



2018 RHODE ISLAND CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD NOMINATIONS

Ada's Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay, Susan Hood. Sally Wern Comport, illustrator. Grades 3+
From the mountains of trash that envelop the town of Cateura, Paraguay, comes the true story of a girl, her music teacher, and an orchestra that turns trash into musical instruments. Nonfiction.

Backyard Witch: Sadie's Story, Grades 3+
Christine Heppermann & Ron Koertge. Deborah Marcerro, illustrator. Sadie is bored and lonely while her best friends go on vacation without her. When a funny witch moves into the backyard playhouse, Sadie discovers a bird-filled adventure. Fantasy.

Brave Like My Brother, Marc Tyler Nobleman. Grades 4+
Join Charlie and his brother Joe as they exchange letters during WWII. Charlie needs to confront bullies without the physical help of his deployed, hero brother. Can he do this on his own? Historical fiction.

Cinnamon Moon, Tess Hilmo. Grades 4+
Orphan and homeless siblings of the Peshtigo fire in 1871, Allis and Quinn are taken to live in a Chicago boarding house where they befriend orphan Nettie. Together they plan to escape the miserable conditions when Nettie is kidnapped. Historical fiction.

The Creepy Case Files of Margo Maloo, Drew Weing. Grades 3+
After moving with his parents to Echo City to remodel an old hotel, Charles starts to feel like he is being watched by something strange. In comes the young Margo Maloo, monster mediator, to solve the case. Graphic novel.

Fortune Falls, Jenny Goebel. Grades 4+
Life in Fortune Falls, a magical town where superstitions are real, is not easy if you, like Sadie Bleeker, are an Unlucky. How will Sadie change her luck? Fantasy.

FRAMED! A T.O.A.S.T. Mystery, James Ponti. Grades 4+
Meet Florian, the only kid on the FBI's speed dial and criminals' most wanted lists all because of his Theory of All Small Things (T.O.A.S.T.). Can Florian decipher the clues and finish his homework in time to help the FBI solve the case? Mystery.

I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark, Grades 3+
Debbie Levy. Elizabeth Baddeley, illustrator. Get to know celebrated Supreme Court justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg—in the first picture book about her life—as she proves that disagreeing does not make you disagreeable! Biography.

The Last Fifth Grade of Emerson Elementary, Grades 4+
Laura Shovan. Emerson Elementary is going to be torn down and Ms. Hill's students have something to say about it. Follow the fate of the school as each student records their year for a time capsule class project. Realistic fiction/Verse.

A Long Pitch Home, Natalie Dias Lorenzi. Grades 4+
Bilal is surrounded with newness when he arrives in the U.S. from Pakistan with his Mom and sister. There is so much to learn! But harder still is getting through each day missing his father who stayed behind and waiting for him to join them. Realistic fiction.

Mo'ne Davis, Remember My Name: My Story From First Pitch to Game Changer, Mo'ne Davis with Hilary Beard. Grades 4+
Mo'ne's story is one of determination, hard work, and an incredible fastball. She also plays basketball and soccer! Mo'ne learned to play baseball with the boys and rose to national stardom before the beginning of 8th grade. Memoir.

Ollie's Odyssey, William Joyce. Grades 3+
Ollie is Billy's favorite toy. Zozo has never been anybody's favorite toy. When their paths cross, Ollie risks losing Billy forever. Can Ollie escape Zozo and his gang of "Creeps"? Fantasy.

The Prize Winners of Piedmont Place, Bill Doyle. Grades 3+
Cal can't wait for his family to win the Great Grab Contest! The prize? Twenty minutes to grab anything in the Wish Shoppe! He knows his family will leave the competition in the dust, but first he has to convince them to compete! Realistic fiction.

Secrets of the Seven: The Eureka Key, Grades 4+
Sarah L. Thomson. Sam (a puzzle master) and Martina (a history whiz) become involved in a dangerous quest to find seven keys left behind by Benjamin Franklin and a secret society, which, when gathered together, unlock a powerful weapon. Help solve the puzzle and save the nation! Mystery.

Towers Falling, Jewell Parker Rhodes. Grades 4+
Deja doesn't know what happened to the Twin Towers or what it means to her own family. Join her and her new friends on a journey to understand her home and community. Realistic fiction.

Weekends with Max and His Dad, Grades 3+
Linda Urban. Katie Kath illustrator. With newly divorced parents, Max spends his weekends with his dad in an almost empty apartment. Can new furniture, pancakes, and spy missions make this place feel like home? Realistic fiction.

Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems, Bob Raczka. Grades 3+
Who says words need to be concrete? This clever collection shapes poems in surprising and meaningful ways and challenges students to look at words and poetry in a whole new way. Poetry.

Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions, Chris Barton. Don Tate illustrator. Grades 3+
Ever wonder how great toys are made? Sometimes by accident! Learn how NASA engineer Lonnie Johnson's tinkering made a splash in the history of toys but not until years of hard work, vision, and perseverance. Biography.

Wild Robot, Peter Brown. Grades 4+
When robot Roz wakes up for the first time alone on an island, she must adjust her programming to help her live among wild animals and other threats. But can technology and nature survive together? Science fiction/Fantasy.

Wish, Barbara O'Connor. Grades 4+
Charlie has been making the same wish every day. Now her wish will never come true when she is sent to live with family she barely knows. Will a stray dog and a neighbor boy get Charlie to change her mind about what she wants – and needs? Realistic fiction.

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