

2015 Mock Newbery Discussion #2

It's time to start taking a close look at the children's novels of 2014. 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 1, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

St. Andrews School, 63 Federal Road, Barrington, RI 02806

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

Please register for this program: <http://www.olis.ri.gov/services/ce/regist.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 21, 2015 using the balloting procedures of the real committee.

2015 Mock Newbery Reading List #2

1. Alexander, Kwame. *The Crossover*. (Houghton Mifflin, 2014).
2. Averbek, Jim. *A Hitch at the Fairmont*. (Simon & Schuster, 2014).
3. Cheaney, J.B. *Somebody on this Bus is Going to be Famous*. (Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2014).
4. Johnson, Varian. *The Great Greene Heist*. (Scholastic, 2014).
5. Lamana, Julie. *Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere*. (Chronicle, 2014).
6. Levy, Dana Alison. *The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher*. (Delacorte, 2014).
7. Preus, Margi. *West of the Moon*. (Amulet, 2014).
8. Starmer, Aaron. *The Riverman*. (Macmillan, 2014).
9. Wiles, Deborah. *Revolution*. (Scholastic Press, 2014).
10. Wilson, N.D. *Boys of Blur*. (Random House, 2014).
11. Woodson, Jacqueline. *Brown Girl Dreaming*. (Nancy Paulsen Books, 2014).

Dropped on 10/1/14

1. Blackwood, Sage. *Jinx's Magic*. (HarperCollins, 2014)
2. Fitzgerald, Laura Marx. *Under the Egg*. (Dial Books, 2014)
3. Haskell, Merrie. *Castle Behind Thorns*. (HarperCollins, 2014)

4. Herrera, Robin. *Hope is a Ferris Wheel*. (Amulet Books, 2014)
5. Lloyd, Natalie. *A Snicker of Magic*. (Scholastic, 2014)
6. Lord, Cynthia. *Half a Chance*. (Scholastic, 2014)
7. Sovern, Megan Jean. *The Meaning of Maggie*. (Chronicle Books, 2014)
8. Woods, Brenda. *The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond*. (Nancy Paulsen Books, 2014)

Books Promoted to the Final Voting List (from the 10/1/14 meeting)

1. Auxier, Jonathan. *The Night Gardener: A Scary Story*. (Amulet Books, 2014)
2. Graff, Lisa. *Absolutely Almost*. (Philomel Books, 2014)
3. Johnson, Jaleigh. *The Mark of the Dragonfly*. (Delacorte Press, 2014)
4. Philbrick, Rodman. *Zane and the Hurricane: A Story of Katrina*. (Blue Sky Press, 2014)
5. Turnage, Sheila. *The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing*. (Kathy Dawson Books, 2014)

This is a starting list. Please feel free to send suggested titles to: cspace@provcomlib.org or blilienthal@provlb.org.

Continuing sessions:

Mock Newbery Discussion #3
 Wednesday, December 3, 2014
 Archie R. Cole Middle School, East Greenwich
 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Mock Newbery Discussion #4 (voting meeting)
 Wednesday, January 21, 2015 (snow date 1/28)
 Oak Lawn Branch, Cranston
 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Directions to St. Andrews School. 63 Federal Road, Barrington, RI 02806:

From the North:

I-95 South to I-195 East-Exit 20 (East Providence-Cape Cod)
 Take Route 114 South-Exit 7 to Barrington.
 Go 5 miles to first traffic light. River and white church on left.
 Turn right onto Federal Road. School is 1/8 mile on right. *

From the South:

I-95 North to I-195 East. Follow directions above to school. *

From Southern Massachusetts:

I-195 West to Exit 1-Seekonk, MA.
 Turn left onto 114A.
 Follow signs carefully across Route 6 on 114A to a left onto 114 South at the Mobil gas station.
 Go approximately 2 miles on 114 South to traffic light.
 Turn right onto Federal Road. School is 1/8 mile on right. *

* Once on Federal Rd., take the first entrance, Lower Campus Road, all the way back to the gym parking lot. Walk past both gyms, up the stairs/ramp and directly into the Stone Academic Bldg. The Library is straight down the hall.