Children's Choices for 2009

GRADES K–2


DON'T WORRY BEAR. Greg Foley. Viking.


DR. MEOW'S BIG EMERGENCY. Sam Lloyd. Henry Holt.


I'M THE BEST ARTIST IN THE OCEAN. Kevin Sherry. Dial.


A KITTEN TALE. Eric Rohmann. RHCB/Alfred A. Knopf.

MAYBE A BEAR ATE IT. Robie H. Harris. Michael Emberley, Ill. Orchard.

NO HUGS TILL SATURDAY. Julie Downing. Clarion.

*THE PIGEON WANTS A PUDDY. Mo Willems. Disney.

PRINCESS BABY. Karen Katz. RHCB/Schwartz & Wade.


*SORT IT OUT. Barbara Mariconda. Sherry Rogers, Ill. Sylvan Dell.


‘TWAS THE DAY BEFORE ZOO DAY. Catherine Ipcizade. Ben Hodson, Ill. Sylvan Dell.

TWELVE TERRIBLE THINGS. Marty Kelley. Tricycle Press.

TWENTY-SIX PRINCESSES. Dave Horowitz. G.P. Putnam’s Sons.

THE WAY BACK HOME. Oliver Jeffers. Philomel.


YOU CAN'T GO TO SCHOOL NAKED! Dianne Billstrom. Don Kilpatrick III, Ill. G.P. Putnam’s Sons.

GRADES 3–4


THE BIG LITTLE BOOK OF HAPPY SADNESS. Colin Thompson. Kane/Miller.

BOYS OF STEEL. Marc Tyler Nobleman. RHCB/Alfred A. Knopf.

CAR SCIENCE. Richard Hammond. DK Publishing.

DR. FRANKENSTEIN'S HUMAN BODY. Richard Walker. DK Publishing.

EASY EARTH-FRIENDLY CRAFTS IN 5 STEPS. Anna Llimós. Enslow Elementary.


HOW STRONG IS IT? Ben Hillman. Scholastic Reference.

HOW TO SPEAK CAT. Sarah Whitehead. Scholastic Reference.

HOW TO SPEAK DOG. Sarah Whitehead. Scholastic Reference.


*ONE MILLION THINGS. Peter Chrisp. DK Publishing.

PARARESCUEMEN IN ACTION. Michael Sandler. Kane/Miller.


SOUTHERN SEA OTTERS. Jeanette Leardi. Bearport.

*SPOOKY CEMETORIES. Dinah Williams. Bearport.


GRADES 5–6

*100 MOST DANGEROUS THINGS ON THE PLANET. Anna Claybourne. Scholastic Reference.

39 CLUES. Rick Riordan. Scholastic Press.

*AMULET. Kazu Kibuishi. Graphix.

AS IF BEING 12¾ IS BAD ENOUGH, MY OTHER IS RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT! Donna Gephart. RHC/Belacorte.


*THE BIG FIELD. Mike Lupica. Philomel.

BRONTE’S BOOK CLUB. Kristiana Gregory. Holiday House.


GODS OF MANHATTAN. Scott Mebus. Dutton.

IT’S ONLY TEMPORARY. Sally Warner. Viking.

JIMMY’S STARS. Mary Ann Rodman. Farrar, Straus, and Giroux.

THE MAGICIAN. Michael Scott. RHC/Belacorte.


MY ONE HUNDRED ADVENTURES. Polly Horvath. RHC/Schwartz & Wade.


PEELED. Joan Bauer. G.P. Putnam’s Sons.

PIGLING. Dan Jolley. Anne Timmons, Ill. Lerner.


SIR FARTSALOT HUNTS THE BOOGER. Kevin Bolger. Razorbill.

STOLEN CHILDREN. Peg Kahret. Dutton.

*SWORDS. Ben Boos. Candlewick Press.

*THIRTEEN. Lauren Myracle. Dutton.

A THOUSAND NEVER EVERS. RHC/Belacorte.


ZORGAMAZOO. Robert Paul Weston. Razorbill.

*Books that received the highest Children’s Choices Team votes

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