

## 2015 Mock Newbery Discussion #4: Voting Meeting

Participating in the Mock Newbery is an opportunity to read the newest children's books and to discuss them with other passionate readers. You are welcome to read some books from our final list and attend the voting meeting even if you have not been able to attend the first three discussions. Please join us!

### **Mock Newbery Discussion #4: Voting Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2015 (snow date: Wednesday, January 28, 2015)**

**Oak Lawn Branch Library, 230 Wilbur Avenue, Cranston, RI**

**7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**\*see directions at bottom of page.**

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.

### **2015 Mock Newbery Final Voting List: Our Rhode Island Final Nominees**

1. Alexander, Kwame. *The Crossover*. (Houghton Mifflin, 2014).
2. Auxier, Jonathan. *The Night Gardener: A Scary Story*. (Amulet Books, 2014)
3. Curtis, Christopher Paul. *The Madman of Piney Woods*. (Scholastic, 2014)
4. Ehrlich, Esther. *Nest*. (Random House, 2014)
5. Fleming, Candace. *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia*. (Random House, 2014)
6. Graff, Lisa. *Absolutely Almost*. (Philomel Books, 2014)
7. Hanlon, Abby. *Dory Fantasmagory*. (Dial, 2014)
8. Johnson, Jaleigh. *The Mark of the Dragonfly*. (Delacorte Press, 2014)
9. Lamana, Julie. *Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere*. (Chronicle, 2014).
10. Levy, Dana Alison. *The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher*. (Delacorte, 2014).
11. Martin, Ann M. *Rain Reign*. (Feiwel & Friends, 2014)
12. Philbrick, Rodman. *Zane and the Hurricane: A Story of Katrina*. (Blue Sky Press, 2014)
13. Powell, Patricia Hruby. *Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker*. (Chronicle, 2014)
14. Starmer, Aaron. *The Riverman*. (Macmillan, 2014).
15. Turnage, Sheila. *The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing*. (Kathy Dawson Books, 2014)
16. Wiles, Deborah. *Revolution*. (Scholastic Press, 2014).
17. Woodson, Jacqueline. *Brown Girl Dreaming*. (Nancy Paulsen Books, 2014).

### **Dropped on 10/1/14, 11/5/14, and 12/3**

1. Averbeck, Jim. *A Hitch at the Fairmont*. (Simon & Schuster, 2014).
2. Blackwood, Sage. *Jinx's Magic*. (HarperCollins, 2014)
3. Brown, Skila. *Caminar*. (Candlewick, 2014)
4. Cheaney, J.B. *Somebody on this Bus is Going to be Famous*. (Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2014).
5. Fitzgerald, Laura Marx. *Under the Egg*. (Dial Books, 2014)
6. Gantos, Jack. *The Key that Swallowed Joey Pigza*. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2014)
7. Haskell, Merrie. *Castle Behind Thorns*. (HarperCollins, 2014)
8. Herrera, Robin. *Hope is a Ferris Wheel*. (Amulet Books, 2014)
9. Johnson, Varian. *The Great Greene Heist*. (Scholastic, 2014).
10. Lloyd, Natalie. *A Snicker of Magic*. (Scholastic, 2014)
11. Lord, Cynthia. *Half a Chance*. (Scholastic, 2014)
12. Maguire, Gregory. *Egg and Spoon*. (Candlewick, 2014)
13. Nelson, Marilyn. *How I Discovered Poetry*. (Dial, 2014)
14. Perkins, Lynne Rae. *Nuts to You*. (Greenwillow, 2014)
15. Preus, Margi. *West of the Moon*. (Amulet, 2014).
16. Sovern, Megan Jean. *The Meaning of Maggie*. (Chronicle Books, 2014)
17. Wilson, N.D. *Boys of Blur*. (Random House, 2014).
18. Woods, Brenda. *The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond*. (Nancy Paulsen Books, 2014)

### **Directions to the Oak Lawn Branch Library, 230 Wilbur Avenue, in Cranston:**

**From the North or South**, the library may be accessed by taking Exit 3B from Route 295 (Route 37 West). At the end of Route 37 West, take a left onto Phoenix Avenue. At the first light, take a left onto Wilbur Avenue. The library is the fourth building on the right.

**From Route 95 heading south from Providence**, take exit 14 (Route 37 West). Follow Route 37 West to the end, take a left onto Phoenix Avenue. At the first light, take a left onto Wilbur Avenue. The library is the fourth building on the right.

**From Route 95 heading north**, take exit 14B (Route 37 West). Follow Route 37 West to the end, take a left onto Phoenix Avenue. At the first light, take a left onto Wilbur Avenue. The library is the fourth building on the right.