

Washington Children's Choice Book Award 2020 Nominee List

The Boo-Boos That Changed the World

Author: Barry Wittenstein

Illustrator: Chris Hsu

Summary: 1920s cotton buyer Earle Dickson worked for Johnson & Johnson and had a klutzy wife who often cut herself. The son of a doctor, Earle set out to create an easier way for her to bandage her injuries. Band-Aids were born, but Earle's bosses at the pharmaceutical giant weren't convinced, and it wasn't until the Boy Scouts of America tested Earle's prototype that this ubiquitous household staple was made available to the public. Soon Band-Aids were selling like hotcakes, and the rest is boo-boo history.

Can I Be Your Dog?

Author and Illustrator: Troy Cummings

Summary: A dog looking for a home sends letters to prospective owners on Butternut Street, with surprising results.

Dear Substitute

Author: Elizabeth Scanlon

Illustrator: Christopher Raschka

Summary: When a substitute teacher named Miss Pelly comes to class, one student bristles at the change in routine - Miss Pelly doesn't follow the rules like Mrs. Giordano. But in time, our student learns that even though the substitute may do things a little differently, and she may be a bit silly, mixing things up might not be so bad.

The Epic Adventures of Huggie & Stick

Author: Drew Daywalt

Illustrator: David Spencer

Summary: When a grumpy stuffed bunny and a happy-go-lucky stick fall out of their boy's backpack, they embark on an odyssey that takes them all around the world, experiencing one crazy adventure after another.

Friends and Foes: Poems About Us All

Author and Illustrator: Doug Florian

Summary: There are all kinds of friends--good friends, bad friends, old friends, new friends...even imaginary friends! This humorous, heartfelt, and refreshingly honest collection of poems explores the many facets of friendship.

Fruit Bowl

Author and Illustrator: Mark Hoffman

Summary: A tomato tries to convince his fellow companions that he belongs in the fruit bowl too, but his efforts prove "fruitless" and will require the voice of Old Man Produce to settle the debate.

I Got a Chicken for My Birthday

Author: Laura Gehl

Illustrator: Sarah Horne

Summary: All the birthday girl wants from her Abuela is a ticket to the amusement park. Instead, she gets a chicken. But this chicken is no ordinary chicken; it has plans! With a lot of hard work, and help from other animals, this chicken may just end up granting the girl the best birthday gift ever.

I Want That Nut!

Author and Illustrator: Madeline Valentine

Summary: Meet Mouse and Chipmunk, two young rodents who want the same thing—a big, beautiful nut! But who deserves it more? After all, Chipmunk and the Nut read together and lie in the grass and stare at the clouds. Chipmunk wants that nut! And Mouse and the Nut play tic-tac-toe and have a dance party together. Mouse *also* wants that nut! But then Squirrel comes along and claims the Nut for his own. What's a rodent to do?

Inky's Amazing Escape: How a Very Smart Octopus Found His Way Home

Author: Sy Montgomery

Illustrator: Amy Schimler-Safford

Summary: Inky had been at the New Zealand aquarium since 2014 after being taken in by a fisherman who found him at sea. Inky had been getting used to his new environment, but the staff quickly figured out that he had to be kept amused or he would get bored. Then one night in 2016 Inky, about the size of a basketball, decided he'd had enough. He slithered eight feet across the floor and down a drainpipe more than 160 feet long to his home in the sea.

Interrupting Chicken and the Elephant of Surprise

Author and Illustrator: David Ezra Stein

Summary: It's homework time for the little red chicken, who has just learned about something every good story should have: an elephant of surprise. Or could it be an *element* of surprise (as her amused papa explains)? As they dive in to story after story, looking for the part that makes a reader say "Whoa! I didn't know *that* was going to happen," Papa is sure he can convince Chicken he's right. After all, there are definitely no elephants in "The Ugly Duckling," "Rapunzel," or "The Little Mermaid" -- or are there? Elephant or element, something unexpected awaits Papa in every story, but a surprise may be in store for the little red chicken as well.

Little Brown

Author and Illustrator: Marla Frazee

Summary: Little Brown is one cranky canine because no one ever plays with him at the animal shelter. Or maybe no one ever plays with him because he is cranky. Either way, Little Brown decides today is the day to take action, so he takes all of the toys and sticks and blankets from all of the dogs at the shelter and won't give them back. But what will happen now?

Neck & Neck

Author and Illustrator: Elise Parsley

Summary: Everybody loves Leopold the giraffe. He inspires awe and wonder. His adoring fans gaze and cheer. Best of all, they feed him lots of deeeelicious snacks! But, one day, a shiny, bobble-headed new rival comes in and ruins everything...a giraffe-shaped balloon! Just how far will Leopold go to prove that he's the hero of the zoo?

Philomena's New Glasses

Author and Illustrator: Brenna Maloney

Summary: Philomena needs new glasses. Her sister Audrey wants some, too. Pretty soon, Nora Jane is feeling the pressure to get a pair of specs, as well. The one-upmanship escalates from there with the three sisters learning that not everyone needs the same things.

Potato Pants!

Author and Illustrator: Laurie Keller

Potato is very excited to buy a pair of pants on sale at Lance Vance's Fancy Pants Store, but when he sees Eggplant, who pushed him the day before, he is afraid to go in.

Rot, the Cutest in the World

Author and Illustrator: Ben Clanton

Summary: Rot, a mutant potato, enters a "Cutest in the World" contest but worries when he sees his competition.

Saving Fiona: The Story of the World's Most Famous Baby Hippo

Author and Illustrator: Thane Maynard

Summary: The amazing, true story of Fiona, a baby hippo born prematurely at the Cincinnati Zoo, the team of scientists and caregivers who nursed her to health, and the vast community in Cincinnati and beyond who rallied around her.

Includes full-color behind-the-scenes photographs throughout.

The Word Collector

Author and Illustrator: Peter Reynolds

Summary: Jerome enjoys collecting and using words that he hears, reads, or sees, and then decides to share his collection with others.

The Ugly Five

Author: Julia Donaldson

Illustrator: Axel Scheffler

Summary: Meet Wildebeest, Warthog, Spotted Hyena, Lappet-Faced Vulture, and Marabou Stork. On the African Savannah, they're known as the Ugly Five, but for all their bumps and bristles, these animals are just as lovable and intriguing as their more celebrated counterparts.

The Wall in the Middle of the Book

Author and Illustrator: Jon Agee

Summary: There's a wall in the middle of the book, and our hero--a young knight--is sure that the wall protects his side of the book from the dangers of the other side--like an angry tiger and giant rhino, and worst of all, an ogre who would gobble him up in a second! But our knight doesn't seem to notice the crocodile and growing sea of water that are emerging on his side. When he's almost over his head and calling for help, who will come to his rescue? An individual who isn't as dangerous as the knight thought--from a side of the book that might just have some positive things to offer after all!

We Don't Eat Our Classmates

Author and Illustrator: Ryan T. Higgins

Summary: It's the first day of school for Penelope Rex, and she can't wait to meet her classmates. But it's hard to make human friends when they're so darn delicious! That is, until Penelope gets a taste of her own medicine and finds she may not be at the top of the food chain after all.