



Children's Choices for 2006

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GRADES K-2

THE BAKE SHOP GHOST. Jacqueline K. Ogburn. Marjorie Priceman, Ill. Houghton Mifflin.
BELINDA IN PARIS. Amy Young. Viking.
THE BIG, BLUE LUMP. Yetti Frenkel. Snow Tree.
BRAND-NEW PENCILS, BRAND-NEW BOOKS. Diane deGroat. HarperCollins.
THE BRAVEST OF THE BRAVE. Shutta Crum. Tim Bowers, Ill. Random House.
***CLICK, CLACK, QUACKITY-QUACK: AN ALPHABETICAL ADVENTURE.** Doreen Cronin. Betsy Lewin, Ill. Atheneum.
CORNELIUS P. MUD, ARE YOU READY FOR BED? Barney Saltzberg. Candlewick.
***DAD, ARE YOU THE TOOTH FAIRY?** Jason Alexander. Ron Spears, Ill. Orchard.
DOUGAL THE GARBAGE DUMP BEAR. Matt Drey. Kane/Miller.
EDDIE'S KINGDOM. D.B. Johnson. Houghton Mifflin.
THE FIRST DAY OF WINTER. Denise Fleming. Henry Holt.
***THE GIANT HUG.** Sandra Horning. Valeri Gorbachev, Ill. Random House.
GOOD DOG. Maya Gottfried. Robert Rahway Zakanitch, Ill. Random House.
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.
***HOW DO DINOSAURS EAT THEIR FOOD?** Jane Yolen. Mark Teague, Ill. Blue Sky.
***I'M NOT AFRAID OF THIS HAUNTED HOUSE.** Laurie Friedman. Teresa Murfin, Ill. Lerner.
***I'M A PIG.** Sarah Weeks. Holly Berry, Ill. HarperCollins.
THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD. Watty Piper. Loren Long, Ill. Philomel.
LITTLE PEA. Amy Krouse Rosenthal. Jen Corace, Ill. Chronicle.
LITTLE SPOTTED CAT. Alyssa Satin Capucilli. Dan Andreasen, Ill. Dial.
LIZETTE'S GREEN SOCK. Catharina Valckx. Clarion.
MAGNUM AT THE FIRE. Jennifer Armstrong. Owen Smith, Ill. Simon & Schuster.
MCILLYCUDDY COULD! Pamela Duncan Edwards. Sue Porter, Ill. HarperCollins.
MINNIE AND MOO: THE CASE OF THE MISSING JELLY DONUT. Denys Cazet. HarperCollins.
***MOUSE WENT OUT TO GET A SNACK.** Lyn Rossiter McFarland. Jim McFarland, Ill. Farrar, Straus and Giroux.
NEVER CRY WOOF! A DOG-UP-DRAMA. Jane Wattenberg. Scholastic Press.
NOT NORMAN: A GOLDFISH STORY. Kelly Bennett. Noah Z. Jones, Ill. Candlewick.
THE NUMBERS DANCE: A COUNTING COMEDY. Josephine Nibisso. Dasha Ziborova, Ill. Gingerbread.
OH, NO! WHERE ARE MY PANTS? AND OTHER DISASTERS. Lee Bennett Hopkins. Wolf Erlbuch, Ill. HarperCollins.
OSCAR'S HALF BIRTHDAY. Bob Graham. Candlewick.
PICASSO AND MINOU. P.I. Maltbie. Pau Estrada, Ill. Charlesbridge.
PIGGY AND DAD GO FISHING. David Martin. Frank Remkiewicz, Ill. Candlewick.
***A PIPKIN OF PEPPER.** Helen Cooper. Farrar, Straus and Giroux.
RUSSELL THE SHEEP. Rob Scotton. HarperCollins.
SANTA CLAUS: THE WORLD'S NUMBER ONE TOY EXPERT. Marla Frazee. Harcourt.
SWEEP 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. Sleeping Bear.
SPACE STATION MARS. Daniel San Souci. Tricycle.
THE SUBWAY MOUSE. Barbara Reid. Scholastic Press.
THREE ABOUT THURSTON. Susan Milord. Houghton Mifflin.
TIME FOR KIDS: SNAKES! Editors of TIME for Kids. HarperCollins.
TRACTION MAN IS HERE! Mini Grey. Random House.
TUMBLE BUNNIES. Kathryn Lasky. Marilyn Hafner, Ill. Candlewick.
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

AMELIA TO ZORA: TWENTY-SIX WOMEN WHO CHANGED THE WORLD. Cynthia Chin-Lee. Megan Halsey and Sean Aday, Ill. Charlesbridge.
ARMY ANTS. Sandra Markle. Lerner.
***BABE RUTH.** Matt Christopher. Little, Brown.

***THE BOOK OF BOYS (FOR GIRLS) AND THE BOOK OF GIRLS (FOR BOYS).** David T. Greenburg. Joy Allen, Ill. Little, Brown.
***CHIPÍ CHIPÍ, SMALL SHELLS OF THE SEA/CHIPÍ CHIPÍ CARACOLITOS DEL MAR.** Irania Macias Patterson. Catherine Courtlandt-McEvane, Ill. CPCC Press.
***CRYOBIOLOGY.** Cherie Winner. Lerner.
***DZANÍ YÁZHÍ NAAZBAA': LITTLE WOMAN WARRIOR WHO CAME HOME.** Evangeline Parsons Yazzie, Irving Toddy, Ill. Salina.
GAME DAY. Tiki and Ronde Barber, with Robert Burleigh. Barry Root, Ill. Simon & Schuster.
THE GRUESOME GUIDE TO WORLD MONSTERS. Judy Sierra. Henrik Drescher, Ill. Candlewick.
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.
MERCY WATSON TO THE RESCUE. Kate DiCamillo. Chris Van Dusen, Ill. Candlewick.
THE MISTMANTLE CHRONICLES: BOOK ONE: URCHIN OF THE RIDING STARS. M.I. McAllister. Omar Ryann, Ill. Hyperion.
MORGY COAST TO COAST. Maggie Lewis. Michael Chesworth, Ill. Houghton Mifflin.
ONCE UPON A COOL MOTORCYCLE DUDE. Kevin O'Malley. Kevin O'Malley, Carol Heyer, Scott Goto, Ill. Walker & Company.
PAINT ME A POEM: POEMS INSPIRED BY MASTERPIECES OF ART. Justine Rowden. Boyd's Mills.
POLICE DOGS. Frances E. Ruffin. Bearport.
***RUNNY BABBIT.** Shel Silverstein. HarperCollins.
***THANKSGIVING DAY CRAFTS.** Arlene and Herbert Erlbach. Enslow.
THREE OF DIAMONDS (DIAMOND BROTHER MYSTERIES). Anthony Horowitz. Puffin.
TIME FOR KIDS: JACKIE ROBINSON: STRONG INSIDE AND OUT. Editors of TIME for Kids. HarperCollins.
VERY FUNNY, ELIZABETH! Valerie Tripp. Dan Andreasen, Ill. Pleasant Company.
WALTER THE GIANT STORYTELLER'S GIANT BOOK OF GIANT STORIES. Walter M. Mayes. Kevin O'Malley, Ill. Waker & Company.
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.
CAPT. HOOK: THE ADVENTURES OF A NOTORIOUS YOUTH. J.V. Hart. Brett Helquist, Ill. HarperCollins.
CLARICE BEAN SPELLS TROUBLE. Lauren Child. Candlewick.
CLEMENCY POGUE: FAIRY KILLER. J.T. Petty. Will Davis, Ill. Simon & Schuster.
***CONFESSIONS OF A CLOSET CATHOLIC.** Sara Darer Littman. Dutton.
DALE EARNHARDT JR.: BORN TO RACE. Ken Garfield. Enslow.
EACH LITTLE BIRD THAT SINGS. Deborah Wiles. Harcourt.
EGYPTIAN DIARY: THE JOURNAL OF NAKHT. Richard Platt. David Parkins, Ill. Candlewick.
THE EMERALD WAND OF OZ. Sherwood Smith. William Stout, Ill. HarperCollins.
***HIGH RHULAIN.** Brian Jacques. Philomel.
MAY BIRD AND THE EVER AFTER: BOOK ONE. Jodi Lynn Anderson. Leonid Gore, Ill. Atheneum.
MOLLY MOON'S HYPNOTIC TIME TRAVEL ADVENTURE. Georgia Byng. Mark Zug, Ill. HarperCollins.
***PRINCESS FROM ANOTHER PLANET.** Mindy Schanback. Holiday House.
THE RANGER'S APPRENTICE: BOOK ONE: THE RUINS OF GORLAN. John Flanagan. Philomel.
THE SCARECROW AND HIS SERVANT. Philip Pullman. Peter Bailey, Ill. Random House.
SEPTIMUS HEAP: BOOK ONE: MAGYK. Angie Sage. Mark Zug, Ill. HarperCollins.
THE SILENT STRANGER: A KAYA MYSTERY. Janet Shaw. Jean-Paul Tibbles, Ill. Pleasant Company.
THE SILVER SPOON OF SOLOMON SNOW. Kaye Umansky. Candlewick.
***SPY FORCE: MISSION: IN SEARCH OF THE TIME AND SPACE MACHINE.** Deborah Abela. George O'Connor, Ill. Simon & Schuster.
TOAD HEAVEN. Morris Gleitzman. Random House.
***WILD DOGS: PAST AND PRESENT.** Kelly Milner Halls. Darby Creek.
WIZARDLOGY: THE BOOK OF THE SECRETS OF MERLIN. Dugald A. Steer. Anne Yvonne Gilbert, John Howe, Helen Ward, Tomislav Tomic, & Nghiem Ta, Ill. Candlewick.

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

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