



2006
RHODE ISLAND
CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD
NOMINATIONS

Birney, Betty G. *The World According to Humphrey*. Gr. 3-5
I'm Humphrey, the hamster the substitute teacher left in Mrs. Brisbane's class. Each weekend I go home with another kid, and these kids in Room 26 really need me...even Mrs. Brisbane does.

Bradley, Kimberly B. *The President's Daughter*. Gr. 4-6
You might think having your dad as president is fun, but it's not. You live in an old stuffy house, your dad works long hours, you have to go to boarding school, and everybody expects you to behave - ALL the time. Ethel Roosevelt doesn't like it at all.

Bruchac, Joseph. *Jim Thorpe's Bright Path*. Gr. 3-6
Native American Jim Thorpe survived a tragic childhood to become one of the greatest athletes of the 20th century.

Collins, Suzanne. *Gregor the Overlander*. Gr. 4-6
Will Gregor, despite giant rats, bats and cockroaches, be able to protect his sister as they search the passageways of the Underland for their long-lost father?

Creech, Sharon. *Heartbeat*. Gr. 5-6
12 year old Annie has always loved to run in her bare feet. So has her best friend Max. Faced with a moody Max, a pregnant Mom, an elderly grandfather, and an art assignment to draw an apple 100 times, it's running that helps her sort things out.

Fleming, Candace. *Boxes for Katje*. Gr. 3-6
The war is over, and the people in the Dutch town of Olst are living on cabbages and seed potatoes. Then Katje receives a box from Rosie in the USA bringing soap, socks and hope. One box leads to another, and soon Katje's and Rosie's communities are sharing what they have.

Giblin, James Cross. *Secrets of the Sphinx*. Gr. 5-6
A giant creature carved out of natural rock, part lion, part man, stares across Egypt's Giza Plateau, a guardian to the ancient tombs of the pharaohs. Why were they built and who built them? Recent excavations have found new clues!

Hahn, Mary Downing. *The Old Willis Place*. Gr. 5-6
Diana lives secretly with her brother Georgie in the woods near the old Willis place. When a new caretaker moves in, she desperately wants to be friends with his daughter Lissa. Can she convince Lissa not to disturb the evil spirit that dwells there as well?

Hathaway, Barbara. *Missy Violet and Me*. Gr. 5-6
Viney was 11 the year her papa struck a deal with the town midwife, Missy Violet, for Viney to help her "catchin' babies." Missy Violet taught her about babies, medicinal roots and herbs, and keeping a level head in an emergency.

Hicks, Betty. *Busted!* Gr. 4-6
Being grounded again, and threatened with losing his favorite activity, soccer, Stewart is willing to try anything to get his mom off his back. Maybe his best friend Mack's latest, crazy plan just might work.

Jackson, Donna. *Hero Dogs*. Gr. 3-6
Would you like to give tribute to some real heroes? These true stories from September 11th, along with other historical facts and photos, will make you shed tears of joy and sadness for these amazing canines.

Karwoski, Gail. *Quake! Disaster in San Francisco, 1906*. Gr. 4-6
Returning a stray dog his father has forbidden him to keep, Jacob is making his way along city streets when the earthquake hits. The ground rumbles, buildings collapse and the earth opens up.

Kelly, Katy. *Lucy Rose, Here's the Thing about Me*. Gr. 3-4
Lucy Rose is as wiggly as Jell-O, which doesn't help make friends or impress teachers when you are the new kid in school. Her journal tells of her adventures with Melonhead and the class pet.

Konigsburg, E. L. *The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place*. Gr. 5-6
When Margaret Rose Kane prefers not to participate at cliquish Camp Talequa, she has no idea of the summer she is in for at the home of her uncles. She must decide what is art and what is right.

Landau, Elaine. *Popcorn!* Gr. 3-6
Who knew? The secret to popcorn is a drop of water. And it grows best in the Corn Belt (where?!)...but you can eat it anywhere.

Philbrick, Rodman. *Young Man and the Sea*. Gr. 5-6
Mother's Rule Number Three: Never give up. Skiff's mother has died and his father can't face life, so it's up to him to save their sunken fishing boat. To do this he faces the battle of his life with the giant fish. Only one of them can survive!

Rodman, Mary Ann. *Yankee Girl*. Gr. 4-6
It's 1964, and when Alice moves from Chicago to Mississippi, she discovers that making friends is much more complicated for a northern "Yankee" than she could have imagined.

Ryan, Pam Munoz. *Becoming Naomi Leon*. Gr. 4-6
Why does mother have to reappear after seven years absence and spoil the peaceful life Naomi and her brother have with Gram? They head for Mexico with their friends the Morales to hunt for the father they have never known and some help in staying together.

Scieszka, Jon. *Science Verse*. Gr. 4-6
In Mr. Newton's class, science is bound to be pure poetry...or parody. Watch out - it's the curse of science verse!

Van Draanen, Wendelin. *Shredderman: Secret Identity*. Gr. 3-6
Nolan has been teased and bullied by classmate Bubba Bixby long enough. With humor and cleverness, he creates his own top-secret web page to expose Bubba's dirty tricks.