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## Children's Choices for 2008

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### GRADES K-2

- BEST BUDS.** Maxwell Eaton III. Knopf.  
**BIG BUG SURPRISE.** Julia Gran. Scholastic Press.  
**BUNNY WISHES.** Michaela Morgan. Caroline Jayne Church, III. Chicken House.  
**CHESTER.** Mélanie Watt. Kids Can.  
**DEEP IN THE SWAMP.** Donna Bateman. Brian Lies, III. Charlesbridge.  
**DELICIOUS!** Helen Cooper. Farrar, Straus and Giroux.  
**\*DINO-DINNERS.** Mick Manning & Brita Granstrom. Holiday House.  
**DINO-HOCKEY.** Lisa Wheeler. Barry Gott, III. Lerner.  
**DUCK, DUCK, GOOSE.** Tad Hills. Schwartz & Wade.  
**\*FIVE LITTLE MONKEYS GO SHOPPING.** Eileen Christelow. Clarion.  
**FLY GUY #4: THERE WAS AN OLD LADY WHO SWALLOWED FLY GUY.** Tedd Arnold. Cartwheel Books.  
**\*FRANKIE STEIN.** Lola M. Schaefer. Kevan Atteberry, III. Marshall Cavendish.  
**GINGER BEAR.** Mini Grey. Knopf.  
**GRUMPY BIRD.** Jeremy Tankard. Scholastic Press.  
**HOW DO DINOSAURS GO TO SCHOOL?** Jane Yolen. Mark Teague, III. Blue Sky Press.  
**HOW TO BE A BABY BY ME, THE BIG SISTER.** Sally Lloyd-Jones. Sue Heap, III. Schwartz & Wade.  
**I'D REALLY LIKE TO EAT A CHILD.** Sylviane Donnio. Dorothee de Monfreid, III. Random House.  
**MILLIE WAITS FOR THE MAIL.** Alexander Steffensmeier. Bloomsbury/Walker.  
**POLAR SLUMBER.** Dennis Rockhill. Raven Tree.  
**THE PERFECT NEST.** Catherine Friend. John Manders, III. Candlewick.  
**\*THREE LITTLE FISH AND THE BIG BAD SHARK.** Ken Geist & Julia Gorton. Cartwheel.  
**\*TUCKER'S SPOOKY HALLOWEEN.** Leslie McGuirk. Candlewick.  
**TYSON THE TERRIBLE.** Diane Fox & Christyan Fox. Bloomsbury/Walker.

### GRADES 3-4

- THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN POP-UP.** Marvel. Caroline Repchuk, Ed. Candlewick.  
**ANIMALS IN THE HOUSE.** Sheila Keenan. Scholastic Nonfiction.  
**\*BABYMOUSE: CAMP BABYMOUSE.** Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm. Random House.  
**BABYMOUSE: HEARTBREAKER.** Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm. Random House.  
**\*BIG CATS.** Elaine Landau. Enslow.  
**THE BOOK CLUB KIT.** Patti Kelley Criswell. Ali Douglass, III. American Girl.  
**COULD YOU? WOULD YOU?** Trudy White. Kane/Miller.  
**DARE TO DREAM!** Carl Sommer. Jorge Martinez, Greg Budwine, Kennon James, III. Advance.  
**DINOSAURIUM.** Edited by Dorling Kindersley.  
**DINOSAURS ACROSS AMERICA.** Phil Yeh. NBM.  
**DO NOT OPEN.** John Farndon. Dorling Kindersley.  
**DOG DIARIES.** Betsy Byars, Betsy Duffey, Laurie Myers. Erik Brooks, III. Henry Holt.  
**DOGS.** Meish Goldish, III. with photographs. Bearport.  
**ENCYCLOPEDIA BROWN CRACKS THE CASE.** Donald J. Sobol. Penguin.  
**EVERY MINUTE ON EARTH.** Steve Murrie & Matthew Murrie. Mary Anne Lloyd, III. Scholastic Reference.  
**EXPLORER.** Henry Hardcastle. Dugald A. Steer, Ed. Milivoj Ceran, Alastair Graham, III. Candlewick.  
**EXTREME DINOSAURS.** Robert Mash. Stuart Martin, III. Atheneum.  
**EXTREME PETS!** Jane Harrington. Scholastic Nonfiction.  
**GOOSEBUMPS GRAPHIX 3: SCARY SUMMER.** R.L. Stine. Ted Naifeh, Dean Haspiel, Kyle Baker, III. Graphix.  
**A HORSE IN THE HOUSE AND OTHER STRANGE BUT TRUE ANIMAL STORIES.** Gail Ablow. Kathy Osborn, III. Candlewick.

- HOW BIG IS IT?** Ben Hillman. Scholastic Nonfiction.
- MEDICAL DETECTIVE DOGS.** Frances E. Ruffin. Ill. with photographs. Bearport.
- MILITARY DOGS.** Frances E. Ruffin. Ill. with photographs. Bearport.
- \*MONDAY WITH A MAD GENIUS.** Mary Pope Osborne. Sal Murdocca, Ill. Random House.
- MYTHOLOGY.** Lady Hestia Evans. Dugald A. Steer, Ed. Candlewick.
- NANCY DREW GRAPHIC NOVELS #9: GHOST IN THE MACHINERY.** Stefan Petrucha. Sho Murase, Ill. Papercutz.
- NIGHT SKY ATLAS.** Edited by Dorling Kindersley.
- OLD PENN STATION.** William Low. Henry Holt.
- THE PAINTED CIRCUS.** Wallace Edwards. Kids Can.
- RACE HORSES.** Michael Sandler. Ill. with photographs. Bearport.
- REAL-LIFE SEA MONSTERS.** Judith Jango-Cohen. Ryan Durney, Ill. Lerner.
- \*THE RICHEST POOR KID.** Carl Sommer. Jorge Martinez. Advance.
- SCHOLASTIC BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS 2008.** Jenifer Morse. Scholastic Reference.
- SEA MONSTERS: A PREHISTORIC ADVENTURE.** National Geographic Society.
- SEE WHAT YOU CAN BE.** Diane Heiman and Liz Suneby. Tracey Wood, Ill. American Girl.
- SPIKE THE REBEL!** Carl Sommer. Enrique Vignolo. Advance.
- SUMMERHOUSE TIME.** Eileen Spinelli. Joanne Lew-Vriethoff, Ill. Knopf.
- TURTLE SUMMER.** Mary Alice Monroe. Barbara Bergwerf, Photog. Sylvan Dell.
- \*WOLVES.** Duncan Searl. Ill. with photographs. Bearport.
- THE WORST NAME IN THIRD GRADE.** Debbie Dadey. Scholastic Paperbacks.
- GRADES 5–6**
- \*BEOWULF.** Paul D. Storrie. Ron Randall, Ill. Lerner.
- BLUE LIPSTICK.** John Grandits. Clarion.
- BONE #5: ROCK JAW.** Jeff Smith. Graphix.
- BONE #6: OLD MAN'S CAVE.** Jeff Smith. Graphix.
- THE BOOK OF TIME.** Guillaume Prevost. Trans. by William Rodarmor. Arthur A. Levine.
- THE CAT MASTER.** Bonnie Pemberton. Marshall Cavendish.
- CLARICE BEAN, DON'T LOOK NOW.** Lauren Child. Candlewick.
- CRACKER!** Cynthia Kadohata. Atheneum.
- CRAZY CARS.** Matt Doeden. Lerner.
- DEMONKEEPER.** Royce Buckingham. Penguin.
- DIARY OF A RENAISSANCE MAN.** John D. Evans. The Evans Poetry Collection.
- THE DOWN-TO-EARTH GUIDE TO GLOBAL WARMING.** Laurie David & Cambria Gordon. Orchard Books.
- ELI REMEMBERS.** Ruth Vander Zee and Marian Sneider. Bill Farnsworth, Ill. Eerdmans.
- \*ENCYCLOPEDIA HORRIFICA.** Joshua Gee. Scholastic.
- FEATHERS.** Jacqueline Woodson. Penguin.
- \*GHOSTS.** Stephen Krensky. Lerner.
- GIRL WONDERS.** Karen Salmansohn. Tricycle.
- HOTTEST NASCAR MACHINES.** K.C. Kelley. Enslow.
- AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH.** Al Gore. Penguin.
- THE INVENTION OF HUGO CABRET.** Brian Selznick. Scholastic Press.
- LAWN BOY.** Gary Paulsen. Wendy Lamb.
- MIDDLE SCHOOL IS WORSE THAN MEATLOAF.** Jennifer L. Holm. Elicia Castaldi, Ill. Ginee Seo Books/Atheneum.
- THE PHANTOM ISLES.** Stephen Alter. Bloomsbury/Walker.
- THE SECRET OF THE SIRENS.** Julia Golding. Marshall Cavendish.
- \*THE SHORT AND INCREDIBLY HAPPY LIFE OF RILEY.** Colin Thompson. Amy Lissiat, Ill. Kane/Miller.
- THE SPATULATTA COOKBOOK.** Isabella Gerasole & Olivia Gerasole. Scholastic Reference.
- TWELVE.** Lauren Myracle. Penguin.
- WAY DOWN DEEP.** Ruth White. Farrar, Straus and Giroux.
- \*WHEN THE SHADBUSH BLOOMS.** Carla Messinger with Susan Katz. David Kanietakeron Fadden, Ill. Tricycle.
- WILDWOOD DANCING.** Juliet Marillier. Knopf.
- YU THE GREAT.** Paul D. Storrie. Sandy Carruthers, Ill. Lerner.

**\*Books that received the highest votes**

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