pets. So began an incredible journey that would take Nubs through a freezing desert, filled with danger to find his friend and would lead Dennis on a mission that would touch the hearts of people all over the world.

Title: Panda Kindergarten

Author: Joanne Ryder

Illustrator: Katherine Feng

Publisher: Collins, 2009

Synopsis: Meet sixteen young giant panda cubs at the China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda at the Wolong Nature Preserve. The cubs are raised together from infancy in a protected setting, where they grow strong. Under the watchful eyes of the scientists and workers, the cubs learn skills that will help prepare them to be released into the wild. Follow a day in the life of the cubs with Joanne Ryder's spare and simple text and full-color photographs by Dr. Katherine Feng, Wolong's leading photographer.

Title: Ron's Big Mission

Author: Rose Blue

Illustrator: Corinne Naden

Publisher: Dutton, 2009

Synopsis: The story of how nine-year-old Ron McNair, later a real-life scientist and Challenger astronaut, desegregated his Lake City, South Carolina, public library in the 1950s through peaceful resistance.

Title: Splat the Cat

Author: Rob Scotton

Illustrator:

Publisher: Harper Collins, 2008

Synopsis: A nervous Splat finds his first day at Cat School much better than he expected.

Title: Those Darn Squirrels!

Author: Adam Rubin

Illustrator: Daniel Salmieri

Publisher: Clarion, 2008

Synopsis: When grumpy Old Man Fookwire builds feeders to try to keep birds--the only creatures he likes--from leaving for the winter, he finds himself in a battle with clever, crafty squirrels who want a share of the abundant food.

Title: The Three Little Gators

Author: Helen Kettermann

Illustrator: Will Terry

Publisher: Albert Whitman, 2009

Synopsis: In this adaptation of the traditional folktale, three little gators each build their house in an east Texas swamp, hoping for protection from the Big-bottomed Boar.

Title: Truckery Rhymes

Author: Jon Scieszka

Illustrator: David Shannon, David Gordon, Loren Long

Publisher: Simon & Schuster, 2009

Synopsis: All the favorite truckery rhymes are here -- from "Peter Peter Payload Eater" to "Little Dan Dumper"...all the way to "Pop! Blows the Diesel."

Title: Turtle's Penguin Day

Author: Valeri Gorbachev

Illustrator:

Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf, 2008

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