

Children's Poetry Nominees

(2002-2016)

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 and interest level for grades K through 9. We encourage parents to read and discuss these books with their children.

2018 Children's Poetry Nominees

- *The Alligator's Smile: And Other Poems* by Jane Yolen
- *Applesauce Weather* by Helen Frost, illustrated by Amy June Bates
- *National Geographic Book of Nature Poetry: More Than 200 Poems That Float, Zoom, and Bloom!* edited by J. Patrick Lewis
- *Slickety Quick: Poems About Sharks* by Skila Brown, illustrated by Bob Kolar
- *Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems* by Bob Raczka

2017 Children's Poetry Nominees

- *No Nominees for 2017*

2016 Children's Poetry Nominees

- *Dust of Eden* by Mariko Nagai
- *Hi, Koo! : A Year of Seasons* by Jon J. Muth
- *Ode to a Commode: Concrete Poems* by Brian P. Cleary, illustrated by Andy Rowland
- *The Pet Project: Cute and Cuddly Vicious Verses* by Lisa Wheeler, illustrated by Zachariah OHora
- *Poem Depot: Aisles of Smiles* by Douglas Florian
- *Prince Puggly of Spud and the Kingdom of Spiff* by Robert Paul Weston
- *Under the Freedom Tree* by Susan VanHecke
- *Your Skeleton Is Showing: Rhymes of Blunder From Six Feet Under* by Kurt Cyrus

2015 Children's Poetry Nominees

- *Cat Talk* by Patricia MacLachlan and Emily MacLachlan Charest, illustrated by Barry Moser
- *Digger, Dozer, Dumper* by Hope Vestergaard, illustrated by David Slonim
- *Gone Fishing: A Novel In Verse* by Tamera Will Wissinger, illustrated by Matthew Cordell
- *Grumbles from the Forest: Fairy-tale Voices with a Twist* by Jane Yolen and Rebecca Kai Dotlich, illustrated by Matt Mahurin
- (Winner) *National Geographic Book of Animal Poetry: 200 Poems with Photographs that Squeak, Soar, and Roar!* edited by J. Patrick Lewis
- *Poems to Learn by Heart* selected by Caroline Kennedy, paintings by Jon J. Muth
- *Sisters of Glass* by Stephanie Hemphill
- *When Mermaids Sleep* by Ann Bonwill, illustrated by Steve Johnson & Lou Fancher

2014 Children's Poetry Nominees

- *BookSpeak! Poems About Books* by Laura Purdie Salas

- *Last Laughs: Animal Epitaphs* by J. Patrick Lewis and Jane Yolen
- *Out of This World* by Amy Sklansky
- *Poems I Wrote When No One Was Looking* by Alan Katz
- *The President's Stuck in the Bathtub* by Susan Katz
- *Shiver Me Timbers* by Douglas Florian
- *Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature* by Joyce Sidman
- *Twosomes* by Marilyn Singer (Winner)

2013 Children's Poetry Nominees

- *Around the World on Eighty Legs* by Amy Gibson
- *Better Together* by Sheryl Shapiro and Simon Shapiro
- *Dear Hot Dog* by Mordicai Gerstein
- *Emma Dilemma: Big Sister Poems* by Kristine O'Connell George
- *GUYKU: A Year of Haiku for Boys* by Bob Raczka
- *I Am the Book* by Lee Bennett Hopkins
- *Pocketful of Posies: A Treasury of Nursery Rhymes* by Salley Mavor
- *Switching on the Moon: A Very First Book of Bedtime Poems* compiled by Jane Yolen and Andrew Fusek Peters; illustrated by G. Brian Karas
- *Won Ton: A Cat Tale Told in Haiku* by Lee Wardlaw (Winner)
- *The Year of Goodbyes: A True Story of Friendship, Family and Farewells* by Debbie Levy

2012 Children's Poetry Nominees

- (Winner) *The Dancing Pancake* by Eileen Spinelli
- *A Curious Collection of Cats* by Betsy Franco
- *Curious Creatures: Animal Poems* by Barry Louis Polisar
- *Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night* by Joyce Sidman
- *Dizzy in Your Eyes: Poems About Love* by Pat Mora
- *In the Wild* by David Elliott
- *Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse* by Marilyn Singer
- *Name That Dog* by Peggy Archer
- *Scarum Fair* by Jessica Swaim
- *Spot the Plot: A Riddle Book of Book Riddles* by J. Patrick Lewis

2011 Children's Poetry Nominees

- (Winner) *The Bill Martin Jr. Big Book of Poetry* edited by Bill Martin Jr. and Michael Sampson
- *Be Glad Your Nose is on Your Face and Other Poems: Some of the Best of Jack Prelutsky* by Jack Prelutsky; illustrated by Brandon Dorman
- *Button Up!: Wrinkled Rhymes* by Alice Schertle; illustrated by Petra Mathers
- *Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings* by Douglas Florian
- *Far From You* by Lisa Schroeder
- *A Fuzzy-Fast Blur: Poems about Pets* by Laura Purdie Salas
- *Partly Cloudy: Poems of Love and Longing* by Gary Soto
- *Truckery Rhymes* by Jon Scieska; illustrated by David Shannon, Loren Long, and David Gordon
- *The Underwear Salesman: and Other Jobs for Better or Verse* by J. Patrick Lewis; illustrated by Serge Bloch

- *A Whiff of Pine, a Hint of Skunk: a Forest of Poems* by Deoborah Ruddell; illustrated by Joan Rankin

2010 Children's Poetry Nominees

- (Winner) *Oh, Theodore!: Guinea Pig Poems* by Susan Katz; illustrated by Stacey Schuett
- *42 Miles* by Tracie Vaughn Zimmer; illustrated by Elaine Clayton
- *Crocs!* by David T. Greenberg; illustrated by Lynn Munsinger
- *Frankenstein Takes the Cake* by Adam Rex
- *Imaginary Menagerie: a Book of Curious Creatures* by Julie Larios; illustrated by Julie Paschkis
- *M is for Mischief: An A to Z of Naughty Children* by Linda Ashman; illustrated by Nancy Carpenter
- *Oops!* by Alan Katz; illustrated Edward Koren
- *Pizza, Pigs and Poetry: How to Write a Poem* by Jack Prelutsky
- *A River of Words: the Story of William Carlos Williams* by Jen Bryant ; illustrated by Melissa Sweet
- *This Is Just to Say: Poems of Apology and Forgiveness* by Joyce Sidman; illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski

2009 Children's Poetry Nominees

- (Winner) *Dogku* by Andrew Clements; illustrated by Tim Bowers
- *Blue Lipstick: Concrete Poems* by John Grandits
- *Bugs: Poems about Creeping Things* by David L. Harrison; illustrated by Rob Shepperson
- *Comets, Stars, the Moon and Mars: Space Poems and Paintings* by Douglas Florian
- *Cowlick!* by Christin Ditchfield; illustrated by Rosalind Beardshaw
- *Good Sports: Rhymes about Running, Jumping, Throwing and More* by Jack Prelutsky; illustrated by Chris Raschka
- *Here's a Little Poem: A Very First Book of Poetry* by Jane Yolen and Andrew Fusek Peters; illustrated by Polly Dunbar
- *Mother Goose: Numbers on the Loose* by Leo & Diane Dillon
- *The Snack Smasher: And Other Reasons Why It's Not My Fault* by Andrea Perry; illustrated by Alan Snow
- *Where I Live* by Eileen Spinelli; illustrated by Matt Phelan

2008 Children's Poetry Nominees

- (Winner) *Once I Ate a Pie* by Patricia MacLachlan, Emily MacLachlan Charest; illustrated by Katy Schneider
- *The Barefoot Book of Classic Poems* compiled and illustrated by Jackie Morris
- *Behold the Bold Umbrellaphant: and Other Poems* by Jack Prelutsky; illustrated by Carin Berger
- *Busy in the Garden* by George Shannon; illustrated by Sam Williams
- *Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich* by Adam Rex
- *She's All That: Poems About Girls* by Belinda Hollyer
- *There is a Flower on the Tip of my Nose Smelling Me* by Alice Walker; illustrated by Stefano Vitale
- *Tour America: a Journey Through Poems and Art* by Diane Siebert; illustrated by Stephen T. Johnson
- *Yellow Elephant: a Bright Bestiary* by Julie Larios; illustrated by Julie Paschkis

2007 Children's Poetry Nominees

- (Winner) *Hotel Deep: Light Verse from Dark Water* by Kurt Cyrus
- *A Maze Me: Poems for Girls* by Naomi Shihab Nye; illustrated by Terre Maher
- *Days to Celebrate: A Full Year of Poetry, People, Holidays, History, Fascinating Facts and More* by Lee Bennett Hopkins
- *A Family of Poems: My Favorite Poetry for Children* selected by Caroline Kennedy; paintings by Jon J. Muth
- *Heroes and She-Roes: Poems of Amazing and Everyday Heroes* by J. Patrick Lewis; illustrated by Jim Cooke
- *A Kick in the Head: An Everyday Guide to Poetic Forms* by Paul B. Janeczko; illustrated by Chris Raschka
- *The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere* by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow; illustrated by Christopher Bing
- *Science Verse* by John Scieszka; illustrated by Lane Smith
- *Song of the Water Boatman and Other Poems* by Joyce Kilmer; illustrated by Beckie Prange
- *Zoo's Who* poems and paintings by Douglas Florian

2006 Children's Poetry Nominees

- (Winner) *Rolling in the Aisles: a Collection of Laugh-out-loud Poems* by Bruce Lansky; illustrated by Stephen Carpenter
- *Because I Could Not Stop My Bike and Other Poems* by Karen Jo Shapiro ; illustrated by Matt Faulkner
- *BrainJuice: Science Fresh Squeezed!* by Carol Diggory Shields; illustrated by Richard Thompson
- *The Essential Worldwide Monster Guide* by Linda Ashman; illustrated by David Small
- *Jabberwocky* by Lewis Carroll; illustrated by Joel Stewart
- *My School's a Zoo!* by Stu Smith; illustrated by David Catrow
- *Rainbow Soup: Adventures in Poetry* by Brian P. Cleary; illustrated by Neal Layton
- *She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain* by Philemon Sturges
- *Squeal and Squawk: Barnyard Talk* by Susan Pearson; illustrated by David Slonim
- *A Sock is a Pocket for Your Toes: a Pocket Book* by Elizabeth Garton Scanlon; illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser
- *Tai Chi Morning: Snapshots of China* by Nikki Grimes; illustrated by Ed Young
- *Wild Wings: Poems for Young People* by Jane Yolen; photography by Jason Stemple

2005 Children's Poetry Nominees

- (Winner) *Giant Children* by Brod Bagert ; illustrated by Tedd Arnold
- *Dear Mother, Dear Daughter: Poems for Young People* by Jane Yolen and Heidi E. Y. Stemple; illustrated by Gil Ashby
- *Exploding Gravy : Poems to Make You Laugh* by X.J. Kennedy ; illustrated by Joy Allen
- *In the Spin of Things: Poetry of Motion* by Rebecca Kai Dotlich ; illustrated by Karen Dugan
- *Locomotion* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Plum* by Tony Mitton
- *Spider and the Fly* by Mary Howitt; illustrated by Tony DiTerlizzi
- *This is the House That Jack Built* by Simms Taback
- *Whisper and Shout: Poems to Memorize* by Patrice Vecchione

2004 Children's Poetry Nominees

- (Winner) *The Moon & Riddles Diner and the Sunnyside Cafe* by Nancy Willard; illustrated by Chris Butler
- *100 Best Poems of All Time* by Leslie Pockell
- *Cool Melons-Turn to Frogs!: The Life and Poems of Issa* by Matthew Gollub; illustrated by Kazuko G. Stone
- *Fly with Poetry: an ABC of Poetry* by Avis Harley
- *Monster Goose* by Judy Sierra; illustrated by Jack E. Davis
- *Silver Seeds* by Paul Paolilli and Dan Brewer; paintings by Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher
- *Wool Gathering: a Sheep Family Reunion* by Lisa Wheeler; paintings by Frank Ansley

2003 Children's Poetry Nominees

- (Winner) *Take Me Out of the Bathtub and Other Silly Dilly Songs* by Alan Katz; illustrated by David Catrow
- *It's Raining Pigs and Noodles* by Jack Prelutsky; illustrated by James Stevenson
- *The Paper Doorway: Funny Verse and Nothing Worse* by Dean Koontz
- *A Poke in the I: a Collection of Concrete Poems* edited by Paul B. Janeczko; illustrated by Chris Raschka

2002 Children's Poetry Nominees

- (Winner) *Insectlopedia poems and paintings* by Douglas Florian
- *A Lucky Thing* by Alice Schertle
- *The Disappearing Alphabet* by Richard Willbur; David Diaz
- *Stone Bench in an Empty Park* by Paul Janeczko; illustrated by Henri Silberman
- *What Have You Lost?* by Naomi Shihab Nye