

2015 Mock Newbery Discussion #3

Participating in the Mock Newbery is an opportunity to read the newest children's books and to discuss them with other passionate readers. New books are discussed at each meeting. Please join us!

Mock Newbery Discussion #3

Wednesday, December 3, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

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

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.

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 #3

1. Brown, Skila. *Caminar*. (Candlewick, 2014)
2. Curtis, Christopher Paul. *The Madman of Piney Woods*. (Scholastic, 2014)
3. Ehrlich, Esther. *Nest*. (Random House)
4. Fleming, Candace. *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia*. (Random House, 2014)
5. Gantos, Jack. *The Key that Swallowed Joey Pigza*. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2014)
6. Hanlon, Abby. *Dory Fantasmagory*. (Dial, 2014)
7. Maguire, Gregory. *Egg and Spoon*. (Candlewick, 2014)
8. Martin, Ann M. *Rain Reign*. (Feiwel & Friends, 2014)
9. Nelson, Marilyn. *How I Discovered Poetry*. (Dial, 2014)
10. Perkins, Lynne Rae. *Nuts to You*. (Greenwillow, 2014)
11. Powell, Patricia Hruby. *Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker*. (Chronicle, 2014)
12. Wiles, Deborah. *Revolution*. (Scholastic Press, 2014).

Dropped on 10/1/14 and 11/5/14

1. Averbek, Jim. *A Hitch at the Fairmont*. (Simon & Schuster, 2014).

2. Blackwood, Sage. *Jinx's Magic*. (HarperCollins, 2014)
3. Cheaney, J.B. *Somebody on this Bus is Going to be Famous*. (Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2014).
4. Fitzgerald, Laura Marx. *Under the Egg*. (Dial Books, 2014)
5. Haskell, Merrie. *Castle Behind Thorns*. (HarperCollins, 2014)
6. Herrera, Robin. *Hope is a Ferris Wheel*. (Amulet Books, 2014)
7. Johnson, Varian. *The Great Greene Heist*. (Scholastic, 2014).
8. Lloyd, Natalie. *A Snicker of Magic*. (Scholastic, 2014)
9. Lord, Cynthia. *Half a Chance*. (Scholastic, 2014)
10. Preus, Margi. *West of the Moon*. (Amulet, 2014).
11. Sovern, Megan Jean. *The Meaning of Maggie*. (Chronicle Books, 2014)
12. Wilson, N.D. *Boys of Blur*. (Random House, 2014).
13. Woods, Brenda. *The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond*. (Nancy Paulsen Books, 2014)

Books Promoted to the Final Voting List (from the 10/1/14 and 11/5/14 meetings)

1. Alexander, Kwame. *The Crossover*. (Houghton Mifflin, 2014).
2. Auxier, Jonathan. *The Night Gardener: A Scary Story*. (Amulet Books, 2014)
3. Graff, Lisa. *Absolutely Almost*. (Philomel Books, 2014)
4. Johnson, Jaleigh. *The Mark of the Dragonfly*. (Delacorte Press, 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. Philbrick, Rodman. *Zane and the Hurricane: A Story of Katrina*. (Blue Sky Press, 2014)
8. Starmer, Aaron. *The Riverman*. (Macmillan, 2014).
9. Turnage, Sheila. *The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing*. (Kathy Dawson Books, 2014)
10. Woodson, Jacqueline. *Brown Girl Dreaming*. (Nancy Paulsen Books, 2014).

Continuing sessions:

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

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).