



**2007
RHODE ISLAND
CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD
NOMINATIONS**

1. Avi. *The End of the Beginning* Grades 3-6
Avon, the very small snail, and Edward, an even smaller ant, set off on a great adventure. As they travel from here to there, they meet a dragon (in disguise) and experience many other adventures.
2. Birdsall, Jeanne. *The Penderwicks* Grades 3-6
Lazy summer days drift by as four sisters explore the mansion next to their rental cottage and try to rescue the curious boy inside.
3. Bregoli, Jane. *The Goat Lady* Grades 3-5
When the neighbors look at the farmhouse, all they see is a rundown building with unruly animals and a messy yard. Two children discover the special person who lives there and change their neighbors' minds.
4. Broach, Elise. *Shakespeare's Secret* Grades 5-6
Hero hates moving. Things become intriguing when she learns a million dollar necklace may be hidden in her new house and the most popular boy in school wants to solve the mystery of its disappearance with her.
5. Clements, Andrew. *The Last Holiday Concert* Grades 4-6
Hart Evans doesn't suspect when he shoots a rubber band at his chorus teacher that he will be put in charge of the entire holiday concert. Can he run a class? How will his classmates react? How will the concert turn out?
6. Dahlberg, Maurine. *Escape to West Berlin* Grades 5-6
Set in 1961 East Berlin, this spellbinding novel focuses on one family's daring escape to freedom. Heidi's courage is tested to the limit as her family allows her to travel alone to her grandparents' farm and a series of events force her to cross the border alone.
7. Daley, Michael J. *Space Station Rat* Grades 3-5
Rat escapes the lab only to find she has run away onto a space ship, and now must use her superior intelligence any way she can. Jeff, bored and tired of being cared for by a robot, is pleased when he meets a new friend online, a pen-pal with a lavender coat and a love of Swiss cheese...
8. Dowell, Frances O'Roark. *Chicken Boy* Grades 4-6
Chickens! Aren't things bad enough for Tobin with family feuds, fights at school and his grandmother arrested? Along comes this new kid with his brother and his chickens saying you can learn a lot from a chicken.

9. Going, K.L. *The Liberation of Gabriel King* Grades 4-6
Gabe and Frita are best friends, one white and one black, and growing up in 1976 in Georgia. In the summer between fourth and fifth grades, Frita decides they need to face up to their fears.
10. Greene, Stephanie. *Queen Sophie Hartley* Grades 3-5
Sophie has discovered what she can't do, but what is she good at? Her mom shows her she is kind, even though it's not easy being kind to a grouchy old lady or the weird new girl at school.
11. Jurmain, Suzanne. *The Forbidden Schoolhouse* Grades 5-6
How would you feel if you were told that you couldn't go to school? What would you do if you were bullied and someone tried to burn down your school? Prudence Crandall knew what to do!
12. McDonald, Megan. *Stink, the Incredible Shrinking Kid* Grades 3-4
Stink, the younger brother of Judy Moody, is three feet eight inches tall and shrinking. Life in grade two is full of big adventures with a newt and President James Madison of all things.
13. Muth, Jon J. *Zen Shorts* Grades 2-6
Karl spots a bear with an umbrella in the backyard and that is how he and his brother and sister are introduced to Stillwater the Panda, who paints, makes paper airplanes, swims in the paddling pool, and tells stories which help them look at the world in a new way.
14. Park, Linda Sue. *Project Mulberry* Grades 4-6
Julia just can't convince the author to write this story the way she wants it to go, so both she and best friend Patrick have secrets that their silk worm project will bring out into the open.
15. Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw. *Right Dog for the Job* Grades 3-6
Ira was not born to be just any dog. To become a service dog, Ira must learn how to retrieve dropped keys, press a wheelchair sign to open doors, turn on light switches with his nose, sit quietly in loud distracting places, and do many other difficult tasks.
16. Sobol, Richard. *Elephant in the Backyard* Grades 3-4
Have you ever wanted a large pet? Well, in the village of Tha Klang, Thailand, elephants roam freely. Take a journey to discover the amazing life of Wan Pen, a 3,000-pound elephant. You might even catch her playing a game of soccer.
17. Steig, Jeanne. *Tales from Gizzard's Grill* Grades 3-5
Cowboys, horse thieves, divining rods and an old-fashioned duel, this time with feet! Join the cast of characters in Gizzard's Grill as they rhyme through their daily adventures.
18. White, Linda Arms. *I Could Do That! Esther Morris Gets Women the Vote* Grades 3-4
So, you think tea parties are times when lady friends sit around sipping tea and eating cookies! Well, Esther invites men to her tea party to discuss a very important question. Esther's "can do" attitude helps her through many difficult times.
19. White, Ruth. *Buttermilk Hill* Grades 4-6
Ten year old Piper leads a happy, carefree life until her parents' arguing gets worse and they talk about divorce. She makes a new friend in Bucky, who has his own hardships to get through.
20. Wiles, Deborah. *Each Little Bird that Sings* Grades 3-6
No one knows more about death than ten year old Comfort Snowberger! She has been to 247 funerals! That is because her family owns the town funeral home. She can deal with death. What she cannot deal with is her obnoxious cousin Peach who throws himself into coffins and cries so hard at funerals he throws up on other people's shoes. Then Comfort's world begins to change