



2003

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

1. Barasch, Lynne. Radio Rescue. Grades 3-4

Can a 10-year-old learn Morse code and become an amateur radio operator? And could those skills be used to save a stranded family?

2. Bruchac, Joseph. Skeleton Man. Grades 5-6.

When Molly's parents fail to come home one night, she is sent to live with a man who claims to be her uncle, but instead resembles the creepy skeleton man of Indian legend.

3. Creech, Sharon. Love That Dog. Grades 3-6

Who said boys don't write poetry? Jack does in this novel. Or is it a poem? Or a journal? You make the decision.

4. Fleischman, Sid. Bo & Mzzz Mad. Grades 4-6

Orphaned Bo heads to his relatives in the Mojave Desert, where he bumps into a family feud, a search for an old gold mine, and a cousin whose name fits her just right.

5. Florian, Douglas. Lizards, Frogs, and Polliwogs: Poems and Paintings. Grades 3-6

Wonderful words and colorful pictures make some crazy critters come alive. These poems pop! Catch'em quick!

6. Fritz, Jean. Leonardo's Horse. Grades 4-6.

In 1482 Leonardo da Vinci began a 24-foot statue of a bronze horse. Finally, in 1999, the horse was completed.

7. Griffin, Peni. The Ghost Sitter. Grades 4-6

Charlotte realizes that her new house is haunted by the ghost of a girl who doesn't even know she's dead.

8. Harness, Cheryl. Remember the Ladies: 100 Great American Women. Grades 3-6

Discover some of the amazing accomplishments of American women from Virginia Dare (#1) to Ruth Simmons (#100) now president of Brown University.

9. Hearne, Betsy. Wishes, Kisses, and Pigs. Grades 5-6

Louise was wishing on a star when she called her brother a pig. But could that new pig be Willie?

10. Hurst, Carol Otis. Rocks in His Head. Grades 3-4

The man in this story loves rocks - everything about them - even though people tease him and say he has "rocks in his head."

11. Kerley, Barbara. The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins. Grades 4-6

The true account of the life and work of Benjamin Waterhouse Hawkins, who dedicated his life to building the first life-size models of dinosaurs.

12. Lasky, Kathryn. Interrupted Journey: Saving Endangered Sea Turtles. Grades 3-6

Follow the fascinating journey of sea turtles rescued on a Cape Cod bay and taken to a Turtle Hospital in Florida.

13. Medina, Tony. DeShawn Days. Grades 3-5

Share the hopes, fears, and dreams of DeShawn Williams, a 10-year-old boy living in the inner city.

14. Montgomery, Sy. The Man-Eating Tigers of Sundarbans. Grades 5-6

The people living in this mangrove swamp know their lives are in danger, but is it possible the threatening tigers protect the very habitat which supports them?

15. Nagda, Ann Whitehead. Dear Whiskers. Grades 3-4

"Why is my school pen pal the only one NOT to write back?" Jenny finds out why and more when she gets to spend time with "the new kid."

16. Namioka, Lensey. Yang the Eldest and His Odd Jobs. Grades 3-6

Yingwu, the eldest and most talented musician of the Yang family must find work to pay for a new violin. Find out about his humorous attempts at making money.

17. Robinet, Harriette Gillem. Walking to the Bus-Rider Blues. Grades 4-6

In 1956, 12-year-old Alfa is walking . . . EVERYWHERE! To make matters worse, someone is stealing the rent money. Can Alfa solve the mystery in time?

18. Schmidt, Gary. Straw into Gold. Grades 5-6

Find out what could have happened if the Queen didn't discover Rumpelstiltskin's name and she lost her son to that loathsome little man who helped her spin straw into gold.

19. Wiles, Deborah. Love, Ruby Lavender. Grades 4-6

Ruby and Miss Eula are quite the pair - saving chickens from a slaughterhouse, painting the house shocking pink and sharing a special bond between a grandmother and her only grandchild. Will Ruby survive the summer alone when Miss Eula goes to Hawaii after Granddaddy's death?

20. Yin. Coolies. Grades 4-6

A young boy hears about the hardships endured by his ancestors who came to the U.S. to help build the transcontinental railroad.