

## MOCK NEWBERY LIST FOR OCTOBER 2008 WITH CRITERIA

- Birdsall, Jeanne. *The Penderwicks on Gardam Street*. Alfred A. Knopf
- Bryant, Jennifer. *Ringside, 1925 : Views from the Scopes Trial : A Novel*. Alfred A. Knopf
- Connor, Leslie. *Waiting for Normal*. Katherine Tegen Books
- Dowell, Frances O'Roark. *Shooting the Moon*. Atheneum Books for Young Readers
- Giff, Patricia Reilly. *Eleven*. Wendy Lamb Books
- Henkes, Kevin. *Bird Lake Moon*. Greenwillow Books
- Kadohata, Cynthia. *Outside Beauty*. Atheneum Books for Young Readers
- Law, Ingrid. *Savvy*. Dial Books for Young Readers ;
- Lisle, Janet Taylor. *Highway Cats*. Philomel Books
- Look, Lenore. *Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things*. Schwartz & Wade.
- Lowry, Lois. *The Willoughbys*. Houghton Mifflin
- Park, Linda Sue. *Keeping Score*. Clarion Books
- Staples, Suzanne Fisher. *The House of Djinn*. Farrar, Straus and Giroux

## CRITERIA

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 using the balloting procedures of the real committee.

Note: For Rhode Island's Mock Newbery only fiction is considered even though distinguished writing in any genre could be recognized by the Newbery Award Committee.

## **MEETINGS**

Tuesday, October 21th, 7:00 - 9:00 at the Eldredge Library at Eldredge School in East Greenwich

Thursday, December 4th, 7:00 - 9:00 at the Barrington Public Library

Wednesday, January 7th, 7:00 - 9:00 at the Oaklawn Branch of the Cranston Public Library (snow date January 14th)

Thanks so much to those libraries for their willingness to host the meetings.

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