

2014 Mock Newbery Discussion #2

It's time to start taking a close look at the children's novels of 2013. Please read one or (better yet) more books for the first meeting. Participating in the Mock Newbery is an opportunity to read the newest children's books and to discuss them with other passionate readers. Please join us!

Mock Newbery Discussion #2

Wednesday, October 30, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Archie R. Cole Middle School: 100 Cedar Avenue, East Greenwich, RI 02818

Please register for this program: <http://www.olis.ri.gov/services/ce/regis.php>

The Newbery Medal is awarded annually to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children published in the United States during the preceding year. The Award is restricted to authors who are citizens or residents of the United States.

Criteria: 1) In identifying "Distinguished Writing" in a book for children,

a. Committee members need to consider the following:

- Interpretation of the theme or concept
- Presentation of information including accuracy, clarity, and organization
- Development of a plot
- Delineation of characters
- Delineation of setting
- Appropriateness of style

Note: Because the literary qualities to be considered will vary depending on content, the committee need not expect to find excellence in each of the named elements. The book should, however, have distinguished qualities in all of the elements pertinent to it.

b. Committee members must consider excellence of presentation for a child audience.

Voting for a Rhode Island winner and honor books will take place on January 15, 2014 using the balloting procedures of the real committee.

2014 Mock Newbery Reading List #2

1. Appelt, Kathi. *The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp*. (Atheneum, 2013)
2. Carriger, Gail. *Etiquette & Espionage*. (Little, Brown, 2013)
3. Federle, Tim. *Better Nate Than Ever*. (Simon & Schuster, 2013)
4. Frost, Helen. *Salt: A Story of Friendship in a Time of War*. (Frances Foster, 2013)
5. Fusco, Kimberly Newton. *Beholding Bee*. (Alfred A. Knopf, 2013)
6. Gewirtz, Adina Rische. *Zebra Forest*. (Candlewick Press, 2013)
7. Henkes, Kevin. *The Year of Billy Miller*. (Greenwillow, 2013)
8. Kadohata, Cynthia. *The Thing About Luck*. (Atheneum, 2013)
9. Sloan, Holly Goldberg. *Counting by 7s*. (Dial, 2013)
10. Spinelli, Jerry. *Hokey Pokey*. (Alfred A. Knopf, 2013)
11. Vawter, Vince. *Paperboy*. (Delacorte, 2013)

Books Promoted to the Voting List (January Meeting):

1. Black, Holly. *Doll Bones*. (Simon & Schuster, 2013)
2. Blakemore, Megan Frazer. *The Water Castle*. (Walker & Company, 2013)

3. Fleischman, Paul. *The Matchbox Diary*. (Candlewick, 2013)
4. Henkes, Kevin. *Penny and Her Marble*. (Greenwillow, 2013)
5. Timberlake, Amy. *One Came Home*. (Alfred A. Knopf, 2013)
6. Vanderpool, Clare. *Navigating Early*. (Delacorte Press, 2013)
7. Williams-Garcia, Rita. *P.S. Be Eleven*. (Amistad, 2013)

Please feel free to send suggested titles to: cheryl.space@olis.ri.gov

Continuing sessions:

Mock Newbery Discussion #3
Wednesday, December 4, 2013
Location: T.B.D.
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Mock Newbery Discussion #4 (voting meeting)
Wednesday, January 15, 2014 (snow date 1/22)
Location: T.B.D.
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Directions to Cole Middle School:

Route 95 heading South:

- Merge onto the Route 4 South via Exit 9 on the left toward North Kingstown.
- Take the RI-401 exit, Exit 8, toward I-95/RI-2/East Greenwich
- Keep straight to take the ramp toward I-95 South
- Turn right onto RI-401/Division Street. Continue to follow RI-401.
- Turn right onto Kenyon Avenue.
- Turn slight left onto Cedar Avenue.
- Take the 1st right onto Wanton Shippee Road.
- Arrive at COLE MIDDLE SCHOOL (100 Cedar Avenue).

Route 95 heading North:

- Merge onto Quaker Lane/RI-2 South via Exit 8A toward RI-4/East Greenwich.
- Turn left onto RI-401/Division Street. Continue to follow RI-401.
- Turn right onto Kenyon Avenue.
- Turn slight left onto Cedar Avenue.
- Take the 1st right onto Wanton Shippee Road.
- Arrive at COLE MIDDLE SCHOOL (100 Cedar Avenue).