



2008
**RHODE ISLAND
 CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD
 NOMINATIONS**

1. Amato, Mary. *The Naked Mole-Rat Letters*. Grades 5-6
 While on a trip to Washington D.C., Frankie's dad meets a female zookeeper whom he seems to like. Frankie, however, is pretty sure that a few fake emails from her will end the relationship.
2. Carbone, Elisa Lynn. *Blood on the River: James Town 1607*. Grades 5-6
 Samuel Collier is bound for the New World of James Town in 1606 as Captain John Smith's servant. Follow his true, grueling adventures as he attempts to survive seasickness, treachery, raids, death and disease.
3. Corbett, Sue. *Free Baseball*. Grades 4-6
 Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a bat boy or girl for a minor league baseball team? The Miracles offer Felix his dream job, but what will happen when his mother discovers that the team is not near their home?
4. DiSalvo, DyAnne. *The Sloppy Copy Slipup*. Grades 3-5
 Brian worries about how his 4th grade teacher, known as "The General", will react to his not completing his homework.
5. Dowell, Frances O'Roark. *Phineas L. MacGuire... Erupts!: The First Experiment*. Grades 3-5
 Phineas is paired up with an "un-best" friend, who apparently is everybody's "un-best" friend for the upcoming science fair! Will Phineas erupt or will he and Mac be able to pull together an extraordinary project?
6. Freedman, Russell. *Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott*. Grades 5-6
 Rosa Parks wasn't the first person in Montgomery to refuse to give up her seat on the bus. Could your family walk to school, work and shopping for 381 days in the peaceful fight for their rights?
7. Hansen, Rosanna. *Panda: A Guide Horse for Ann*. Grades 3-6
 Meet Panda, who weighs only 120 pounds and stands 29 inches tall at the shoulder. She's a miniature horse and one of the first of her kind to be trained as a guide animal for the blind.
8. Hatkoff, Isabella. *Owen and Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship*. Grades 3-6
 A true story about the friendship between Owen, a baby hippo, and Mzee, a 130-year-old giant tortoise. When the baby hippo is separated from his family during the devastating tsunami, he adopts and is accepted by Mzee as his mother.

9. Holm, Jennifer L.. *Penny from Heaven*. Grades 4-6
 The summer of 1953 is full of adventures and surprises for twelve-year-old Penny. Her crazy Italian family members always have something to say unless the subject turns to her father's death. In that case, no one will tell Penny the truth.
10. Jenkins, Emily. *Toys Go Out: Being the Adventures of a Knowledgeable Stingray, a Toughy Little Buffalo, and Someone Called Plastic*. Grades 3-5
 Do you know what your stuffed animals and toys might be up to while you sleep, go to school, or play on the beach? Read these stories and be part of their secret adventures.
11. Johnson, Dolores. *Onward: A Photobiography of African-American Polar Explorer Matthew Henson*. Grades 5-6
 Over ice and snow, battling brutal arctic winds, Matthew Henson pushed onward to be the first to reach the North Pole. He and Robert Peary made 5 expeditions before they reached the pole and gained worldwide recognition.
12. Kehret, Peg. *The Ghost's Grave*. Grades 4-6
 Josh, shipped off to Great-Great-Aunt Ethel's house, thinks it will be the most boring summer of his life, but boy is he wrong! He befriends a ghost who needs his help and, in doing so, puts his own life in danger.
13. Lord, Cynthia. *Rules*. Grades 5-6
 In the kids' books, Frog and Toad knew how to be friends, but in real life the rules are more complicated, especially when you have with a younger brother with autism.
14. Marrin, Albert. *Oh, Rats!: The Story of Rats and People*. Grades 4-6
 Forget everything you thought you knew about rats. These champion survivors can claw up brick walls, squeeze through small pipes the width of a quarter, even get flushed down a toilet bowl and survive. Amazing facts and feats.
15. Napoli, Donna Jo. *The King of Mulberry Street*. Grades 5-6
 Nine-year-old Dom, a stowaway from Italy, arrives alone in New York in 1892 with only an over-sized pair of new shoes. He quickly learns to survive on the brutal streets of New York's Five Points neighborhood.
16. Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. *Cuckoo Feathers*. Grades 3-4
 Can Sarah, the idea girl, come up with a plan to keep her pet pigeons living on her balcony and save the eggs in their nest?
17. Pennypacker, Sara. *Clementine*. Grades 3-5
 8-year-old Clementine is having a "not so good of a week". She has given her best friend a drastic makeover involving scissors and a permanent marker, she and her dad are losing the Great Pigeon War, and her family just might be plotting to get rid of her.
18. Stanley, Diane. *Bella at Midnight*. Grades 4-6
 Raised by peasants, Bella suddenly finds she is of noble birth and must live at the castle with her arrogant father and his new wife. She uncovers a plot to break the peace which would mean the death of her childhood friend Prince Julian.
19. Weston, Elise. *The Coastwatcher*. Grades 4-6
 11-year-old Hugh and his family vacation in South Carolina to escape the polio epidemic in 1943. He spots a German submarine and soon uncovers a German plot to sabotage a nearby naval base.
20. Wyss, Thelma Hatch. *Bear Dancer: The Story of a Ute Girl*. Grades 4-6
 Elk Girl is strong and clever. When she is captured and held prisoner by Cheyenne warriors, then traded to the Arapaho, she does not know if she will ever see the Ute people and her brother chief Ouray again.