

2010 Mock Newbery Discussion #1

It's time to start taking a close look at the children's novels of 2009. 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 #1

Tuesday, October 27th, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Eldredge Elementary School Library, East Greenwich

(Directions below)

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 6, 2010 using the balloting procedures of the real committee.

Mock Newbery Reading List #1:

1. Baskin, Nora Raleigh. *Anything But Typical*. (Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 3/24/2009)
2. Burg, Ann. *All the Broken Pieces*. (Scholastic Press, 4/1/2009)
3. Hannigan, Katherine. *Emmaline and the Bunny*. (Greenwillow Books, 2/24/2009)
4. Hiaasen, Carl. *Scat*. (Knopf Books for Young Readers, 1/27/2009)
5. Kelly, Jacqueline. *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*. (Henry Holt & Co, 5/12/2009)
6. Lin, Grace. *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*. (Little Brown Young Readers, 7/1/2009)
7. Mass, Wendy. *11 Birthdays*. (Scholastic Press, 1/1/2009)
8. Marino, Nan. *Neil Armstrong is My Uncle and Other Lies Muscle Man McGinty Told Me*. (Roaring Book Press, 5/12/2009)
9. Mills, Claudia. *How Oliver Olson Changed the World*. (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 3/17/2009)
10. Philbrick, Rodman. *The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg*. (Blue Sky Press, 1/1/2009)
11. Stead, Rebecca. *When You Reach Me*. (Lamb/Random House, 7/14/2009)
12. Woodson, Jacqueline. *Peace, Locomotion*. (Putnam Juvenile, 1/22/2009)

Notes:

- a. 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.
- b. This is a starting list. Please feel free to send suggested titles to: cspace@olis.ri.gov

Continuing sessions:

Mock Newbery Discussion #2
Thursday, December 3, 2009
Barrington Public Library
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Mock Newbery Discussion #3 (voting meeting!)
Wednesday, January 6, 2010
Oaklawn Branch Library, Cranston
7:00 PM. – 9:00 PM.

Directions to Eldredge Elementary School:

From the North:

Take exit number 9 from I-95 (this is a left exit towards NEWPORT/SOUTH COUNTY). Merge onto RI-4 S. Immediately take exit number 8 towards RI-2/I-95/EAST GREENWICH. Keep RIGHT at the fork in the ramp. Merge onto RI-401/DIVISION ST. Continue bearing right at the junction of Division and First Ave (401 will become First Avenue). Look for the Post Office on the right; turn left onto PROSPECT ST. The school parking lot is on the corner of First Ave and Prospect Street.

From the South:

Travel 4 North to RI-401 E exit (exit number 8A) towards EAST GREENWICH. It will be a right exit. Continue bearing right at the junction of Division and First Avenue (401 will become First Avenue). Look for Post Office on the right; turn left onto PROSPECT ST. School parking lot is on corner of First Ave and Prospect St.

Follow the signs to the media center which is upstairs.