

Informational Books

1986-2023

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 subject matter. We encourage parents to read and discuss these books with their children.

2023 Informational Nominees

- *Black Heroes of the Wild West* by James Otis Smith
- *The Boy Whose Head Was Filled with Stars: A Life of Edwin Hubble* by Isabelle Marinov, illustrated by Deborah Marcero
- *Drop: An Adventure through the Water Cycle* by Emily Kate Moon
- *The Floating Field: How a Group of Thai Boys Built Their Own Soccer Field* by Scott Riley, illustrated by Nguyen Quang, and Kim Lien
- *History Smashers: Pearl Harbor* by Kate Messner, illustrated by Dylan Meconis
- *Nicky & Vera: A Quiet Hero of the Holocaust and the Children He Rescued* by Peter Sis
- *The Screaming Hairy Armadillo and 76 Other Animals with Weird, Wild Names* by Matthew Murrie & Steve Murrie, illustrated by Julie Benbassat
- *So You Want to be an Owl* by Jane Porter, illustrated by Maddie Frost
- *Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre* by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Floyd Cooper
- *Your Place in the Universe* by Jason Chin

2022 Informational Nominees

- *Cubs in the Tub: The True Story of the Bronx Zoo's First Woman Zookeeper* by Candace Fleming, illustrated by Julie Downing
- *Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreno Played the Piano for President Lincoln* by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Rafael López
- *Facts vs. Opinions vs. Robots* by Michael Rex
- *Flight for Freedom: The Wetzel Family's Daring Escape from East Germany* by Kristen Fulton, illustrated by Torben Kulhmann
- *Hey, Water!* by Antoinette Portis
- *The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read* by Rita L. Hubbard, illustrated by Oge Mora
- *Packs: Strength in Numbers* by Hannah Salyer
- *Pluto Gets the Call* by Adam Rex, illustrated by Laurie Keller

- *Reaching for the Moon: The Autobiography of Katherine Johnson* by Katherine G. Johnson
- *Soldier for Equality: José de la Luz Sáenz and the Great War* by Duncan Tonatiuh

2021 Informational Nominees

- *Borrowing Bunnies: A Surprising True Tale of Fostering Rabbits* by Cynthia Lord, illustrated by Hazel Mitchell
- *Crayon Man: The True Story of the Invention of Crayola Crayons* by Natascha Biebow, illustrated by Steven Salerno
- *Flower Talk: How Plants Use Color to Communicate* by Sara Levine, illustrated by Masha D'yans
- *I'm Trying to Love Math* by Bethany Barton
- *Just Ask: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You* by Sonia Sotomayor, illustrated by Rafael Lopez
- *Just Like Beverly: A Biography of Beverly Cleary* by Vicki Conrad, illustrated by David Hohn
- *Volcano Dreams: A Story of Yellowstone* by Janet S. Fox, illustrated by Marlo Garnsworthy
- *Wait, Rest, Pause: Dormancy in Nature* by Marcie Flinchum Atkins
- *When Sparks Fly: The True Story of Robert Goddard, the Father of US Rocketry* by Kristen Fulton, illustrated by Diego Funck
- *The Wonders of Nature* by Ben Hoare, illustrated by Angela Rizza

2020 Informational Nominees

- *Earth! My First 4.54 Billion Years* by Stacy McAnulty, illustrated by David Litchfield
- *The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler* by John Hendrix
- *Flying Colors: A Guide to Flags From Around the World* by Robert Fresson
- *Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor: The Woman Who Loved Reptiles* by Patricia Valdez, illustrated by Felicita Sala
- *Lovely Beasts: The Surprising Truth* by Kate Gardner, illustrated by Heidi Smith
- *Malala's Magic Pencil* by Malala Yousafzai, illustrated by Kerascoët
- *Not So Different: What You Really Want to Ask About Having a Disability* by Shane Burcaw, photographs by Matt Carr
- *Otis and Will Discover the Deep: The Record-Setting Dive of the Bathysphere* by Barb Rosenstock, illustrated by Katherine Roy
- *Saving Fiona: The Story of the World's Most Famous Baby Hippo* by Thane Maynard
- *Sergeant Reckless: The True Story of the Little Horse Who Became a Hero* by Patricia McCormick, illustrated by Iacopo Bruno

2019 Informational Nominees

- *Beauty and the Beak: How Science, Technology, and a 3D Printed Beak Rescued a Bald Eagle* by Deborah Lee Rose & Jane Veltkamp
- *Give the Bees a Chance* by Bethany Barton
- *Kid From Diamond Street: The Extraordinary Story of Baseball Legend Edith Houghton* by Audrey Vernick, illustrated by Steven Salerno
- *Moto and Me: My Year as a Wildcat's Foster Mother* by Suzi Eszterhas
- *Pedal Power: How One Community Became the Bicycle Capital of the World* by Allan Drummond
- *Pocket Full of Colors: The Magical World of Mary Blair, Disney Artist Extraordinaire* by Amy Guglielmo & Jacqueline Tourville, illustrated by Brigette Barrager
- *Ruth Bader Ginsburg: The Case of R.G.B. vs. Inequality* by Jonah Winter, illustrated by Stacy Innerst
- *Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist* by Jess Keating, illustrated by Marta Alvarez Miguéns
- *Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille* by Jen Bryant, illustrated by Boris Kulikov
- *Step Right Up: How Doc and Jim Key Taught the World About Kindness* by Donna Janell Bowman, illustrated by Daniel Minter

2018 Informational Nominees

- *Ada's Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay* by Susan Hood, illustrated by Sally Wern Comport
- *Anything But Ordinary Addie: The True Story of Adelaide Herrmann, Queen of Magic* by Mara Rockliff, illustrated by Iacopo Bruno
- *Bubonic Panic: When Plague Invaded America* by Gail Jarrow
- *I Am NOT a Dinosaur!* by The American Museum of Natural History & Will Lach, illustrated by Jonny Lambert
- *Masters of Disguise: Amazing Animal Tricksters* by Rebecca L. Johnson
- *Pink is for Blobfish: Discovering the World's Perfectly Pink Animals* by Jess Keating, illustrated by David DeGrand
- *The Secret Subway* by Shana Corey, illustrated by Red Nose Studio
- *The Slowest Book Ever* by April Pulley Sayre, illustrated by Kelly Murphy
- *Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March* by Lynda Blackmon Lowery, illustrated by PJ Loughran
- *Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions* by Chris Barton, illustrated by Don Tate

2017 Informational Nominees

- *The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club* by Phillip Hoose
- *Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah* by Laurie Ann Thompson, illustrated by Sean Qualls
- *Gordon Parks: How the Photographer Captured Black and White America* by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Jamey Christoph
- *Hippos Are Huge!* by Jonathon London, illustrated by Matthew Trueman
- *The House That Jane Built: A Story About Jane Addams* by Tanya Lee Stone, illustrated by Kathryn Brown
- *If: A Mind-Bending New Way of Looking at Big Ideas and Numbers* by David J. Smith, illustrated by Steve Adams
- *I'm Trying to Love Spiders* by Bethany Barton
- *Mesmerized: How Ben Franklin Solved a Mystery that Baffled all of France* by Mara Rockliff, illustrated by Iacopo Bruno
- *Winnie: The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh* by Sally M. Walker, illustrated by Jonathon D. Voss
- *Winter Bees & Other Poems of the Cold* by Joyce Sidman, illustrated by Rick Allen

2016 Informational Nominees

- *Bone By Bone: Comparing Animal Skeletons* by Sara C. Levine, illustrated by T.S. Spookytooth
- *Eruption! Volcanoes and the Science of Saving Lives* by Elizabeth Rusch, photographs by Tom Uhlman
- *Fighting Fire! Ten of the Deadliest Fires in American History and How We Fought Them* by Michael L. Cooper
- *Hot Dog! Eleanor Roosevelt Throws a Picnic* by Leslie Kimmelman, illustrated by Victor Juhasz
- *How Big Were Dinosaurs?* by Lita Judge
- *Imprisoned: The Betrayal of Japanese Americans During World War II* by Martin W. Sandler
- *Millions, Billions & Trillions: Understanding Big Numbers* by David A. Adler, illustrated by Edward Miller
- *Mr. Ferris and His Wheel* by Kathryn Gibbs Davis, illustrated by Gilbert Ford
- *Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation* by Duncan Tonatiuh
- *Tiny Creatures: The World of Microbes* by Nicola Davies, illustrated by Emily Sutton

2015 Informational Nominees

- *Barbed Wire Baseball* by Marissa Moss, illustrated by Yuko Shimizu
- *Becoming Babe Ruth* by Matt Tavares
- *The Beetle Book* by Steve Jenkins
- *The Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible on Schindler's List* by Leon Leyson with Marilyn J. Harran & Elizabeth B. Leyson
- *The Camping Trip That Changed America: Theodore Roosevelt, John Muir and Our National Parks* by Barb Rosenstock, illustrated by Mordicai Gerstein
- *Island: A Story of the Galapagos* by Jason Chin
- *Lincoln's Grave Robbers* by Steve Sheinkin
- *Nelson Mandela* by Kadir Nelson
- *Timeless Thomas: How Thomas Edison Changed Our Lives* by Gene Barretta
- *Who Says Women Can't be Doctors? The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell* by Tanya Lee Stone, illustrated by Marjorie Priceman

2014 Informational Nominees

- *America Is Under Attack: September 11th, 2001: The Day the Towers Fell* by Don Brown
- *Balloons Over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of the Macy's Parade* by Melissa Sweet
- *Barnum's Bones: How Barnum Brown Discovered the Most Famous Dinosaur in the World* by Tracy Fern, illustrated by Boris Kulikov
- *Billy the Boy Wonder: The Secret Co-Creator of Batman* by Marc Tyler Nobleman, illustrated by Ty Templeton
- *Bomb: The Race to Build – and Steal – the World's Most Dangerous Weapon* by Steve Sheinkin
- *Harry Houdini: The Legend of the World's Greatest Escape Artist* by Janice Weaver, illustrated by Chris Lane
- *Invincible Microbe: Tuberculosis and the Never-Ending Search for a Cure* by Jim Murphy & Alison Blank
- *It's a Dog's Life: How Man's Best Friend Sees, Hears, and Smells the World* by Susan E. Goodman, illustrated by David Slonim
- *Just a Second* by Steve Jenkins
- *North: The Amazing Story of Arctic Migration* by Nick Dowson, illustrated by Patrick Benson

2013 Informational Nominees

- *Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart* by Candace Fleming
- *Arlington: The Story of Our Nation's Cemetery* by Chris Demarest
- *The Bat Scientists* by Mary Kay Carson, photographs by Tom Uhlman
- *A Butterfly is Patient* by Dianna Hutts Aston, illustrated by Sylvia Long
- *Charles Dickens and the Street Children of London* by Andrea Warren
- *For the Love of Music: The Remarkable Story of Maria Anna Mozart* by Elizabeth Rusch, paintings by Steve Johnson & Lou Fancher
- *Just Being Audrey* by Margaret Cardillo, illustrated by Julia Denos
- *Lafayette and the American Revolution* by Russell Freedman
- *Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum* by Meghan McCarthy
- *Tom Thumb: The Remarkable True Story of a Man in Miniature* by George Sullivan

2012 Informational Nominees

- *Animals Up Close* by Igor Siwanowicz
- *Bones* by Steve Jenkins
- *Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift's "Chocolate Pilot"* by Michael O. Tunnell
- *Case Closed? Nine Mysteries Unlocked by Modern Science* by Susan Hughes, illustrated by Michael Wandelmaier
- *The Extraordinary Mark Twain (According to Susy)* by Barbara Kerley, illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham
- *The Great and Only Barnum: The Tremendous, Stupendous Life of Showman P.T. Barnum* by Candace Fleming, illustrated by Ray Fenwick
- *Neo Leo: The Ageless Ideas of Leonardo da Vinci* by Gene Barretta
- *Nic Bishop Lizards* by Nic Bishop
- *The War to End All Wars: World War I* by Russell Freedman
- *Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland* by Sally M. Walker

2011 Informational Nominees

- *14 Cows for America* by Carmen Agra Deedy, illustrated by Thomas Gonzalez
- *Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream* by Tanya Lee Stone
- *The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth* by Kathleen Krull, illustrated by Greg Couch
- *Darwin* by Alice McGinty, illustrated by Mary Azarian
- *Down, Down, Down: A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea* by Steve Jenkins
- *Frogs* by Nic Bishop

- *George Washington Carver* by Tonya Bolden
- *A Life in the Wild: George Schaller's Struggle to Save the Last Great Beasts* by Pamela S. Turner
- *Mermaid Queen: the Spectacular True Story of Annette Kellerman, Who Swam Her Way to Fame, Fortune & Swimsuit History* by Shana Corey, illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham
- *You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?!* by Jonah Winter, illustrated by Andre Carriho

2010 Informational Nominees

- *11 Planets: A New View of the Solar System* by David A. Aguilar
- *Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman* by Marc Tyler Nobleman, illustrated by Ross MacDonald
- *How Big Is It? A Big Book All About Bigness* by Ben Hillman
- *Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau* by Jennifer Berne, illustrated by Eric Puybaret
- *Spiders* by Nic Bishop
- *Seven Miles to Freedom: the Robert Smalls Story* by Janet Halfmann, illustrated by Duane Smith
- *Sisters & Brothers: Sibling Relationships in the Animal World* by Steve Jenkins & Robin Page
- *Two Bobbies: a True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival* by Kirby Larson & Mary Nethery, illustrated by Jean Cassels
- *We Are the Ship: the Story of Negro League Baseball* by Kadir Nelson
- *What to Do About Alice? How Alice Roosevelt Broke the Rules, Charmed the World, and Drove Her Father Teddy Crazy!* by Barbara Kerley, illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham

2009 Informational Nominees

- *The Dangerous Book for Boys* by Conn Iggulden & Hal Iggulden
- *Dogs and Cats* by Steve Jenkins
- *Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott* by Russell Freedman
- *It's a Butterfly's Life* by Irene Kelly
- *John Muir: America's First Environmentalist* by Kathryn Lasky, illustrated by Stan Fellows
- *Oh Rats! The Story of Rats and People* by Albert Marrin, illustrated by C.B. Mordan
- *Onward: The Photobiography of African-American Polar Explorer Matthew Henson* by Dolores Johnson
- *Quest for the Tree Kangaroo: an Expedition to the Cloud Forest of New Guinea* by Sy Montgomery, photographs by Nic Bishop
- *To Dance: a Ballerina's Graphic Novel* by Siena Cherson Siegel, illustrated by Mark Siegel
- *The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain* by Peter Sis

2008 Informational Nominees

- *Children of the Great Depression* by Russell Freedman
- *An Egg is Quiet* by Dianna Hutts Aston, illustrated by Sylvia Long
- *Now & Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin* by Gene Barretta
- *Pig Scientists: Bold Self-Experiments in Science and Medicine* by Mel Boring & Leslie Dendy, illustrated by C.B. Mordan
- *Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon* by Catherine Thimmesh
- *ER Vets: Life in an Animal Emergency Room* by Donna M. Jackson
- *Bodies from the Ash: Life and Death in Ancient Pompeii* by James M. Deem
- *Counting Coup: Becoming a Crow Chief on the Reservation and Beyond* by Joseph Medicine Crow & Herman Viola
- *Secrets of a Civil War Submarine: Solving the Mysteries of the H.L. Hunley* by Sally M. Walker
- *What If You Met a Pirate?* by Jan Adkins

2007 Informational Nominees

- *Antarctica: Journey to the South Pole* by Walter Dean Myers
- *George vs. George: The American Revolution as Seen from Both Sides* by Rosalyn Schanzer
- *Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth* by James Cross Giblin
- *The Journey that Saved Curious George: the True Wartime Escape of Margaret and H.A. Rey* by Louise Borden, illustrated by Allan Drummond
- *Life-Size Dinosaurs* by David Bergen
- *My Librarian is a Camel: How Books are Brought to Children around the World* by Margriet Ruurs
- *Photo By Brady: a Picture of the Civil War* by Jennifer Armstrong
- *Remember D-Day: The Plan, the Invasion, Survivor Stories* by Ronald Drez
- *Sequoya: the Cherokee Man Who Gave His People Writing* by James Rumford
- *Sixteen Years in Sixteen Seconds: the Sammy Lee Story* by Paula Yoo, illustrated by Dom Lee
- *The Tarantula Scientist* by Sy Montgomery, photographs by Nic Bishop
- *Wonderful Houses Around the World* by Yoshio Komatsu, illustrated by Akira Nishiyama & Naoko Amemiya

2006 Informational Nominees

- *Actual Size* by Steve Jenkins
- *Arctic Lights, Arctic Nights* by Debbie S. Miller, illustrated by Jon Van Zyle
- *The Boy on Fairfield Street: How Ted Geisel Grew Up to Become Dr. Seuss* by Kathleen Krull, illustrated by Steve Johnson & Lou Fancher
- *By My Brother's Side* by Tiki Barber, Ronde Barber, illustrated by Barry Root
- *Hana's Suitcase* by Karen Levine
- *The Man Who Went to the Far Side of the Moon: the Story of Apollo 11 Astronaut Michael Collins* by Bea Uusma Schyffert
- *On This Spot: an Expedition Back Through Time* by Susan E. Goodman, illustrated by Lee Christiansen
- *One Small Place in a Tree* by Barbara Brenner, illustrated by Tom Leonard
- *Seurat and La Grande Jatte: Connecting the Dots* by Robert Burleigh
- *What Presidents are Made Of* by Hanoch Piven

2005 Informational Nominees

- *A is for Arches: A Utah Alphabet* by Becky Hall, illustrated by Katherine Larson
- *Fields of Fury: the American Civil War* by James M. McPherson
- *Hero Dogs: Courageous Canines in Action* by Donna M. Jackson
- *How Angel Peterson Got His Name* by Gary Paulsen
- *Ladybugs: Red, Fiery and Bright* by Mia Posada
- *Muhammad* by Demi
- *New Dinos: The Latest Finds! The Coolest Dinosaur Discoveries!* by Shelly Tanaka, illustrated by Alan Barnard
- *Pond* by Gordon Morrison
- *Secrets of the Deep Revealed* by Frances Dipper
- *To the Top: the Story of Everest* by Stephen Venables

2004 Informational Nominees

- *Abraham Lincoln* by Amy L. Cohn & Suzy Schmidt, pictures by David A. Johnson
- *The Cod's Tale* by Mark Kurlansky, illustrated by S.D. Schindler
- *The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins* by Barbara Kerley, illustrated by Brian Selznick
- *The Emperor's Silent Army: Terracotta Warriors of Ancient China* by Jane O'Connor
- *Fannie in the Kitchen* by Deborah Hopkinson, illustrated by Nancy Carpenter
- *Leonardo's Horse* by Jean Fritz, illustrated by Hudson Talbott

- *Mercedes and the Chocolate Pilot* by Margot Theis Raven, illustrated by Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen
- *Sharkabet* by Ray Troll and the American Museum of Natural History
- *Chocolate: Riches from the Rainforest* by Robert Burleigh
- *Encantado: Pink Dolphin of the Amazon* by Sy Montgomery, photographs by Dianne Taylor-Snow

2003 Informational Nominees

- *Food Rules! The Stuff You Munch, It's Crunch, Its Punch, and Why You Sometimes Lose Your Lunch* by Bill Haduch, illustrated by Rick Stromski
- *Give Me Liberty! The Story of the Declaration of Independence* by Russell Freedman
- *The Good Fight: How World War II Was Won* by Stephen E. Ambrose
- *Hidden Worlds: Looking Through a Scientist's Microscope* by Stephen Kramer, photographs by Dennis Kunkel
- *Hmm? The Most Interesting Book You'll Ever Read About Memory* by Diane Swanson, illustrated by Rose Cowles
- *Michelangelo* by Diane Stanley
- *Shipwrecked! The True Adventures of a Japanese Boy* by Rhoda Blumberg
- *Tiger Math: Learning to Graph from a Baby Tiger* by Ann Whitehead Nagda & Cindy Bickel
- *Tomboy of the Air: Daredevil Pilot Blanche Stuart Scott* by Julie Cummins
- *What Can You Do with a Paper Bag?* by Judith Cressy, Maria Quiroga, Christine Butler, Edward Heins, & the Metropolitan Museum of Art

2002 Informational Nominees

- *After the Spill: the Exxon Valdez Disaster, Then & Now* by Sandra Markle
- *The Amazing Life of Benjamin Franklin* by James Giblin, illustrated by Michael Dooling
- *The Genius of Leonardo* by Guido Visconti, illustrated by Bimba Landmann
- *Liberty* by Lynn Curlee
- *The Mystery of the Mammoth Bones and How It Was Solved* by James Giblin
- *The Perilous Journey of the Donner Party* by Marian Calabro
- *The Snake Scientist* by Sy Montgomery, photographs by Nic Bishop
- *The Story of the Incredible Orchestra: an Introduction to the Musical Instruments and the Symphony Orchestra* by Bruce Koscielniak
- *The Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest* by Steve Jenkins
- *You Forgot Your Skirt, Amelia Bloomer* by Shana Corey, illustrated by Chelsey McLaren

2001 Informational Nominees

- *Exploding Ants: Amazing Facts About How Animals Adapt* by Joanne Settel
- *Gargoyle on the Roof* by Jack Prelutsky, illustrated by Peter Sis
- *The History of Counting* by Denise Schmandt-Besserat, illustrated by Michael Hays
- *If You Hopped Like a Frog* by David Schwartz, illustrated by James Warhola
- *Rimshots: Basketball Pix, Rolls, and Rhythm* by Charles R. Smith
- *Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: the Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance* by Jennifer Armstrong
- *To Everything There is a Season* by Leo & Diane Dillon
- *Turn of the Century* by Ellen Jackson, illustrated by Jan Davey Ellis
- *What You Never Knew about Fingers, Forks, and Chopsticks* by Patricia Lauber, illustrated by John Manders
- *William Shakespeare & the Globe* by Aliki

2000 Informational Nominees

- *A Drop of Water: a Book of Science and Wonder* by Walker Wick
- *An Extraordinary Life: the Story of a Monarch Butterfly* by Laurence Pringle, paintings by Bob Marstall
- *Animal Senses: How Animals See, Hear, Taste, Smell and Feel* by Pamela Hickman, illustrated by Pat Stephens
- *The Brain: Our Nervous System* by Seymour Simon
- *Celtic Myths* by Sam McBratney
- *Crime Science: How Investigators Use Science to Track Down the Bad Guys* by Vivien Bowers, illustrated by Martha Newbigging
- *Lives of the Presidents: Fame, Shame (and What the Neighbors Thought)* by Kathleen Krull, illustrated by Kathryn Hewitt
- *National Geographic World Atlas for Young Explorers* by National Geographic Society
- *Special Effects: In Film and Television* by Jake Hamilton
- *A World of Faith* by Peggy Fletcher Stack, illustrated by Kathleen B. Peterson

1999 Informational Nominees

- *Anastasia's Album* by Hugh Brewster
- *Dinosaur Ghosts: The Mystery of Coelophysis* by J. Lynett Gillette, pictures by Douglas Henderson
- *The Honey Makers* by Gail Gibbons
- *Life and Times of the Peanut* by Charles Micucci

- *Lives of the Athletes: Thrills, Spills (and What the Neighbors Thought)* by Kathleen Krull, illustrated by Kathryn Hewitt
- *The Most Beautiful Roof in the World: Exploring the Rainforest Canopy* by Kathryn Lasky
- *Out of Darkness: the Story of Louis Braille* by Russell Freedman, illustrated by Kate Kiesler
- *Passage to Freedom: the Sugihara Story* by Ken Mochizuki, illustrated by Dom Lee
- *The Secrets of Animal Flight* by Nic Bishop
- *Sidewalk Games Around the World* by Arlene Erlbach

1998 Informational Nominees

- *The Bone Detectives: How Forensic Anthropologists Solve Crimes and Uncover Mysteries of the Dead* by Donna M. Jackson, photographs by Charlie Fellenbaum
- *Children Just Like Me: In Association with UNICEF* by Barnabas & Anabel Kindersley
- *Children of China: an Artist's Journey* by Song Nan Zhang
- *The Children of Topaz: the Story of a Japanese-American Internment Camp: Based on a Classroom Diary* by Michael O. Tunnell and George W. Chilcoat
- *Color* by Ruth Heller
- *Daily Life in a Covered Wagon* by Paul A. Erickson
- *Immigrants (Library of Congress)* by Martin W. Sandler
- *It's a Spoon, Not a Shovel* by Carolyn Buehner, illustrated by Mark Buehner
- *Native Artists of North America (Rainbow Warrior Artists)* by Reavis Moore
- *This Is The Place! A Crossroads of Utah's Past* by Pat & Will Bagley

1997 Informational Nominees

- *Adventure in Space: the Flight to Fix the Hubble* by Elaine Scott
- *Ancient Ones: the World of the Old-Growth Douglas Fir* by Barbara Bash
- *The Dragons are Singing Tonight* by Jack Prelutsky, illustrated by Peter Sis
- *Kids at Work: Lewis Hine and the Crusade Against Child Labor* by Russell Freedman; photographs by Lewis Hine
- *Never Take a Pig to Lunch: and Other Poems About the Fun of Eating* by Nadine Bernard Westcott
- *A Pioneer Sampler: the Daily Life of a Pioneer Family in 1840* by Barbara Greenwood
- *The Story of Ruby Bridges* by Robert Coles, illustrated by George Ford
- *Tutankhamen's Gift* by Robert Sabuda
- *What Does the Crow Know? The Mysteries of Animal Intelligence* by Margery Facklam, illustrated by Pamela Johnson

- *The Young Author's Do-It-Yourself Book How to Write, Illustrate and Produce Your Own Book* by Donna Guthrie, Nancy Bentley and Katy Arnsteen

1996 Informational Nominees

- *Incredible Edible Science* by Tina L. Seelig, illustrated by Lynn Brunelle
- *The Librarian Who Measured the Earth* by Kathryn Lasky, illustrated by Kevin Hawkes
- *Lives of the Writers: Comedies, Tragedies (and What the Neighbors Thought)* by Kathleen Krull, illustrated by Kathryn Hewitt
- *Mummies and Their Mysteries* by Charlotte Wilcox
- *Riddle-Me-Rhymes* by Myra Cohn Livingston, illustrated by Rebecca Perry
- *Rosie, a Visiting Dog's Story* by Stephanie Calmenson, photographs by Justin Sutcliffe
- *Safari Beneath the Sea: the Wonder World of the North Pacific Coast* by Diane Swanson
- *The Third Planet: Exploring the Earth from Space* by Sally Ride & Tam O'Shaughnessy
- *The Young Dancer* by Darcy Bussell in association with the Royal Ballet School

1995 Informational Nominees

- *Across America on an Emigrant Train* by Jim Murphy
- *Creatures That Glow: a Glow in the Dark Book* by Joanne Barkan
- *Eating the Plates: a Pilgrim Book of Food and Manners* by Lucille Recht Penner
- *Eleanor Roosevelt: a Life of Discovery* by Russell Freedman
- *Greek Myths* by Geraldine McCaughrean
- *Lives of the Musicians: Good Times, Bad Times (and What the Neighbors Thought)* by Kathleen Krull, illustrated by Kathryn Hewitt
- *Look What I Did With a Leaf!* by Morteza E. Sohi
- *Many Thousand Gone: African Americans from Slavery to Freedom* by Virginia Hamilton, illustrated by Leo & Diane Dillon
- *Sadako* by Eleanor Coerr, illustrated by Ed Young
- *Soap Science: a Science Book Bubbling with 36 Experiments* by J.L. Bell, illustrated by William Kimber

1994 Informational Nominees

- *Come Back, Salmon: How a Group of Dedicated Kids Adopted Pigeon Creek and Brought it Back to Life* by Molly Cone; photographs by Sidnee Wheelwright
- *Inner Chimes: Poems on Poetry* by Bobbye S. Goldstein, illustrated by Jane Breskin Zalben

- *Into the Mummy's Tomb: Real-life Discover of Tutankhamun's Treasures* by Nicholas Reeves
- *Light* by David Burnie
- *Living Dangerously: American Women Who Risked Their Lives for Adventure* by Doreen Rappaport
- *Mistakes that Worked* by Charlotte Foltz Jones, illustrated by John O'Brien
- *Prairie Visions: the Life and Times of Solomon Butcher* by Pam Conrad
- *A Separate Battle: Women and the Civil War* by Ina Chang
- *Steven Biesty's Incredible Cross Sections* by Richard Platt, illustrated by Stephen Platt
- *Where On Earth: a Geografunny Guide to the Globe* by Paul Rosenthal, illustrated by Marc Rosenthal

1993 Informational Nominees

- *Amazing Butterflies and Moths* by John Still
- *American Tall Tales* by Mary Pope Osborne, illustrated by Michael McCurdy
- *Dolphin Adventure: a True Story* by Wayne Grover; illustrated by Jim Fowler
- *Do People Grow on Family Trees? Genealogy for Kids and Other Beginners, The Official Ellis Island Handbook* by Ira Wolfman & Alex Haley, illustrated by Michael Klein
- *Escape From Slavery: Five Journeys to Freedom* by Doreen Rappaport, illustrated by Charles Lilly
- *For Laughing Out Loud: Poems to Tickle Your Funnybone* by Jack Prelutsky, illustrated by Marjorie Priceman
- *Hotshots: Baseball Greats of the Game When They Were Kids* by Susan Sloate
- *The Weather Sky* by Bruce McMillan

1992 Informational Nominees

- *Ant Colony* by Heiderose Fischer-Nagel
- *Balloon Science* by Etta Kaner
- *In Your Own Words: a Beginner's Guide to Writing* by Sylvia Cassedy
- *Radical Robots: Can You Be Replaced?* By George Harrar
- *Rescue: the Story of How Gentiles Saved Jews in the Holocaust* by Milton Meltzer
- *The Restless Earth: the Secret of Earthquakes, Volcanoes, and Continental Drift* by Francois Michel, illustrated by Yves Larvor

1991 Informational Nominees

- *Berta Benz and the Motorwagen* by Mindy Bingham, illustrated by Itoko Maeno

- *Bill Peet: An Autobiography* by Bill Peet
- *Birdwise: Forty Fun Feats for Finding Out About our Feathered Friends* by Pamela M. Hickman
- *The Do-It-Yourself Genius Kit* (4 books) by Gyles Brandreth, illustrated by Judy Brown
- *Eyewitness: Flag* by William G. Crampton
- *Still More Science Activities: 20 Exciting Experiments To Do* by Smithsonian Institution
- *Whales* by Seymour Simon

1990 Informational Nominees

- *The Big Beast Book: Dinosaurs and How They Got that Way* by Jerry Booth, illustrated by Martha Weston
- *How to Make Pop-Ups* by Joan Irvine
- *Linnea in Monet's Garden* by Christina Bjork, illustrated by Lena Anderson, translated by Joan Sandin
- *Round Buildings, Square Buildings & Buildings that Wiggle like a Fish* by Philip M. Isaacson
- *The Sun, the Wind and the Rain* by Lisa Westberg Peters, illustrated by Ted Rand
- *Super Flyers* by Neil Francis
- *The Wild Inside: Sierra Club's Guide to the Great Indoors* by Linda Allison

1989 Informational Nominees

- *African Journey* by John Chiasson
- *American Revolutionaries: a History in Their Own Words 1750-1800* by Milton Meltzer
- *Do Animals Dream* by Joyce Pope
- *Go In and Out the Window: an Illustrated Songbook for Young People* music arranged & edited by Dan Fox, commentary by Claude Marks
- *Your Amazing Senses* by Ron Van Der Meer and Atie Van Der Meer, illustrated by Keiko Motoyama

1988 Informational Nominees

- *Dinosaurs are Different* by Alike
- *Goose Family Book* by Sybille Kalas
- *How Much Is a Million?* by David Schwartz, illustrated by Steven Kellogg
- *The Great Wall of China* by Leonard Everett Fisher
- *To Space and Back* by Sally Ride and Susan Okie

1987 Informational Nominees

(There were no Nominees or Winners for this category in 1987)

1986 Informational Nominees

- *Cowboys of the Wild West* by Russell Freedman
- *Daytime Animals –As Large as Life* by Joanna Cole, illustrated by Kenneth Lilly
- *Great Painters* by Piero Ventura
- *How It Feels When Parents Divorce* by Jill Krementz
- *Koko's Kitten* by Dr. Francine Patterson, illustrated by Ronald H. Cohn
- *Puppeteer* by Kathryn Lasky
- *Sailing Ships* by Alan P. McGowan, illustrated by Borje Svensson
- *Saturn* by Seymour Simon
- *Saving the Peregrine Falcon* by Caroline Arnold
- *The Secret Language of Snow* by Terry Tempest Williams
- *Work Works: Why the Alphabet is a Kid's Best Friend* by Cathryn Berger Kaye, illustrated by Martha Weston