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## TEACHERS' CHOICES

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### *Primary Winners*

**Ain't Nobody a Stranger to Me.** Ann Grifalconi. Jerry Pinkney, Ill. Hyperion, Jump at the Sun.

**D Is for Drinking Gourd: An African American Alphabet.** Nancy I. Sanders. E.B. Lewis, Ill. Sleeping Bear.

**Guess What Is Growing Inside This Egg.** Mia Posada. Lerner, Millbrook.

**Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad.** Ellen Levine. Kadir Nelson, Ill. Scholastic, Scholastic Press.

**How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin?** Margaret McNamara. G. Brian Karas, Ill. Random House, Schwartz & Wade.

**Library Mouse.** Daniel Kirk. Abrams.

**The Orange Shoes.** Trinka Hakes Noble. Doris Ettliger, Ill. Sleeping Bear.

**Over in the Jungle: A Rainforest Rhyme.** Marianne Berkes. Jeanette Canyon, Ill. Dawn.

**The Rainforest Grew All Around.** Susan K. Mitchell. Connie McLennan, Ill. Sylvan Dell.

**A Seed Is Sleepy.** Dianna Hutts Aston. Sylvia Long, Ill. Chronicle.

### *Intermediate Winners*

**A Friendship for Today.** Patricia C. McKissack. Scholastic, Scholastic Press.

**The Invention of Hugo Cabret.** Brian Selznick. Scholastic, Scholastic Press.

**The Mutiny on the Bounty.** Patrick O'Brien. Walker.

**Nic Bishop Spiders.** Nic Bishop. Scholastic, Scholastic Nonfiction.

**One Thousand Tracings: Healing the Wounds of World War II.** Lita Judge. Hyperion.

**A Song for Harlem.** Patricia C. McKissack. Penguin, Viking.

**Sweet Land of Liberty.** Deborah Hopkinson. Leonard Jenkins, III. Peachtree.

**This Is Just to Say: Poems of Apology and Forgiveness.** Joyce Sidman. Pamela Zagarenski, III. Houghton Mifflin.

**The Titanic: An Interactive History Adventure.** Bob Temple. Capstone.

**When Is a Planet Not a Planet? The Story of Pluto.** Elaine Scott. Clarion.

*Advanced Winners*

**The Brothers' War: Civil War Voices in Verse.** J. Patrick Lewis. National Geographic Society.

**Celeste's Harlem Renaissance.** Eleanora E. Tate. Little, Brown.

**Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam.** Cynthia Kadohata. Simon & Schuster, Atheneum.

**I Am Rembrandt's Daughter.** Lynn Cullen. Bloomsbury.

**Napoleon: The Story of the Little Corporal.** Robert Burleigh. Abrams.

**On My Journey Now: Looking at African-American History Through the Spirituals.** Nikki Giovanni. Candlewick.

**Reaching for Sun.** Tracie Vaughn Zimmer. Bloomsbury.

**Sequoyah: Inventor of Written Cherokee.** Roberta Basel. Compass Point.

**Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood.** Ibtisam Barakat. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, Melanie Kroupa Books.

**Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion.** Loree Griffin Burns. Houghton Mifflin.

An annotated version of Teachers' Choices for 2008 will appear in the November issue of *The Reading Teacher*, a publication of the International Reading Association. The booklist and annotated version are available on the Association website. For more information, write to the address below.



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