Children’s Choices for 2006

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**GRADES K–2**


**BELINDA IN PARIS.** Amy Young. Viking.

**THE BIG, BLUE LUMP.** Yetti Frenkel. Snow Tree.


**CORNELIUS P. MUD, ARE YOU READY FOR BED?** Barney Saltzberg. Candlewick.


**DOUGAL THE GARBAGE DUMP BEAR.** Matt Dray. Kane/Miller.


**The First Day of Winter.** Denise Fleming. Henry Holt.


**A Grand Old Tree.** Mary Newell DePalma. Scholastic Press.

**Hot Air: The (Mostly) True Story of the First Hot-Air Balloon Ride.** Marjorie Priceman. Atheneum.


**I’m Not Afraid of This Haunted House.** Laurie Friedman. Teresa Murfin, Ill. Lerner.

**I’m a Pig.** Sarah Weeks. Holly Berry, Ill. HarperCollins.


**Little Spotted Cat.** Alyssa Satin Capucilli. Dan Andreasen, Ill. Dial.

**Lizette’s Green Sock.** Catharina Valckx. Clarion.

**Magnus at the Fire.** Jennifer Armstrong. Owen Smith, Ill. Simon & Schuster.


**Never Cry Wool! A Dog-U-Drama.** Jane Wattenberg. Scholastic Press.


**Piggy and Dad Go Fishing.** David Martin. Frank Remkiewicz, Ill. Candlewick.

**A Pippin of Pepper.** Helen Cooper. Farrar, Straus and Giroux.


**Santa Claus: The World’s Number One Toy Expert.** Marla Frazee. Harcourt.

**Sleep Tight, Little Bear.** Martin Waddell. Barbara Firth. Candlewick.

**So, What’s It Like to Be a Cat?** Karla Kuskin. Betsy Lewin. Ill. Atheneum.

**Someday Is Not a Day of the Week.** Denise Brennan-Nelson. Kevin O’Malley, Ill. Sleepy Bear.

**Space Station Mars.** Daniel San Souci. Tricycle.

**The Subway Mouse.** Barbara Reid. Scholastic Press.


**The Ugly Pumpkin.** Dave Horowitz. G.P. Putnam’s Sons.

**Walter Was Worried.** Laura Vaccaro Seeger. Roaring Brook.

**Wish You Were Here.** Holly Hobbie. Little, Brown.

**Grades 3–4**


**Army Ants.** Sandra Markle. Lerner.

**Babe Ruth.** Matt Christopher. Little, Brown.


**Chips, Chips, Small Shells of the Sea/Chips, Chips Caracolitos del Mar.** Irania Macias Patterson. Catherine Courtlandt-McElvane, Ill. CPCC Press.

**Cryobiology.** Cherie Winner. Lerner.

**Dzani Yázhí NaaZba’: Little Woman Warrior Who Came Home.** Evangeline Parsons Yazzie. Irving Toddy, Ill. Salina.


**Judy Moody Declares Independence.** Megan McDonald. Peter H. Reynolds, Ill. Candlewick.

**The Liberation of Gabriel King.** K.L. Going. G.P. Putnam’s Sons.

**Mallory vs. Max.** Laurie Friedman. Tamara Schmitz, Ill. Lerner.

**Merry Christmas to You.** Kate DiCamillo. Michael Chaplin, Ill. Candlewick.


**Morgy Coast to Coast.** Maggie Lewis. Michael Cherwoods, Ill. Houghton Mifflin.


**Police Dogs.** Frances E. Ruffin. Beaport.


**Thanksgiving Day Crafts.** Arlene and Herbert Erblath. Enslow.

**Three of Diamonds (Diamond Brother Mysteries).** Anthony Horowitz. Puffin.


**Walter, the Story of a Rat.** Barbara Wersba. Donna Diamond. Ill. Front Street.

**Grades 5–6**

**Abner & Me.** Dan Gutman. HarperCollins.

**Bone #1: Out of Boneville.** Jeff Smith. Scholastic Press.


**Clarice Bean Spells Trouble.** Lauren Child. Candlewick.


**Confessions of a Closet Catholic.** Sara Darer Littman. Dutton.


**Each Little Bird That Sings.** Deborah Wiles. Harcourt.


**High Hulain.** Brian Jacques. Philomel.


**Molly Moon’s Hypnotic Time Travel Adventure.** Georgia Byng. Mark Zug, Ill. HarperCollins.

**Princess from Another Planet.** Mindy Schanback. Holiday House.


**The Silver Spoon of Solomon Snow.** Kaye Umansky. Candlewick.


**Toad Heaven.** Morris Gleitzman. Random House.

**Wild Dogs: Past and Present.** Kelly Miller, Ill. Harcourt.


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

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