

## 2016 WCCPBA Nominees

**Title: At the Old Haunted House**

Author: Helen Ketteman

Illustrator: Nate Wragg

Publisher: Two Lions, 2014

Synopsis: Many creatures live at the old haunted house with their children, including one small witch, two little monsters, three kittens, four goblins, five werewolves and more. When the neighborhood children come trick-or-treating, they are invited inside for a fun party with all.

**Title: Big Bad Bubble**

Author: Adam Rubin

Illustrator: Daniel Salmieri

Publisher: Clarion Books, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014

Synopsis: Four monsters are led to face their greatest fear--bubbles.

**Title: A Boy and a Jaguar**

Author: Alan Rabinowitz

Illustrator: Catia Chien

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014

Synopsis: Alan loves animals, but the great cat house at the Bronx Zoo makes him sad. Why are they all alone in empty cages? Are they being punished? More than anything, he wants to be their champion--their voice--but he stutters uncontrollably. Except when he talks to animals...Then he is fluent.

**Title: The Cat, the Dog, Little Red, the Exploding Eggs, the Wolf and Grandma**

Author: Diane Fox

Illustrator: Christyan Fox

Publisher: Scholastic Press, 2014

Synopsis: Cat tries to read the story of Little Red Riding Hood aloud, but Dog keeps interrupting with silly questions.

**Title: Catch That Cookie!**

Author: Hallie Durand

Illustrator: David Small

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2014

Synopsis: Marshall refuses to believe that gingerbread men can run, even after a series of clues leads his class on a riddle-filled gingerbread cookie hunt.

**Title: Creature Features: 25 Animals Explain Why They Look the Way They Do**

Authors: Steve Jenkins and Robin Page

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014

Synopsis: Packed with many cool facts and visuals on where certain animals live and what they eat, this book captures twenty-five humorous—and very true—explanations of why animals look the way they do in order to exist in this world.

**Title: Gaston**

Author: Kelly DiPucchio

Illustrator: Christian Robinson

Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2014

Synopsis: A proper bulldog raised in a poodle family and a tough poodle raised in a bulldog family meet one day in the park.

**Title: The Girl Who Wouldn't Brush Her Hair**

Author: Kate Bernheimer

Illustrator: Jake Parker

Publisher: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2013

Synopsis: A little girl refuses to brush her hair, but when a team of mice takes up residence in her tangled locks, she faces a tough decision--to brush or not to brush.

**Title: How Martha Saved Her Parents From Green Beans**

Author: David LaRochelle

Illustrator: Mark Fearing

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2013

Synopsis: Martha HATES green beans. When some mean, green bandits stroll into town, anyone who ever said "Eat your green beans" is in big trouble. But when the beans kidnap Martha's parents, Martha is forced to take action. She can think of only one way to stop the villainous veggies from taking over her town, and it's not pretty...or tasty.

**Title: If You Happen to Have a Dinosaur**

Author: Linda Bailey

Illustrator: Colin Jack

Publisher: Tundra Books, 2014

Synopsis: If you happen to have a dinosaur, lying around your living room, and you don't know what to do with it ... why don't you use it as a can opener? It will make a terrific nutcracker too! There are oodles of uses for a dinosaur -- from a fine umbrella to an excellent kite and a dandy pillow, not to mention a reliable burglar alarm and the perfect excuse to forget your homework.

**Title: Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla**

Author: Katherine Applegate

Illustrator: G. Brian Karas

Publisher: Clarion Books, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014

Synopsis: Captured as a baby, Ivan was brought to a Tacoma, Washington, mall to attract shoppers. Gradually, public pressure built until a better way of life for Ivan was found at Zoo Atlanta. From the Congo to America, and from a local business attraction to a national symbol of animal welfare, Ivan the Shopping Mall Gorilla traveled an astonishing distance in miles and in impact. This is his true story.

**Title: Last Stop on Market Street**

Author: Matt de la Pena

Illustrator: Christian Robinson

Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers

Synopsis: A young boy rides the bus across town with his grandmother and learns to appreciate the beauty in everyday things.

**Title: Lifesize Ocean**

Author: Anita Ganeri

Illustrator: Stuart Jackson-Carter

Publisher: Kingfisher, 2014

Synopsis: Lifesize Ocean offers young readers a unique opportunity to see a variety of sea animals at their actual size. This enchanting, underwater adventure starts off with the smallest of sea creatures—tiny copepods, and ends with the largest – the blue whale.

**Title: Maddi's Fridge**

Author: Lois Brandt

Illustrator: Vin Vogel

Publisher: Flashlight Press, 2014

Synopsis: Maddi's fridge is almost empty, while Sophia's fridge is full of food. How can Sophia help her friend Maddi without breaking her promise not to tell anyone?

**Title: Mogie The Heart of the House**

Author: Kathi Appelt

Illustrator: Marc Rosenthal

Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2014

Synopsis: A rambunctious puppy finds a home at the Ronald McDonald House, a place that houses sick children and their families while they undergo treatment.

**Title: My Teacher is a Monster**

Author: Peter Brown

Publisher: Little Brown and Company, 2014

Synopsis: Bobby thinks his teacher, Ms. Kirby, is horrible, but when he sees her outside of school and they spend a day in the park together, he discovers she might not be so bad after all.

**Title: The Secret Life of Squirrels**

Author: Nancy Brown

Publisher: Little Brown and Company, 2014

Synopsis: Mr. Peanuts, a rather unusual squirrel who enjoys playing the piano and reading, learns that everything is more fun with a friend.

**Title: Sick Simon**

Author: Dan Krall

Publisher: Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2015

Synopsis: By not covering his mouth or washing his hands, Simon spreads his cold to his teacher and classmates, much to the delight of three germs named Virus, Protozoa, and Bacteria.

**Title: Ten Rules of Being a Superhero**

Author: Deb Pilutti

Publisher: Henry Holt and Company, 2014

Synopsis: An instruction manual for aspiring superheroes that follows the adventures of action-figure Captain Magma and his sidekick/owner Lava Boy as they outsmart a villainous dinosaur, evade a bee, and save a worm from certain destruction.

**Title: This is a Moose**

Author: Richard T. Morris

Illustrator: Tom Lichtenheld

Publisher: Little Brown and Company, 2014

Synopsis: Director Billy Waddler is trying to film a documentary about moose, but the moose in question has no intention of spending his life in the woods and his animal friends, who have dreams of their own, help him prove his point.