

## 2010 Mock Newbery Discussion #3

We've been taking a close look at the children's novels of 2009. Now it's time to vote for RI's winner using the balloting procedures of the real Newbery Committee! Please read as many books as you can for the third meeting. If you weren't able to come to the first two meetings, you are more than welcome to read and join us at the voting meeting.

### **Mock Newbery Discussion #3 (voting meeting!)**

**Wednesday, January 6, 2010**

**Oaklawn Branch Library, Cranston**

**7:00 PM – 9:00 PM (Directions below)**

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.

### **Reading List 3: January 6, 2010**

Burg, Ann. *All the Broken Pieces*. (Scholastic Press, 4/09)

Collins, Suzanne. *Catching Fire*. (Scholastic, 9/09)

Easton, Kelly. *The Outlandish Adventures of Liberty Aimes*. (Wendy Lamb, 6/09)

Fitzmaurice, Kathryn. *Year the Swallows Came Early*. (Bowen Press, 2/09)

Graff, Lisa. *Umbrella Summer*. (Laura Geringer, 6/09)

Kelly, Jacqueline. *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*. (Henry Holt & Co, 5/09)

LaFleur, Suzanne. *Love, Aubrey*. (Wendy Lamb, 6/09)

Lin, Grace. *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*. (Little Brown Young Readers, 7/09)

Marino, Nan. *Neil Armstrong is My Uncle and Other Lies Muscle Man McGinty Told Me*.

(Roaring Book Press, 5/09)

McKinnon, Hannah Roberts. *Franny Parker*. (Farrar Straus Giroux, 5/09)

Mills, Claudia. *How Oliver Olson Changed the World*. (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 3/09)  
Parry, Rosanne. *Heart of a Shepherd*. (Random House, 1/09)  
Philbrick, Rodman. *The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg*. (Blue Sky Press, 1/09)  
Potter, Ellen. *Slob*. (Philomel, 5/09)  
Slayton, Fran. *When the Whistle Blows*. (Philomel, 6/09)  
Stead, Rebecca. *When You Reach Me*. (Lamb/Random House, 7/09)

**Dropped on October 27, 2009:**

Hannigan, Katherine. *Emmaline and the Bunny*. (Greenwillow Books, 2/09)  
Woodson, Jacqueline. *Peace, Locomotion*. (Putnam Juvenile, 1/09)

**Dropped on December 3, 2009:**

Baskin, Nora Raleigh. *Anything But Typical*. (Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 3/09)  
Dana, Barbara. *Voice of Her Own: Becoming Emily Dickinson*. (Harpercollins, 3/09)  
Dicamillo, Kate. *The Magician's Elephant* (Candlewick, 9/09)  
Engle, Margarita. *Tropical Secrets: Holocaust Refugees in Cuba*. (Henry Holt, 3/09)  
Giff, Patricia Reilly. *Wild Girl*. (Delacorte Press, 8/09)  
Gratz, Alan. *Brooklyn Nine: A Novel in Nine Innings*. (Dial, 3/09)  
Hiaasen, Carl. *Scat*. (Knopf Books for Young Readers, 1/09)  
Hoberman, Mary Ann. *Strawberry Hill*. (Little, Brown, 7/09)  
Holmes, Sara Lewis. *Operation Yes*. (Arthur A. Levine, 9/09)  
Look, Lenore. *Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking and Other Natural Disasters*. (Schwartz & Wade, 6/09)  
Mass, Wendy. *11 Birthdays*. (Scholastic Press, 1/09)  
McDowell, Marilyn Taylor. *Carolina Harmony*. (Delacorte, 3/09)  
Oaks, J. Adams. *Why I Fight*. (Atheneum, 4/09)  
Paterson, Katherine. *The Day of the Pelican*. (Houghton Mifflin, 10/09)  
Peck, Richard. *A Season of Gifts*. (Dial, 9/09)  
Yee, Lisa. *Bobby vs. Girls (Accidentally)*. (Arthur A. Levine, 9/09)

**Directions to the Oaklawn 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.