

2015 WCCPBA Nominees

Title: The Black Rabbit

Author and Illustrator: Phillppa Leathers

Publisher: Candlewick Press, 2013

Synopsis: There's a large black rabbit chasing him, and no matter where he runs, the shadowy rabbit follows, but finally in the deep, dark wood, Rabbit loses his nemesis only to encounter a real foe.

Title: Carnivores

Author: Aaron Reynolds

Illustrator: Dan Santat

Publisher: Chronicle Books, 2013

Synopsis: A lion, a great white shark, and a timber wolf, all meat-eaters who have been hurt by the cruelty of plant-eaters, form a support group which has limited success until their newest member, a great horned owl, shares some advice.

Title: Crankee Doodle

Author: Tom Angelberger

Illustrator: Cece Bell

Publisher: Clarion Books, 2013

Synopsis: A pony tries to convince his cranky owner to take a ride into town. Includes notes about the song, "Yankee Doodle."

Title: The Day the Crayons Quit

Author: Drew Daywelt

Illustrator: Oliver Jeffers

Publisher: Philomel Books, 2013

Synopsis: When Duncan arrives at school one morning, he finds a stack of letters, one from each of his crayons, complaining about how he uses them.

Title: The First Drawing

Author and Illustrator: Mordicai Gerstein

Publisher: Little Brown and Company, 2013

Synopsis: Thirty thousand years ago, an imaginative child sees the shapes of animals in clouds and on the walls of the cave he shares with his family, but no one else can see them until he makes the world's first drawing.

Title: Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball

Author: John Coy

Illustrator: Joe Morse

Publisher: Carolrhoda Books, 2013

Synopsis: Taking over a rowdy gym class right before winter vacation is not something James Naismith wants to do at all. The last two teachers of this class quit in frustration. The students-a bunch of energetic young men-are bored with all the regular games and activities. Naismith needs something new, exciting, and fast to keep the class happy-or someone's going to get hurt. Saving this class is going to take a genius. Discover the true story of how Naismith invented basketball in 1891 at a school in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Title: The Invisible Boy

Author: Trudy Ludwig

Illustrator: Patrice Barton

Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf, 2013

Synopsis: Brian has always felt invisible at school, but when a new student arrives, everything changes.

Title: Lion vs. Rabbit

Author and Illustrator: Alex Latimer

Publisher: Peachtree, 2013

Synopsis: "Lion is mean to everyone. When the other animals can't take his bullying anymore, they hire Rabbit to outsmart him."

Title: Little Dog Lost: The True Story of a Brave Dog Named Baltic

Author and Illustrator: Monica Carnesi

Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2012

Synopsis: On a cold winter day, a curious dog wandered onto a frozen river, and before he knew it he was traveling fast on a sheet of ice. Many people tried to help, but the dog could not be reached. Finally, after two nights and seventy-five miles, the little dog was saved by a ship out in the Baltic Sea.

Title: Lost Cat

Author and Illustrator: C. Roger Mader

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2013

Synopsis: Slipper the cat is mistakenly left behind in the commotion when the lady she has always lived with moves in with her daughter's family, so Slipper sets out to find someone new to adopt.

Title: The Magic Bojabi Tree

Author: Dianne Hofmeyr

Illustrator: Piet Grobler

Publisher: Francis Lincoln Children's Books, 2013

Synopsis: Python has wrapped himself around the tree with its delicious fruit, and he won't share the fruit unless the animals can tell him the correct name of the tree.

Title: Memoirs of a Hamster

Author: Devin Scillian

Illustrator: Tim Bowers

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press, 2013

Synopsis: "A pet hamster is enticed by the family cat to venture outside his well-equipped cage to the sun room only to very quickly discover life outside his cage is not the best for him."

Title: Nugget & Fang: Friends Forever or Snack Time

Author: Tammi Sauer

Illustrator: Michael Slack

Publisher: Harcourt Children's Books, 2013

Synopsis: "Everyone knows that minnows and sharks can't be friends! Can Nugget and Fang be different?"

Title: Outfoxed

Author and Illustrator: Mike Twohy

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2013

Synopsis: Fox breaks into a henhouse to steal a chicken for dinner but grabs Duck, instead--a clever fowl that pretends to be a dog.

Title: Sea Otter

Author and Photographer: Suzi Eszterhas

Publisher: Francis Lincoln Children's Books, 2013

Synopsis: Far away in the Pacific Ocean, a baby sea otter is born, just a little bigger than a kitten. See her learn how to find food and look after herself.

Title: The Snatchabook

Author: Helen Docherty

Illustrator: Thomas Docherty

Publisher: Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2013

Synopsis: The woodland animals of Burrow Down are ready for a bedtime story, but where are the books?

Title: Sophie's Squash

Author: Pat Zietlow Miller

Illustrator: Anne Wilsdorf

Publisher: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2013

Synopsis: On a trip to the farmers' market with her parents, Sophie chooses a squash, but instead of letting her mom cook it, she names it Bernice. From then on, Sophie brings Bernice everywhere, despite her parents' gentle warnings that Bernice will begin to rot. As winter nears, Sophie does start to notice changes.... What's a girl to do when the squash she loves is in trouble?

Title: That is NOT a Good Idea!

Author and Illustrator: Mo Willems

Publisher: Balzer & Bray, 2013

Synopsis: A surprising lesson about the importance of listening to one's inner gosling ensues when a very hungry fox issues a dinner invitation to a very plump goose.

Title: Toys in Space

Author and Illustrator: Mini Grey

Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf, 2012

Synopsis: A group of toys, left out at night for the first time, begins to be afraid but the Wonder Doll distracts them by weaving a story of lost toys, space travel, and a strange alien.

Title: The Yuckiest, Stinkiest, Best Valentine Ever

Author: Brenda Ferber

Illustrator: Tedd Arnold

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2012

Synopsis: A young boy named Leon pursues a runaway Valentine meant for his true love, Zoey Maloney.