



2000  
RHODE ISLAND  
CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD  
NOMINATIONS

1. Ballard, Robert D. **Ghost Liners.** Grades 4-6.  
Ballard introduces readers to five shipwrecks of the twentieth century: the Titanic, the Empress of Ireland, the Lusitania, the Britannic, and the Andrea Doria.
2. Beard, Darleen Bailey. **The Flimflam Man.** Grades 3-5.  
When F. Bam Morrison arrives in town, everyone wonders if he is really bringing his circus or is he just a con artist and a flimflam man.
3. Bowdish, Lynea. **Living With My Stepfather is Like Living With A Moose.** Grades 3-4.  
How does Matt, who's the cool and talented son of an equally talented—though deceased—dad, deal with a clumsy stepfather whom everyone else likes?
4. DeFelice, Cynthia. **The Ghost of Fossil Glen.** Grades 4-6.  
Allie Nichols hears a whispered voice, sees a face that says to her, "help me", and then the words, "I am L," appear as if by magic in her journal. Who is trying to reach Allie, and why?
5. Del Negro, Janice. **Lucy Dove.** Grades 3-4.  
Lucy had heard the scary stories about the graveyard... Still, she wanted that sack of gold enough to take a chance.
6. Dingle, Derek T. **First in the Field: Baseball Hero Jackie Robinson.** Grades 3-5.  
What does it mean to be a hero? Meet Jackie Robinson and discover the true meaning of the word.
7. Guiberson, Brenda. **Mummy Mysteries.** Grades 4-6.  
Not all mummies are found in Egypt. Discover the strange but true stories of Blue Babe the prehistoric bison, Outlaw Elmer McCurdy, and other North American mummies.
8. Haddix, Margaret. **Among the Hidden.** Grades 5-6.  
In a future where the "Population Police" enforce the law limiting each family to only two children, Luke has lived a life of twelve years in isolation and fear, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.
9. Holt, Kimberly Willis. **My Louisiana Sky.** Grades 5-6.  
Spend some time with Tiger Ann as she learns about being careful with wishes, family secrets, and treasuring what she has.
10. Klise, Kate. **Regarding the Fountain: a Tale, in Letters of Liars and Leaks.** Grades 3-5.  
Enjoy a hilarious tale of liars and leaks as you uncover the mystery of the Dry Creek Middle School drinking fountain.
11. Lasky, Kathryn. **Alice Rose and Sam.** Grades 5-6.  
At first, Alice Rose hated gritty Virginia City, Nevada. Little did she know it would bring her great adventures and the friendship of an outlandish literary giant.
12. Martin, Jacqueline Briggs. **Snowflake Bentley.** Grades 3-4.  
Why would a busy dairy farmer spend his winters photographing thousands of snowflakes? Might it have something to do with his odd nickname...
13. Napoli, Donna Jo. **Stones in Water.** Grades 5-6.  
Roberto and his friend Samuele are taken from a Venetian movie theater to work as forced laborers deep inside German territory. Can Roberto escape and make his way back to Italy across war-torn Europe?
14. Petersen, P.J. **White Water.** Grades 4-5.  
Join a harrowing white-water rafting trip. Greg confronts his own terrifying fears in the struggle to save his father's life.
15. Pinkney, Andrea Davis. **Duke Ellington: the Piano Prince and His Orchestra.** Grades 3-4.  
Duke wasn't his original name, but his music was completely original. Jazz. Swing. A sound that left people calling him the Piano Prince and asking for more.
16. Polacco, Patricia. **Thank You, Mr. Falker.** Grades 3-4.  
Trisha loves books, but in fifth grade, she still can't read. A new teacher reaches out to show her the way.
17. Rocklin, Joanne. **For Your Eyes Only! (FYEO).** Grades 4-6.  
Lucy K. Keane's sixth grade journal is for your eyes too! Read all about her neighbor Andy (the bane of her existence), her *Secret Lover*, and her dream of becoming a great poet.
18. St. George, Judith. **Sacagawea.** Grades 4-6.  
Sacagawea, a Shosone Indian girl, helped Lewis and Clark on their historic Journey of Discovery.
19. Wells, Rosemary. **Mary on Horseback: Three Mountain Stories.** Grades 3-5.  
Raised to a life of privilege, Mary Breckinridge decided, after serving as a nurse in WWI, to spend her life caring for America's poorest citizens in the Appalachian Mountains.
20. Woodruff, Elvira. **The Orphan of Ellis Island: A Time-Travel Adventure.** Grades 4-6.  
During a school field trip to Ellis Island, a ten year old foster child, Dominic Cantori, travels back to 1908 Italy and accompanies two young emigrants to America.