



2010
RHODE ISLAND
CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD
NOMINATIONS

1. Avi. *The Seer of Shadows* Grades 5-6
Horace Carpetine, an apprentice to an unscrupulous photographer, is forced to deceive a client by planting a ghostly image in a photograph. He finds that he has the ability to bring a ghost to life through his images, with dangerous consequences.
2. Barrows, Annie. *The Magic Half* Grades 4-6
Look through the lens and travel back in time to 1935. Could a daring rescue of a girl named Molly bring Miri the twin sister she's always longed to have?
3. Cox, Judy. *Puppy Power* Grades 3-4
Boisterous Fran has trouble controlling herself, but learning how to train her gigantic Newfoundland puppy helps her gain enough self-control to win the part of a princess in the class play.
4. Dowell, Frances O'Roark. *Shooting the Moon* Grades 5-6
Jamie's father is the commander of an army base and her life is the army but when her brother is reported missing in Vietnam, she starts questioning her idealism about war.
5. Frazier, Sundee T. *Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything in It* Grades 4-6
Brendan's love of rocks and minerals leads him to his grandfather, whom he has never met. Will their common interest bring them close together, or will family differences keep them apart?
6. Giff, Patricia Reilly. *Eleven* Grades 4-6
Sam, a non-reader, sees his picture in an old newspaper clipping but what does it say? When he asks the new girl in school to help him, what he learns, and the questions that arise, may change everything he knows about himself and his family.
7. Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Dexter the Tough* Grades 3-5
Just how tough is he? At his new school, Dexter's journal entry claims that he beat up a student but what really happened?
8. Hurwitz, Johanna. *Squirrel World* Grades 3-4
Two curious squirrels living in Central Park embark on an exciting, though sometimes dangerous, adventure into the heart of New York City. Will they make it safely back home on their own, or will they have to rely on the bravery of relatives to rescue them?
9. Kibuishi, Kazu. *Amulet. Book 1, The Stonekeeper* Grades 4-6
Emily and her brother Navin are lost in the alternate world of Alledia as they chase the tentacled beast that kidnapped their mother. The key to their survival lies in Emily's magical amulet and her ability to control its powers.

10. Korman, Gordon. *Swindle* Grades 4-6
How far would you go to get back what is rightfully yours? When Griffin Bing is cheated out of a priceless baseball card he makes a plan. With an unlikely group of sixth graders, Griffin will need to be daring and resourceful in order to outsmart the swindler.
11. Law, Ingrid. *Savvy* Grades 4-6
Mibs must use not only her magical gift, but also her wits to get to the hospital to see her injured father. When she and her companions sneak onto a bible salesman's bus, they have no idea what unusual and life changing adventures they will encounter on their journey.
12. Look, Lenore. *Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School and Other Scary Things* Grades 3-5
In a series of laugh-out-loud vignettes, Alvin, a boy who is afraid of everything, tells us about his inability to talk at school, his quirky, but supportive family, and his search for a friend.
13. Nobleman, Marc Tyler. *Boys of Steel: the Creators of Superman* Grades 3-6
Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, two super-nerdy teens, bonded over their love of science fiction. Together they created a new hero, Superman, in a new format, the comic book, but it took years of trials and tribulations to get it published.
14. Nuzum, K.A. *The Leanin' Dog* Grades 4-6
Dessa Dean hasn't left her family's cabin since her mother died. Left alone while her father hunts, she hears the whimpering of an injured animal. Can she overcome her fears and save "the leanin' dog"?
15. Park, Linda Sue. *Tap Dancing on the Roof: Sijo Poems* Grades 4-6
Do you like funny poetry with a twist at the end? Sijo, a form of Korean poetry similar to haiku, will capture your imagination.
16. Perkins, Mitali. *Rickshaw Girl* Grades 3-5
When Naima damages her father's new rickshaw, she knows she could use her artistic ability to earn the money to have it repaired, but in Bangladesh girls are not allowed to work so she must disguise herself as a boy.
17. Preller, James. *Along Came Spider* Grades 4-6
Spider, trying to fit in with the "in-crowd", struggles with loyalty to his life-long friend and neighbor, Trey, whose quirky personality is seen as uncool. Can the school librarian and new student Ava help them through this rough time?
18. Schulman, Janet. *Pale Male: Citizen Hawk of New York City* Grades 3-6
The birdwatchers of Central Park were buzzing about a young red-tailed hawk that had been spotted. What adventures would the hawk find in the park?
19. Scieszka, Jon. *Knucklehead* Grades 5-6
How much trouble can one boy and his five brothers get into? A lot! These memories of Halloween, sword fighting, brother-sitting, school, and sports will make you laugh out loud.
20. Wolf, Joan M. *Someone Named Eva* Grades 5-6
Eleven-year-old Milada is not Jewish, so why did German soldiers take her from her family in Czechoslovakia in 1942, and will she ever see them again?