



2005
RHODE ISLAND
CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD
NOMINATIONS

1. Allen, Christina. *Hippo in the Night* Grades 3-5
Surrounded by hippos? Eating camel meat? Bicycling through thick African dust? This is Christina Allen's story as she travels to East Africa to join an expedition of scientists.
2. Christelow, Eileen. *Vote!* Grades 3-6
Vote on Election Day. Sounds easy, but a lot happens from rallies to recounts. Just remember—every vote counts. Well, maybe not the dog's!
3. Creech, Sharon. *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup* Grades 4-6
Friendships are sometimes hard to understand, especially when you're 12. But Granny Torrelli has a way of making things a little easier to understand while making her famous zuppa.
4. Cummings, Priscilla. *Saving Grace* Grades 4-6
It is the Great Depression and Grace's family has been evicted from their home. She is sent to the children's home until her father can find a job. Will her family ever be together again?
5. DiCamillo, Kate. *The Tale of Despereaux* Grades 4-6
Despereaux, a tiny mouse with very large ears, has huge problems—he's in love with Princess Pea, banished to the dungeon, and pursued by rats. When he uncovers a plot to replace the Princess, he must be stronger and braver than he has ever been.
6. Downer, Ann. *Hatching Magic* Grades 5-6
A dragon on the loose! Wizards in Boston! And something wicked this way comes! What can one young girl do? Plenty!
7. Durbin, William. *Song of Sampo Lake* Grades 5-6
Leaving Finland behind was hard enough. Then working the dangerous mines. And now Matti's family heads to their homestead, determined to build a new life in America. It won't be easy.
8. Hill, Elizabeth Starr. *Chang and the Bamboo Flute* Grades 3-5
Chang is unable to talk but he sure can play his bamboo flute. When the rains flood their fishing boat, it is Chang who finds a way to replace what they have lost.
9. Hobbs, Will. *Jackie's Wild Seattle* Grades 4-6
While their parents travel abroad for Doctors Without Borders, Shannon and Cody stay with their uncle Neil, an animal rescue ambulance driver and find themselves racing from one rescue to another.
10. Jacobson, Jennifer Richard. *Truly Winnie* Grades 3-4
Summer camp is such fun for Winnie—swimming, rock climbing, new friends—until she gets caught in a series of white lies. Can she talk her way out and still keep her friends?
11. Kelly, Irene. *It's a Hummingbird's Life* Grades 3-5
It reaches speeds of 25 miles per hour. It flies backwards, forwards and upside down. It's a plane! It's Superman! It's a bird! Yes, a hummingbird, a small, but mighty amazing creature.
12. Krull, Kathleen. *Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez* Grades 3-6
When Cesar Chavez's family loses their farm because of a drought, they find work as migrant farm workers. Cesar is angered by the workers' conditions and dedicates his life to making their lives better.
13. Kurzweil, Allen. *Leon and the Spitting Image* Grades 4-6
Leon is trying to survive fourth grade but two things are stopping him. First is his teacher, Miss Hagemeyer, who's strict and has ears like rotting mushrooms. Then, there's Lumpkin the Pumpkin, a human tank who's deathly at dodge ball.
14. Lekuton, Joseph. *Facing the Lion: Growing Up Maasai on the African Savanna* Grades 5-6
Imagine growing up in a place where cows are your most important possession. Your yard and your school is the African savanna, filled with lions and elephants. That was Joseph's life until he was chosen to attend a real school.
15. Lewis, J. Patrick. *A World of Wonders: Geographic Travels in Verse and Rhyme* Grades 3-6
Would you like to travel the world and never leave your room? Well, the poems in this book will take you to some fun, faraway, fabulous places.
16. O'Connor, Barbara. *Fame and Glory in Freedom, Georgia* Grades 4-6
Burdette "Bird" Weaver has two goals in life: To be noticed in her small town of Freedom and to go to Disney World. She believes that by befriending Harlem, the new boy in class, she may well be on her way to realizing at least one of her goals.
17. Stauffacher, Sue. *Donuthead* Grades 4-6
Franklin Delano Donuthead worries about everything—germs, accidents, and bullies. When Sarah enters his life, he learns about courage, friendship, and kindness. Meet two of the most eccentric and lovable characters you'll ever read about.
18. Torrey, Michele. *The Case of the Graveyard Ghost* Grades 3-5
Doyle and Fossey, fifth grade detectives, are not your ordinary detectives. They're science detectives. They pair their sleuthing skills with their science knowledge to solve some crazy mysteries.
19. Whelan, Gloria. *The Impossible Journey* Grades 5-6
In Leningrad, 1934, thirteen-year-old Marya sets out to find her parents who are considered enemies of the state and have been sent to Siberia.
20. Woodson, Jacqueline. *Locomotion* Grades 4-6
Lonnie Collins Motion is having trouble moving on after his Mama and Daddy were taken by a fire and his little sister Lili was adopted. Then the poems his teacher encourages him to write help him get on track. Clickety-Clack, Locomotion is back!