



2009
RHODE ISLAND
CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD
NOMINATIONS

1. Applegate, Katherine. *Home of the Brave*. Grades 5-6
Forced to flee his home in Africa, Kek faces new experiences like airplanes, snow and school. A friend and a cow along with some courage and creativity help him find his way.
2. Bishop, Nic. *Nic Bishops Spiders*. Grades 3-6
Become a spider expert with these EXTREME close-up photos and astonishing, sometimes gruesome, arachnid facts. Gaze into their eyes and you can almost feel their fangs!
3. Casanova, Mary. *The Klipfish Code*. Grades 4-6
While her parents work for the underground during World War II in Norway, a 13 year-old girl and her younger brother are sent to her unbending grandfather. What secrets do her grandfather, and the soldier she tried to save hold for her?
4. Crowe, Ellie. *Surfer of the Century: the life of Duke Kahanamoku*
Grades 3-6
Duke, known as the father of modern surfing, once rode a 30-ft. wave for almost two miles onto Waikiki Beach. He was also the fastest swimmer in the world for 12 years. Find out more about this native Hawaiian.
5. Davies, Jacqueline. *The Lemonade War*. Grades 3-5
Evan is starting fourth grade in six days. Unfortunately, so is his younger and smarter sister. When Evan's anger develops into a competition—who can make more money selling lemonade—it's full out war.
6. deGuzman, Michael. *Finding Stinko*. Grades 5-6
Newboy hasn't spoken in three years. After running away from his foster home, he discovers Stinko—a broken ventriloquist dummy who gives him back his voice—and he finds help in other unexpected places as he makes his way in the city on his own.
7. Florian, Douglas. *Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars*.
Grades 3-6
Imaginative collage illustrations complete with cut-outs, "I spy-like" details and snippets of photographs, book illustrations and charts complement Florian's lively poems. "A galactic glossary" adds to the fun facts with details spanning our Universe to "the great beyond."
8. Funke, Cornelia. *Igraine the Brave*. Grades 3-6
Igraine is from a family of magicians but she longs to be a knight. She gets her chance when her parents turn themselves into pigs at the same time Osmund the Greedy attacks their castle. Can Igraine, her brother, two parental pigs, a sorrowful knight, and some magical singing books save the day?

9. Fleishman, Sid. *The White Elephant*. Grades 3-6
Run-Run, an elephant trainer in Old Siam, angers Prince Noi the Idle. As punishment the prince sends him a sacred white elephant which must be cared for and cannot be used for work.
10. Hahn, Mary Downing. *Deep and Dark and Dangerous : a ghost story*. Grades 4-6
A shadowy figure haunts a 13 year-old girl at her aunts' summer cottage. Is this figure connected with the secret that haunts her aunt and mother for 30 years? A haunting experience for all.
11. Harper, Charise Mericle. *Just Grace*. Grades 3-5
Intent on helping others and being empathetic in nature, so she thinks, Grace's good intentions backfire when she tries to help a neighbor.
12. Mills, Claudia. *Being Teddy Roosevelt*. Grades 3-5
What 4th grader Riley wants most is to own a saxophone and to take music lessons. Researching Teddy Roosevelt for a biography book project inspires Riley to be as tenacious as Teddy and to persevere to achieve his ultimate goal.
13. O'Connor, Barbara. *How to Steal a Dog*. Grades 4-6
Nobody knows, not even her best friend that Georgina, her mother and brother got kicked out of their apartment and must live in their car. Georgina sees an old poster offering \$500 for the return of a dog—if she could only get \$500 for a month's rent—but how? Could she really steal a dog?
14. Rumford, James. *Beowulf: a hero's tale retold*. Grades 5-6
The epic story of Beowulf where his heroic deeds include the defeat of the monster Grendel, Grendel's mother and a dragon that threatened the kingdom. A beautifully illustrated adaptation of this timeless classic.
15. Stead, Rebecca. *First Light*. Grades 5-6
Peter's mother has kept a secret from him all his life. When he accompanies his parents on a scientific expedition to Greenland and meets Thea, a girl who lives in a community hidden underground, he begins to unravel the mystery.
16. Tarshis, Lauren. *Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree*.
Grades 5-6
Emma-Jean is both a quirky and logical seventh grader who lacks people skills. She has no need for friends but after stumbling upon a classmate sobbing in the girl's restroom, Emma-Jean uses her problem-solving ability to help, leading to some rather interesting results.
17. Thomson, Sarah. *Dragon's Egg*. Grades 4-6
Mella must save a dragon's egg! To accomplish this she must face fierce fire-breathing dragons, the king's knights, and an amazing adventure.
18. Weatherford, Carole Boston. *Birmingham, 1963*. Grades 4-6
The shock, the horror. Four young people gone forever. A girl remembers turning ten during the time of the Civil Rights marches, sit-ins and bombing.
19. Wilson, N. D. *Leepike Ridge*. Grades 5-6
Eleven year-old Tom's lazy trip down a stream on a piece of packing foam turns into a nightmare when he is sucked under a mountain into a series of underground caverns-and washes ashore beside a dead body! This is just the beginning of his amazing quest for survival and a way out.
20. Woods, Brenda. *My Name is Sally Little Song*. Grades 4-6
Can Sally and her family escape slavery and the slave hunters to find safety with the Seminole Indians in Florida?