



## 2004 Rhode Island Children's Book Award Nominations

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1. Avi. *Crispin: The Cross of Lead*. Grades 4-6  
Falsely accused of theft and marked for death, a 13 year-old orphan peasant boy in medieval England seeks his real name and embarks on a journey where he meets up with a traveling juggler named Bear.
2. Chester, Jonathan. *Everest: From Avalanche to Zopkiok*. Grades 3-6  
Ready for the ultimate challenge? How about climbing Mount Everest? Everything you need to know from A to Z.
3. Clements, Andrew. *Jake Drake: Teacher's Pet*. Grades 3-4  
Fourth grader, Jake Drake, remembers the four horrible days in 3rd grade when everybody thought he was the "teacher's pet."
4. Cox, Judy. *Butterfly Buddies*. Grades 3-4  
Zoey, the new girl at school was so exciting—French speaking, looked older, had pierced ears, and was that lipstick she was wearing? Will Zoey be friends with plain, ordinary Robin?
5. Creech, Sharon. *Ruby Holler*. Grades 4-6  
What happens when two precocious orphans move in with an eccentric couple in a magical place called Ruby Holler? Excitement and adventure - that's what!
6. Darling, Kathy. *Elephant Hospital*. Grades 3-6  
How do you take care of a sick elephant? Learn how veterinarians at the Elephant Hospital solve some "giant" problems.
7. Giff, Patricia Reilly. *Pictures of Hollis Woods*. Grades 4-6  
12 year-old Hollis had found the perfect family. The pictures she had drawn show the happy moments, but no picture tells the secret of why she moved on to yet another foster home.
8. Green, Michelle Y. *A Strong Right Arm: The Story of Mamie "Peanut" Johnson*. Grades 4-6  
Girls playing professional baseball?!? This true story shows how Mamie "Peanut" Johnson became a professional pitcher while she was still a kid!
9. Harlow, Joan Hiatt. *Joshua's Song*. Grades 4 to 6  
In 1919, Joshua had it pretty easy. But all that changed when his Dad died. Now he's man of the house at 13. Exciting things are in store for him as he takes on the tough street life of a Boston newspaper boy.
10. Jackson, Donna. *The Bug Scientists*. Grades 3-6  
A scientist who solves crimes by examining insects on dead bodies and a professor who brings people's attention to bugs by sponsoring a cricket spitting contest - these are two occupations described in this book about people who work with and love the "creepy crawlies".
11. Logan, Claudia. *The 5000-Year-Old-Puzzle: Solving a Mystery of Ancient Egypt*. Grades 3-6  
Are you brave enough to find out what's inside the secret tomb at Giza 7000X? Go back in time and use the actual records, photos and artifacts to find the clues to this ancient mystery.
12. Lowry, Lois. *Gooney Bird Greene*. Grades 3-4  
Her name is weird, her clothes are wacky and her stories? WILD! Meet this unusual girl and laugh out loud as you learn about the changes she brings to her 2nd grade class.
13. MacDonald, Amy. *No More Nasty*. Grades 4-5  
Simon's Great Aunt Matilda, wearing her huge fruit and flowered hat, shows up as the new substitute in his class. Will they SINK THIS SUB?
14. Marsden, Carolyn. *The Gold-Threaded Dress*. Grades 3-5  
Oy, a Thai-American fourth grader, desperately wants to make friends at her new school. Will she trade her gold-threaded dress for their friendship?
15. Mead, Alice. *Junebug in Trouble*. Grades 4-6  
While trying to get to know his father who is in prison and stop his friend Robert from joining a gang, Junebug himself gets involved in gang violence.
16. Moeri, Louise. *The Devil in Ol' Rosie*. Grades 4-6  
An adventuresome Western tale of a boy who sets out to bring back his family's escaped horses. Eager to please his father, he fights to survive out on the range and return home safely.
17. Ryan, Pam Munoz. *When Marian Sang*. Grades 3-6  
All Marian Anderson ever wanted was to sing, but how could a young African-American girl become a famous opera singer in a time of racism and prejudice?
18. Testa, Maria. *Becoming Joe DiMaggio*. Grades 5-6  
With his father gone much of the time, it is Joseph Paul's grandfather, who named him after baseball great Joe DiMaggio, who shares his love of baseball, hopes and fears.
19. Wait, Lea. *Stopping to Home*. Grades 4-6  
After the death of their mother to smallpox, eleven year-old Abigail must accept responsibility for her younger brother Seth as she looks for a home and family life in a small seaport town in 1806 Maine.
20. Zucker, N. F. *Benno's Bear*. Grades 5-6  
Eleven-year old Benno has been arrested for being a pickpocket. When the judge sends him to live with a kindly policeman and his wife, Benno must decide whether or not he can make a fresh start—without his beloved bear.