

2018 WCCPBA Nominees

Title: A Bike Like Sergio's

Author: Maribeth Boelts

Illustrator: Noah Jones

Publisher: Candlewick Press, 2016

Synopsis: Finders keepers, right? When Ruben picks up someone's lost money, he finds out how hard it can be to do the right thing.

Title: The Cow Who Climbed the Tree

Author and Illustrator: Gemma Merino

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company, 2015

Synopsis: Tina isn't like the other cows. She believes that the sky is the limit and that everything is possible. But her sisters aren't convinced--and when Tina tells them she has climbed a tree and met a dragon, they decide that her nonsense has gone too far. Off they go into the woods to find her...and soon discover a world of surprises!

Title: The Darkest Dark

Author: Chris Hadfield

Illustrator: The Fan Brothers

Publisher: Little Brown, 2016

Synopsis: Young Chris loves pretending he's a brave astronaut, exploring the universe. Only one problem--at night, he's afraid of the dark. Only when he watches the moon landing on TV does he realize how exciting the unknown can be. Inspired by the childhood of real-life astronaut Chris Hadfield.

Title: Don't Call Me Choochi Pooh!

Author: Sean Taylor

Illustrator: Kate Hindley

Publisher: Walker Books, 2016

Synopsis: When you're a preciously small canine with a big and bold personality, how do you show your doting owners that you want to be treated like an ordinary dog?

Title: Everyone Loves Bacon

Author: Kelly DiPucchio

Illustrator: Eric Wight

Publisher: Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers, 2015

Synopsis: Everyone loves Bacon but letting his fame go to his head may prove more dangerous than he thought.

Title: Hare and Tortoise

Author and Illustrator: Alison Murray

Publisher: Candlewick Press, 2015

Synopsis: Hare is the fastest on the farm. Tortoise is as slow as they go. So when they decide to have a race, Hare is certain to win... isn't he?

Title: The Highest Mountain of Books in the World

Author and Illustrator: Rocio Bonilla

Publisher: Peter Pauper Press, 2016

Synopsis: A boy who wants to fly discovers the many ways that books can take him to the greatest heights.

Title: Madeline Finn and the Library Dog

Author and Illustrator: Lisa Papp

Publisher: Peachtree, 2016

Synopsis: Reluctant reader Madeline really wants to earn a star at school, so when Mrs. Dimple, the librarian, suggests she read to a dog Madeline gives it a try.

Title: The Magic Word

Author: Mac Barnett

Illustrator: Elise Parsley

Publisher: Balzer Bray Harper Collins, 2016

Synopsis: When Paxton C. Heymeyer's babysitter tells him to say the magic word, she could never have imagined that what would happen next would be a walrus chasing her, an elephant in the living room playing cards, and a full water park and moat in the front yard. And that's just the beginning.

Title: The Marvelous Thing That Came From a Spring

Author and Illustrator: Gilbert Ford

Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2016

Synopsis: One day, a spring fell from the desk of Richard James, an engineer and a dreamer. Its coils took a walk...and so did Richard's imagination. He knew right away that he had stumbled onto something marvelous. With the help of his wife, Betty, Richard took this ordinary spring and turned it into a plaything. But it wasn't just any old trinket—it was a Slinky, and it would become one of the most popular toys in American history.

Title: More-igami

Author: Dori Kleber

Illustrator: G. Brian Karas

Publisher: Candlewick Press, 2016

Synopsis: Joey, who loves anything that can fold, learns origami, the Japanese art of paper folding, but it takes lots of time and practice before he can perfect the craft.

Title: Nanette's Baguette

Author and Illustrator: Mo Willems

Publisher: Disney Hyperion, 2016

Synopsis: It's Nanette's first trip to get the baguette! Is she set? You bet!

Title: Pirate's Perfect Pet

Author: Beth Ferry

Illustrator: Matt Myers

Publisher: Candlewick Press, 2016

Synopsis: Ahoy! Pirates, pets, and puns run amok as a swaggering, softhearted captain takes off on a mad search for the perfect animal sidekick.

Title: Plants Can't Sit Still

Author: Rebecca E. Hirsch

Illustrator: Mia Posada

Publisher: Millbrook Picture Books, 2016

Synopsis: Do plants really move? Absolutely! You might be surprised by all the movements that plants can make. Plants might not pick up their roots and walk away, but they definitely don't sit still! Discover the many ways plants (and their seeds) move.

Title: Princess and the Warrior: A Tale of Two Volcanoes

Author and Illustrator: Duncan Tonatiuh

Publisher: Harry N. Abrams, 2016

Synopsis: Princess Izta had many wealthy suitors but dismissed them all. When a mere warrior, Popoca, promised to be true to her and stay always by her side, Izta fell in love. The emperor promised Popoca if he could defeat their enemy Jaguar Claw, then Popoca and Izta could wed. When Popoca was near to defeating Jaguar Claw, his opponent sent a messenger to Izta saying Popoca was dead. Izta fell into a deep sleep and, upon his return, even Popoca could not wake her. As promised Popoca stayed by her side.

Title: Quackers

Author and Illustrator: Liz Wong

Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2016

Synopsis: Quackers has always believed that he is a duck, but when he meets new friends who look like him and call themselves cats, he has to find a way to combine the best of both worlds.

Title: Quit Calling Me a Monster

Author: Jory John

Illustrator: Bob Shea

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers, 2016

Synopsis: A young monster resents being called a monster.

Title: Stick and Stone:

Author: Beth Ferry

Illustrator: Tom Lichtenheld

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers, 2015

Synopsis: Stick and Stone are both lonely until Pinecone's teasing causes one to stick up for the other, and a solid friendship is formed.

Title: Thunder Boy, Jr.

Author: Sherman Alexie

Illustrator: Yuyi Morales

Publisher: Little Brown Books for Young Readers, 2016

Synopsis: Thunder Boy Jr. wants a normal name...one that's all his own. Dad is known as Big Thunder, but Little Thunder doesn't want to share a name.

Title: A Well-Mannered Young Wolf

Author: Jean Leroy

Illustrator: Matthieu Maudet

Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2016

Synopsis: A young wolf must fulfill his prey's last wishes before he devours them.