

Children's Picture Book Nominees by Year

(1996-2019)

The Children's Literature Association of Utah does not necessarily recommend that all children read all books. These nominees offer a balance in reading level, interest level, and types of fiction for grades K through 3. We encourage parents to read and discuss these books with their children.

2019 Children's Picture Book Nominees

- *Jabari Jumps* by Gaia Cornwall
- *The Legend of Paper Rock Scissors* by Drew Daywalt
- *Lion Lesson* by Jon Agee
- *Penguin Problems* by Jory John, illustrated by Lane Smith
- *Alan's Big, Scary Teeth* by Jarvis
- *Not Quite Narwhal* by Jessie Sima
- *A Perfect Day* by Lane Smith
- *Toad on the Road: A Cautionary Tale* by Stephan Shaskan
- *What To Do With a Box* by Jane Yolen & Chris Sheban
- *Where Is Bear?* by Jonathan Bentley

2018 Children's Picture Book Nominees

- *The Cow Who Climbed a Tree* by Gemma Merino
- *It Came in the Mail* by Ben Clanton
- *The Lion Inside* by Rachel Bright, illustrated by Jim Field
- *Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion* by Alex T. Smith
- *Mother Bruce* by Ryan T. Higgins
- *The Night Gardener* by The Fan Brothers
- *Normal Norman* by Tara Lazar, illustrated by S. Britt
- *Poor Little Guy* by Elanna Allen
- *Strictly No Elephants* by Lisa Mantchev, illustrated by Taeun Yoo
- *There's a Giraffe in My Soup* by Ross Burach

2017 Children's Picture Book Nominees

- *The Bear Ate Your Sandwich* by Julia Sarcone-Roach
- *Blizzard* by John Rocco
- *The Book With No Pictures* by B.J. Novak
- *Duck's Vacation* by Gilad Soffer
- *Duncan the Story Dragon* by Amanda Driscoll
- *Goodnight Already!* By Jory John, illustrated by Benji Davies
- *I Don't Want to be a Frog* by Dev Petty, illustrated by Mike Boldt
- *It's Only Stanley* by Jon Agee
- *Ninja!* by Arree Chung
- *Pool* by Jihyeon Lee

2016 Children's Picture Book Nominees

- *Battle Bunny* by Jon Scieszka and Mac Barnett, illustrated by Matthew Myers
- *Because I Stubbed My Toe* by Shawn Byous
- *Buddy and the Bunnies in: Don't Play With Your Food!* by Bob Shea
- *The Girl and the Bicycle* by Mark Pett
- *How To Babysit a Grandma* by Jean Reagan, illustrated by Lee Wildish
- *I'm a Frog* by Mo Willems
- *I'm My Own Dog* by David Ezra Stein
- *Maple* by Lori Nichols
- *The Odd One Out* by Britta Teckentrup
- *Picture Day Perfection* by Deborah Diesen, illustrated by Dan Santat
- *This is a Moose* by Richard T. Morris, illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld
- *The Tooth Fairy Wars* by Kate Coombs, illustrated by Jake Parker

2015 Children's Picture Book Nominees

- *Andrew Drew and Drew* by Barney Saltzberg
- *Count the Monkeys* by Mac Barnett, illustrated by Kevin Cornell
- *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt, illustrated by Oliver Jeffers
- *Journey* by Aaron Becker
- *I Hate Picture Books!* by Timothy Young
- *I Need My Own Country!* by Rick Walton, illustrated by Wes Hargis
- *Mustache Baby* by Bridget Heos, illustrated by Joy Ang
- *Penguin and Pinecone* by Salina Yoon
- *Ribbit!* by Rodrigo Folgueira, illustrated by Poly Bernatene
- *Sophie's Squash* by Pat Zietlow Miller, illustrated by Anne Wilsdorf
- *That Is Not a Good Idea!* by Mo Willems
- *Xander's Panda Party* by Linda Sue Park illustrated by Matt Phelan

2014 Children's Picture Book Nominees

- *Bink & Gollie: Two For One* by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee, illustrated by Tony Fucile
- *Boy + Bot* by Ame Dyckman, illustrated by Dan Yaccarino
- *Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs* by Mo Willems
- *How to Babysit a Grandpa* by Jean Reagan, illustrated by Lee Wildish
- *It's a Tiger* by David LaRochelle, illustrated by Jeremy Tankard
- *Mitchell's License* by Hallie Durand, illustrated by Tony Fucile
- *My Garden* by Kevin Henkes
- *Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons* by Eric Litwin, illustrated by James Dean
- *Plant a Kiss* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal, illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds
- *The Princess and the Pig* by Jonathan Emmett and Poly Bernatene
- *Stars* by Mary Lyn Ray, illustrated by Marla Frazee
- *Z is for Moose* by Paul O. Zelinsky

2013 Children's Picture Nominees

- *Art & Max* by David Wiesner
- *Betty Bunny Loves Chocolate Cake* by Michael Kaplan; illustrated by Stephane Jorisch
- *Blackout* by John Rocco
- *Children Make Terrible Pets* by Peter Brown
- *Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow* by Susan A. Shea; illustrated by Tom Slaughter
- *Doodleday* by Ross Collins
- *Earth to Clunk* by Pam Smallcomb; illustrated by Joe Berger
- *Hooray for Amanda & Her Alligator* by Mo Willems
- *Me and My Dragon* by David Biedrzycki
- *Press Here* by Herve Tullet

2012 Children's Picture Nominees

- (Winner) *Shark Vs. Train* by Chris Barton; illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld
- *All the World* by Liz Garton Scanlon; illustrated by Marla Frazee
- *Brontorina* by James Howe; illustrated by Randy Cecil
- *Chalk* by Bill Thomson
- *City Dog, Country Frog* by Mo Willems; illustrated by Jon J. Muth
- *Clever Jack Takes the Cake* by Candace Fleming; illustrated by G. Brian Karas
- *The Cow Loves Cookies* by Karma Wilson; illustrated by Marcellus Hall
- *Princess Hyacinth (The Surprising Tale of a Girl Who Floated)* by Florence Parry Heide; illustrated by Lane Smith
- *A Small Brown Dog With a Wet Pink Nose* by Stephanie Stuve-Bodeeen; illustrated by Linzie Hunter
- *Spells* by Emily Gravett

2011 Children's Picture Nominees

- (Winner) *Duck! Rabbit!* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal; illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld
- *The Apple-Pip Princess* by Jane Ray
- *Birds* by Kevin Henkes; illustrated by Laura Dronzek
- *That Book Woman* by Heather Henson; illustrated by David Small
- *Chicken Cheeks* by Michael Ian Black; illustrated by Kevin Hawkes
- *The Circus Ship* by Chris Van Dusen
- *Higher! Higher!* by Leslie Patricelli
- *Just What Mama Needs* by Sharlee Mullins Glenn; illustrated by Amiko Hirao
- *Most Loved In All the World* by Tonya Cherie Hegamin; illustrated by Cozbi Cabrera
- *Tsunami* by Kimiko Kajikawa; illustrated by Ed Young

2010 Children's Picture Nominees

- (Winner) *When Dinosaurs Came With Everything* by Elise Broach; illustrated by David Small

- *The Black Book of Colors* by Menena Cottin; illustrated by Rosana Faria; translated by Elisa Amado
- *The Chicken of the Family* by Mary Amata; illustrated by Delphine Durand
- *The Cow that Laid an Egg* by Andy Cutbill; illustrated by Russell Ayto
- *The End* by David LaRochelle; illustrated by Richard Egielski
- *I Am Invited to a Party! (An Elephant and Piggie Book)* by Mo Willems
- *Louder, Lili* by Gennifer Choldenko; illustrated by S.D. Schindler
- *Mary Had a Little Lamp* by Jack Lechner; illustrated by Bob Staake
- *My Travelin' Eye* by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw
- *South* by Patrick McDonnell

2009 Children's Picture Nominees

- (Winner) *If I Built a Car* by Chris Van Dusen
- *Adèle & Simon* by Barbara McClintock
- *Black? White! Day? Night!: A Book of Opposites* by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
- *The Boy Who was Raised by Librarians* by Carla Morris; illustrated by Brad Sneed
- *Coming On Home Soon* by Jacqueline Woodson; illustrated by E.B. Lewis
- *The Incredible Book-Eating Boy* by Oliver Jeffers
- *Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity* by Mo Willems
- *Not Norman: a Goldfish Story* by Kelly Bennett; illustrated by Noah Z. Jones
- *Un-Brella* by Scott E. Franson
- *Would I Ever Lie to You?* by Caralyn Buehner; illustrated by Jack E. Davis

2008 Children's Picture Nominees

- (Winner) *Mommy?* by Maurice Sendak, Arthur Yorinks and Matthew Reinhart
- *Baby Brains: The Smartest Baby in the Whole World* by Simon James
- *Fancy Nancy* by Jane O'Conner ; illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser
- *John, Paul, George, & Ben* by Lane Smith
- *Keeper of Soles* by Teresa Bateman; illustrated by Yayo
- *Library Lion* by Michelle Knudsen; illustrated by Kevin Hawkes
- *Mrs. Crump's Cat* by Linda Smith; illustrated by David Roberts
- *The Secret Science Project That Almost Ate the School* by Judy Sierra illustrated by Stephen Gammell
- *Tudley Didn't Know* by John Himmelman
- *The Witch's Walking Stick* by Susan Meddaugh

2007 Children's Picture Nominees

- (Winner) *Where's the Dragon?* by Jason Hook; illustrated by Richard Hook
- *America's White Table* by Margot Theis Raven; illustrated by Mike Benny
- *Diary of a Spider* by Doreen Cronin; illustrated by Harry Bliss
- *Leonardo, the Terrible Monster* by Mo Willems
- *Mother, Mother, I want Another* by Maria Polushkin Robbins; illustrated by Jon Goodell
- *Mrs. McBloom, Clean Up Your Classroom!* by Kelly S. DiPucchio; illustrated by Guy Francis
- *Russell the Sheep* by Rob Scotton
- *Show Way* by Jacqueline Woodson; illustrated by Hudson Talbott

- *The Dog Who Cried Wolf* by Keiko Kasza
- *Toughest Cowboy: or How the Wild West Was Tamed* by John Frank; illustrated by Zachary Pullen
- *While Mama Had a Quick Little Chat* by Amy Reichert; illustrated by Alexandra Boiger

2006 Children's Picture Nominees

- (Winner) *Some Dogs Do* by Jex Alborough
- *Falling for Rapunzel* by Leah Wilcox; illustrated by Lydia Monks
- *Knockin' on Wood: Starring Peg Leg Bates* by Lynn Barasch
- *Knuffle Bunny: a Cautionary Tale* by Mo Willems
- *My Teacher for President* by Kay Winters; illustrated by Denise Brunkus
- *The Printer* by Myron Uhlberg; illustrated by Henri Sorensen
- *Superdog: the Heart of a Hero* by Caralyn Buehner; illustrated by Mark Buehner
- *Unwitting Wisdom: An Anthology of Aesop's Fables* by Helen Ward
- *Up the Learning Tree* by Marcia Vaughan; illustrated Derek Blanks
- *Wild About Books* by Judy Sierra and Marc Brown

2005 Children's Picture Nominees

- (Winner) *Diary of a Worm* by Doreen Cronin
- *The Elves and the Shoemaker* by Jacob Grimm and Jim LaMarche
- *How I Became a Pirate* by Melinda Long; illustrated by David Shannon
- *I Know a Rhino* by Charles Fuge
- *King Midas and the Golden Touch* by Charlotte Craft; illustrated by Kinuko Y. Craft
- *Late For School* by Mike Reiss; illustrated by Michael Austin
- *Mary Smith* by Andrea U'Ren
- *Noah's Ark* by Jerry Pinkney
- *One Dark Night* by Lisa Wheeler; illustrated by Ivan Bates
- *Secret Remedy Book: the Story Of Comfort and Love* by Karin Cates

2004 Children's Picture Nominees

- (Winner) *Bertie Was a Watchdog* by Rick Walton
- *A Quiet Place* by Douglas Wood ; illustrated Dan Andreasen
- *Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School* by Mark Teague
- *Gleam and Glow* by Eve Bunting ; illustrated by Peter Sylvada
- *The Great Show-and-Tell Disaster* by Mike Reiss; illustrated by Mike Cressy
- *Hip, Hip, Hooray for Annie McRae* by Brad Wilcox; illustrated by Julie Olson
- *The Magic Hat* by Mem Fox; illustrated by Tricia Tusa
- *Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed* by Emily Pearson; illustrated by Fumi Kosaka
- *The Other Side* by Jacqueline Woodson; illustrated by E.B. Lewis
- *School Picture Day* by Lynn Plourde; illustrated by Thor Wickstrom
- *Smile A Lot!* by Nancy L. Carlson
- *Snowmen at Night* by Carolyn Buehner; illustrated by Mark Buehner
- *What's the Time, Grandma Wolf?* by Ken Brown

2003 Children's Picture Nominees

- (Winner) *Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon* by Patty Lovell; illustrated David Catrow
- *Albert* by Donna Jo Napoli; illustrated by Jim LaMarche
- *Celebrate the Fire Within* by Kathy Larsen
- *Coolies* by Yin; illustrated by Chris Soentpiet
- *Don't Need Friends* by Carolyn Crimi
- *Eat Your Peas* by Kes Gray; illustrated by Nick Sharratt
- *Enemy Pie* by Derek Munson; illustrated by Tara Calahan King
- *Hog Music* by Mary-Claire Helldorfer
- *More Parts* by Tedd Arnold
- *The Name Jar* by Yangsook Choi
- *Ted* by Tony DiTerlizzi
- *Wait! No Paint!* by Bruce Whatley

2002 Children's Picture Nominees

- (Winner) *Sitting Ducks* by Michael Bedard
- *The Butterfly* by Patricia Polacco
- *Click, Clack, Moo : Cows That Type* by Doreen Cronin; illustrated by Betsy Lewin
- *Henry Hikes to Fitchburg* by D. B. Johnson
- *My Monster Mama Loves Me So* by Laura Leuck; illustrated by Mark Buehner
- *Raising Sweetness* by Diane Stanley
- *Sector 7* by David Wiesner
- *Tacky and the Emperor (Tacky the Penguin, bk. 4)* by Helen Lester; illustrated by Lynn Munsinger
- *Wemberly Worried* by Kevin Henkes
- *The Worrywarts* by Pamela Duncan Edwards; illustrated Henry Cole

2001 Children's Picture Nominees

- (Winner) *Hooway for Wodney Wat* by Helen Lester; illustrated by Lynn Munsinger
- *Ed and Fred Flea* by Pamela Duncan Edwards; illustrated by Henry Cole
- *Farmer Brown Goes Round and Round* by Teri Sloat; illustrated by Nadine Bernard Westcott
- *Midnight Fridge* by Bruce S. Glassman; illustrated by Brian Lies
- *The Quiltmaker's Gift* by Jeff Brumbeau; illustrated by Gail De Marcken
- *Tell Me Something Happy Before I go to Sleep* by Joyce Dunbar
- *Tomas and the Library Lady* by Pat Mora; illustrated by Raul Colon
- *Weslandia* by Paul Fleischman; illustrated by Kevin Hawkes
- *What! Cried Granny: An Almost Bedtime Story* by Kate Lum; illustrated by Adrian Johnson
- *The Wolf is Coming!* by Elizabeth MacDonald; illustrated by Ken Brown

2000 Children's Picture Nominees

- (Winner) *A Bad Case of Stripes* by David Shannon
- *Aunt Nancy and Cousin Lazybones* by Phyllis Root
- *Dragon Scales and Willow Leaves* by Terry! Givens; illustrated by Andrew Portwood
- *Edwina the Emu* by Sheena Knowles; illustrated by Rod Clement
- *The Greatest Treasure* by Demi
- *Home Run: The Story of Babe Ruth* by Robert Burleigh; illustrated by Mike Wimmer
- *Honk!: the Story of a Prima Swanerina* by Pamela Duncan Edwards; illustrated by Henry Cole

- *If You Give a Pig a Pancake* by Laura Numeroff; illustrated by Felicia Bond
- *Waltz of the Scarecrows* by Constance W. McGeorge; illustrated by Mary Whyte
- *When Jessie Came Across the Sea* by Amy Hest; illustrated by P.J. Lynch

1999 Children's Picture Nominees

- (Winner) *Watch Out! Big Bro's Coming!* by Jez Alborough
- *Down the Road* by Alice Schertle; illustrated by E.B. Lewis
- *Edward and the Pirates* by David McPhail
- *Gotcha!* by Gail Jorgensen; illustrated by Kerry Argent
- *Mailing May* by Michael O. Tunnell; illustrated by Ted Rand
- *One Grain of Rice: A Mathematical Folktale* by Demi
- *Pigs in the Mud in the Middle of the Rud* by Lynn Plourde; illustrated by John Schoenherr
- *The Seven Silly Eaters* by Mary Ann Hoberman; illustrated Marla Frazee
- *Verdi* by Janell Cannon
- *Water Dance* by Thomas Locker

1998 Children's Picture Nominees

- (Winner) *Anansi and the Talking Melon* by Eric A. Kimmel; illustrated by Janet Stevens
- *Fanny's Dream* by Caralyn Buehner; illustrated by Mark Buehner
- *Homeplace* by Anne Shelby; illustrated by Wendy Anderson Halperin
- *How Many, How Many, How Many* by Rick Walton; illustrated by Cynthia Jabar
- *Just a Little Bit* by Ann Tompert; illustrated by Lynn Munsinger
- *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse* by Kevin Henkes
- *Miss Spider's Tea Party* by David Kirk
- *More Than Anything Else* by Marie Bradby; illustrated by Chris K. Soentpiet
- *When the Teddy Bears Came* by Martin Waddell; illustrated by Penny Dale
- *Whitefish Will Rides Again* by Arthur Yorinks; illustrated by Mort Drucker

1997 Children's Picture Nominees

- (Winner) *A Job for Wittilda* by Caralyn Buehner; illustrated by Mark Buehner
- *A Regular Flood of Mishap* by Tom Birdseye; illustrated by Megan Lloyd
- *Boundless Grace* by Mary Hoffman; illustrated by Caroline Binch
- *Coyote Steals the Blanket* by Janet Stevens
- *Martha Speaks* by Susan Meddaugh
- *My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother* by Patricia Polacco
- *Once There Was a Bull... (frog)* by Rick Walton; illustrated by Greg Hally
- *The Rattlebang Picnic* by Margaret Mahy; illustrated by Steven Kellogg
- *Under the Moon* by Dyan Sheldon; illustrated by Gary Blythe
- *Yettele's Feathers* by Joan Rothenberg

1996 Children's Picture Nominees

- (Winner) *Two of Everything: A Chinese Folk Tale* by Lily Toy Hong
- *Amber on the Mountain* by Tony Johnston; illustrated by Robert A. Duncan
- *Go Away, Big Green Monster* by Ed Emberley

- *Harvey Potter's Balloon Farm* by Jerdine Nolen; illustrated by Mark Buehner
- *The Itsy Bitsy Spider* by Iza Trapani
- *My Great-Aunt Arizona* by Gloria Houston; illustrated by Susan Condie Lamb
- *Owen* by Kevin Henkes
- *The Rough-Face Girl* by Rafe Martin; illustrated by David Shannon
- *Something From Nothing* by Phoebe Gilman
- *Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon