



**2002**  
**RHODE ISLAND**  
**CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD**  
**NOMINATIONS**

1. Adler, David. **The Babe and I.** Grades 3-4  
 The Depression brought hard times, but a kid finds a way to help his family make ends meet - the great baseball player Babe Ruth and a baby carriage are his secret weapons.
2. Beil, Karen. **Fire in Their Eyes: Wildfires and the People Who Fight Them** Grades 4-6  
 Could you survive a flashover in a shake and bake? Join several "hot shot crews" as they fight wildfires in different areas of the United States.
3. Bridges, Ruby. **Through My Eyes.** Grades 3-6  
 As a six year old, Ruby Bridges made history by being the first black child in an all white school.
4. Cerullo, Mary. **The Truth about Great White Sharks.** Grades 4-6  
 This book has all you ever wanted to know about sharks - and maybe more!
5. Creech, Sharon. **The Wanderer.** Grades 5-6  
 Would you dare to sail across the ocean? Sophie, age 13, and her cousin, Cody, keep logs of their exciting and frightening voyage.
6. Curlee, Lynn. **Liberty.** Grades 3-6  
 Have you ever visited the Statue of Liberty? Now's your chance to visit Lady Liberty and learn about her interesting history through this amazing book.
7. DiCamillo, Kate. **Because of Winn-Dixie.** Grades 4-6  
 India Opal Buloni is new in town. The summer looks long and boring until she finds a dog at the grocery store. The summer is looking up, and it's all because of Winn-Dixie.
8. Dowell, Frances O'Roark. **Dovey Coe.** Grades 5-6  
 Twelve year old Dovey knows that Parnell Caraway is nothing but TROUBLE for her sister and her family, especially after she is accused of murdering him.
9. Fraiser, Debra. **Miss Alaineus: A Vocabulary Disaster.** Grades 3-5.  
 A vocabulary disaster turns into an embarrassment for 5<sup>th</sup> grader Sage...but read how she turns this catastrophe into a marvelous triumph! Be ready to laugh.

10. Gantos, Jack. **Joey Pigza Loses Control.** Grades 5-6  
 Joey is spending the summer with the Dad he never knew. Joey knows he needs his medicine or he'll lose control. His Dad says to throw it away. Can Joey keep his Dad happy and stay in control?
11. Hill, Kirkpatrick. **The Year of Miss Agnes.** Grades 3-5  
 Miss Agnes isn't like all the other teachers. She throws out the textbooks and makes her students feel proud without complaining about the constant smell of fish.
12. Jones, Elizabeth. **The Night Flyers.** Grades 4-6  
 It's 1918. Her dad is at war. What will Pam do when her homing pigeons disappear? Does the mysterious stranger know something? Is he a spy?
13. Lewis, Patrick J. **Freedom Like Sunlight: Praisesongs for Black Americans.** Grades 5-6  
 The courage, struggle and dignity of 13 Black Americans are portrayed through a celebration of poetry.
14. Martin, Ann M. and Laura Godwin. **The Doll People.** Grades 4-6  
 Eight-year old Annabelle doll risks being seen by a human and winding up in "Doll State" to solve the mystery of her Auntie Sarah, who disappeared 45 years ago.
15. McDonald, Megan. **Judy Moody Was in a Mood. Not a Good Mood. A Bad Mood.** Grades 3-4  
 Judy starts school in a bad mood. She even has Grouchy pencils. Sitting next to Frank the paste-eater doesn't help. Will things get better when they have to make a Me collage for school?
16. McMahan, Patricia. **Dancing Wheels.** Grades 4-6  
 Meet Devin and Jenny, partners in a dance group in which dreams can come true for both sit-down and stand-up dancers.
17. Park, Barbara. **The Graduation of Jake Moon.** Grades 4-6.  
 Jake's grandfather was his best friend, but Skelly has Alzheimer's Disease, and he's become an embarrassment to Jake, who struggles with his feelings of love and shame and everything in-between.
18. Smith, Charles R. Jr. **Tall Tales: Six Amazing Basketball Dreams.** Grades 4-6  
 This bright and colorful book is filled with action photographs and contains six fast-paced basketball fantasies.
19. Vande Velde, Vivian. **There's a Dead Person Following My Sister Around.** Grades 4-6  
 Not only is there a ghost following Ted's sister, Vicki, but there's one following him, too! How can Ted and his cousin Jaclyn send the ghosts to their peaceful resting places?
20. Webb, Sophie. **My Season With Penguins: An Antarctic Journal.** Grades 4-6  
 Through journal writings, the author describes her experiences during the two months she spent studying and drawing the Adelie penguins in the Antarctic.