1998-1999

Winner: Cannon, Janell - Stellaluna

1st Runner-up: Van Allsburg, Chris - Polar Express 2nd Runner-up: Wood, Audrey - The Napping House

Other Nominees:

Brett, Jan - Comet's Nine Lives
Brown, Marc - Arthur's Chicken Pox
Danziger, Paula - Amber Brown is Not a Crayon
Deedy, Carmen - Library Dragon
Ehler, Lois - Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf
Gilman, Phoebe - Something From Nothing
Henkes, Kevin - Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse
Martin, Bill Jr. & John Archambault - Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
Munsch, Robert - Stephanie's Ponytail
Numeroff, Laura Joffe - If You Give a Moose a Muffin
Palatini, Margie - Piggie Pie

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Rylant, Cynthia - Henry and Mudge and the Forever Sea

Stevens, Janet - Tops and Bottoms

2000-2001

Winner: Lester, Helen - Hooway for Wodney Wat

1st Runner-up: Feiffer, Jules - Bark George

2nd Runner-up: Shannon, David - Bad Case of Stripes

Other Nominees:

Auch, Mary Jane - Easter Egg Farm

Brett, Jan - Armadillo Rodeo

Brown, Calef - Polkabats And Octopus Slacks

Carle, Eric - Hello, Red Fox Donaldson, Julia - Gruffalo

Edwards, Pamela Duncan - Dinorella: A Prehistoric Fairytale

Leedy, Loreen - Measuring Penny Munsch, Robert - Get Out Of Bed Palatini, Margie - Zoom Broom

Park, Barbara - Junie B. Jones And Her Big Fat Mouth

Stevens, Janet & Crummel, Susan Stevens - Cook-A-Doodle Doo!

Wood, Audrey - Sweet Dream Pie

2001-2002

Winner: Shannon, David - No David!

1st Runner-up: Clement, Rod - Grandpa's Teeth

2nd Runner-up: Cronin, Doreen - Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type

Other Nominees:

Andreae, Giles - Giraffes Can't Dance Bang, Molly - When Sophie Gets Angry

Brett, Jan - Ginerbread Baby

Falconer, Ian - Olivia

Fox, Mem - Harriet, You'll Drive Me Wild

Greenburg, David T. - Bugs!

Lowell, Susan - Cindy Ellen: a Wild Western Cinderella

Massie, Diane Redfield - The Baby Beebee Bird

Moss, Marissa - Amelia Hits the Road

Park, Barbara - Junie B. Jones is a Beauty Shop Guy

Wood, Audrey - Jubal's Wish

Yolen, Jane - How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?

2002-2003

Winner: Lum, Kate - What! Cried Granny: An Almost Bedtime Story

1st Runner-Up: Arnold, Tedd - Parts

2nd Runner-Up: Arnosky, Jim - Rattlesnake Dance

Other Nominees:

Ada, Alma Flor – With Love, Little Red Hen

Crimi, Carolyn – Don't Need Friends

Edwards, Pamela Duncan - Roar!: A Noisy Counting Book

George, Jean Craighead - Snow Bear

Griffin, Kitty and Combs, Kathy - Cowboy Sam and Those Confounded Secrets

Harper, Dan - Sit, Truman!

Henkes, Kevin - Wemberly Worried

Ketteman, Helen - Armadillo Tattletale

Napoli, Donna Jo - Albert

Park, Barbara - Junie B. Jones is Captain Field Day

Riley, Linnea A. – Mouse Mess

Wooldridge, Connie Nordhielm -When Esther Morris Headed West: Women, Wyoming and the Right to

Vote

2003-2004

Winner: McMullan, Kate & Jim - I Stink!

1st Runner-Up: Teague, Mark - Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School 2nd Runner-Up: Salley, Coleen - Epossumondas

Other Nominees:

Cannon, Janell - CrickWing

Carle, Eric - "Slowly, Slowly," Said the Sloth

Child, Lauren - That Pesky Rat

Howe, James - Horace And Morris but Mostly Dolores

Lemer, Harriet Goldhor - Franny B. Kranny, There's A Bird In Your Hair!

Lovell, Patty - Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon

Lowry, Lois - Gooney Bird Greene

McPhail, David - The Teddy Bear

Numeroff, Laura Joffe - If You Take a Mouse to the Movies

O'Neill, Alexis - The Recess Queen Shannon, David - Duck On a Bike

Wilson, Karma - Bear Snores On

2004-2005

Winner: Willems, Mo - Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus

1st Runner-Up: Katz, Alan - Take Me out of the Bathtub and Other Silly Dilly Songs

2nd Runner-Up: Cronin, Doreen - Diary of a Worm

Other Nominees:

Brett, Jan - On Noah's Ark

Creech, Sharon - A Fine, Fine School

Duffield, Katy - Farmer McPeepers' and His Missing Milk Cows

Fox, Mem - The Magic Hat

Haseley, Dennis - A Story for Bear

Kalman, Maira - Fireboat: the Heroic Adventures of the John J. Harvey

Long, Melinda - How I Became a Pirate

Pulver, Robin - Punctuation Takes a Vacation

Stevens, Janet - Jackalope

Thomas, Shelley Moore - Get Well, Good Knight

Williams, Sue - Dinnertime!

Yolen, Jane - How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon?

2005-2006

Winner: Kasza, Keiko - My Lucky Day

1st Runner-up: Frank, John - The Toughest Cowboy

2nd Runner-up: Cannon, Janell - Pinduli

Other Nominees:

Base, Graeme - Jungle Drums
Brett, Jan - The Umbrella
Carle, Eric - Mister Seahorse
Casanova, Mary - One Dog Canoe
Colfer, Eoin - Legend of Spud Murphy
Palatini, Margie - Moo Who?
Reiss, Mike - Late for School
Rumford, James - Nine Animals and the Well
Salley, Coleen - Why Epossumondas Has No Hair on His Tail
Scieszka, Jon - Science Verse
Shannon, David - Alice the Fairy
Wilson, Karma - Bear Wants More

2006-2007

Winner: Schachner, Judith Bryon - Skippyjon Jones in the Dog House

1st Runner-up: Palatini, Margie - The Sweet Tooth

2nd Runner-up: Beaumont, Karen - I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!

Other Nominees:

Cowley, Joy - Chameleon, Chameleon
Demi - The Hungry Coat: a Tale from Turkey
DiCamillo, Kate - Mercy Watson to the Rescue
DiPucchio, Kelly - Mrs. McBloom, Clean Up Your Classroom!
George, Kristine O'Connell - Fold Me a Poem
Henkes, Kevin - Lilly's Big Day
Leedy, Loreen - The Great Graph Contest
Numeroff, Laura Joffe - Beatrice Doesn't Want To
Rosenthal, Amy Krouse - Little Pea
Sierra, Judy - Wild About Books
Stevens, Janet - The Great Fuzz Frenzy
Willems, Mo - Leonardo the Terrible Monster

2007-2008

Winner: Bruel, Nick - Bad Kitty

1st Runner-up: Hatkoff, Isabella - Owen & Mzee : The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship 2nd Runner-up: Crummel, Susan Stevens - Ten-Gallon Bart

Other Nominees:

Asher, Sandy - Too Many Frogs!
Auch, Mary Jane - Chickerella
Bryan, Sean - A Girl and Her Gator
Drachman, Eric - Ellison the Elephant
Edwards, Wallace - Monkey Business
Fleming, Candace - Sunny Boy! : The Life and Times of a Tortoise
Hennessy, B. G. - The Boy Who Cried Wolf
Isaacs, Anne - Pancakes for Supper!
Landry, Leo - Fat Bat and Swoop
Reynolds, Aaron - Chicks and Salsa
Van Allsburg, Chris - Probuditi!
Willems, Mo - Edwina, the Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct

2008-2009

Winner: Grogan, John - Bad Dog, Marley!

1st Runner-up: Hatkoff, Isabella - Knut: How One Little Polar Bear Captivated the World 2nd Runner-up: Yarrow, Peter - Puff, the Magic Dragon

Other Nominees:

Banks, Kate - Max's Words
Beaumont, Karen - Move Over, Rover
Broach, Elise - When Dinosaurs Came With Everything
Clements, Andrew - Dogku
Grey, Mini - Traction Man is Here!
LaRochelle, David - The End
Levine, Ellen - Henry's Freedom Box
Rumford, James - Don't Touch My Hat
Sierra, Judy - Mind Your Manners, B.B. Wolf
Speck, Katie - Maybelle in the Soup
Squires, Janet - The Gingerbread Cowboy
Wheeler, Lisa - Castaway Cats

2009-2010

Winner: Kann, Victoria and Elizabeth - Pinkalicious

1st Runner-up: Jackson, Barry - Danny Diamondback

2nd Runner-up: Jeffers, Oliver - The Incredible Book Eating Boy

Other Nominees:

Becker, Bonny - A Visitor for Bear

Floca, Brian - Lightship

Frazee, Marla - A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever

Frost, Helen - Monarch and Milkweed

Hale, Bruce - Snoring Beauty

Harper, Jessica - Uh-Oh, Cleo

Henkes, Kevin - Birds

Jenkins, Emily - Skunkdog

Lies, Brian - Bats in the Library

Sauer, Tammi - Cowboy Camp

Steffensmeier, Alexander - Millie Waits for the Mail

Stevens, Janet and Susan Stevens Crummel - Help Me, Mr. Mutt!

2010-2011

Winner: Thomas, Jan - Rhyming Dust Bunnies

1st Runner-up: Demas, Corinne - Always in Trouble

2nd Runner-up: Crisp, Marty - Titanicat

Other Nominees:

Bacon, Arthur and Henry - I Hate Reading: How to Get Through 20 Minutes of Reading a Day Without

Really Reading

Cyrus, Kurt - Tadpole Rex

Fucile, Tony - Let's Do Nothing!

Gaiman, Neil - Crazy Hair

Jenkins, Steve - Never Smile at a Monkey: and 17 Other Important Things to Remember

Lewis, J. Patrick - Spot the Plot: a Riddle Book of Book Riddles

Long, Loren - Otis

Paul, Chris - Long Shot: Never Too Small to Dream Big

Redmond, E. S. - Felicity Floo Visits the Zoo

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse - Yes Day!

Sauer, Tammi - Chicken Dance

Willis, Jeanne - Bog Baby

2011-2012

Winner: Dennis, Brian - Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine, and a Miracle

1st Runner-up: Barton, Chris- Shark vs. Train 2nd Runner-up: Noll, Amanda - I Need My Monster

Other Nominees:

Bardhan-Quallen, Sudipta- Quackenstein Hatches a Family
Bottner, Barbara - Miss Brooks Loves Books (and I Don't)
DiCamillo, Kate - Bink and Gollie
Janni, Rebecca - Every Cowgirl Needs a Horse
Polacco, Patricia - Junkyard Wonders
Rubin, Adam - Those Darn Squirrels
Ruddell, Deborah - A Whiff of Pine, a Hint of Skunk: A Forest of Poems
Sattler, Jennifer Gordon - Sylvie
Slater, Teddy - Smooch Your Pooch
Stein, David Ezra - Interrupting Chicken
Wiesner, David - Art & Max
Williams, Karen Lynn - A Beach Tail

2012-2013

Winner: Lord, Cynthia - Hot Rod Hamster!

1st Runner-up: Kaplan, Michael B. - Betty Bunny Loves Chocolate Cake 2nd Runner-up: Black, Michael Ian - Chicken Cheeks

Other Nominees:

Agee, Jon - My Rhinoceros
Barnett, Mac - Extra Yarn
Brown, Peter - You Will Be My Friend!
Cordell, Matthew - Trouble Gum
Grandits, John - Ten Rules You Absolutely Must Not Break If You Want to Survive the School Bus Jeffers, Oliver - Stuck
Klassen, Jon - I Want My Hat Back
McCarthy, Meghan - Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum
McDonald, Megan - Stink: Solar System Superhero
Offill, Jenny - 11 Experiments That Failed
Scieszka, Jon - Robot Zot!
Watt, Mélanie - You're Finally Here!

2013-2014

Winner: Reynolds, Aaron - Creepy Carrots

1st Runner-up: Carnesi, Monica - Little Dog Lost: The True Story of a Dog Named Baltic

2nd Runner-up: Thomson, Bill - Chalk

Other Nominees:

Brezenoff, Steven - The Zoo with the Empty Cage
Buzzeo, Toni - One Cool Friend
DaCosta, Barbara - Nighttime Ninja
Fleming, Candace - Oh, No!
Jones, Christianne - Lacey Walker Non-Stop Talker
McDonnell, Patrick - Me...Jane
McElmurry, Jill - Mario Makes a Move
Rosenstock, Barb- The Camping Trip That Changed America
Schneider, Josh - Tales for Very Picky Eaters
Wilson, Tony - The Princess and the Packet of Frozen Peas
Woodson, Jacqueline - Each Kindness

2014-2015

Winner: Schwartz, Corey Rosen - Three Ninja Pigs

1st Runner-up: LaRochelle, David - How Martha Saved Her Parents From Green Beans

2nd Runner-up: Rosenthal, Amy Krouse - Exclamation Mark (!)

Other Nominees:

Becker, Aaron - Journey
Brown, Monica - Tito Puente, Mambo King
Catalanotto, Peter - Monkey and Robot
Donaldson, Julia - The Highway Rat
Eaton, Jason Carter - How to Train a Train
Freedman, Deborah - The Story of Fish and Snail
George, Jean Craighead - The Buffalo are Back
Hamburg, Jennifer - A Moose That Says Mooooooooo
James, Simon - George Flies South
Juster, Norton - Neville
Park, Linda Sue - Xander's Panda Party
Spires, Ashley - The Most Magnificent Thing

2015-2016

Winner: Novak, B. J. - Book with No Pictures

1st Runner-up: Barnett, Mac - President Taft is Stuck in the Bath

2nd Runner-up: Tougas, Chris - Dojo Daycare

Other Nominees:

Applegate, Katherine - Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla

Biedrzycki, David - Breaking News: Bear Alert

Clanton, Ben - Mo's Mustache DiPucchio, Kelly - Gaston

Elliott, David - This Orq: (he cave boy)

Fox, Diane - The Cat, the Dog, Little Red, the Exploding Eggs, the Wolf, and Grandma

Petty, Dev - I Don't Want to be a Frog

Rocco, John - Blackout

Sarcone-Roach, Julia - Bear Ate Your Sandwich Shea, Bob - Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great

Walker, Sally M. - Winnie: The True Story of the Bear who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh Winter, Jeanette - Malala, a Brave Girl from Pakistan; Iqbal, a Brave Boy from Pakistan

2016-2017

Winner: Robinson, Michelle - There's a Lion in My Cornflakes

1st Runner-up: Gray, Kes - Frog on a Log?

2nd Runner-up: Kennedy, Anne - Ragweed's Farm Dog Handbook

Other Nominees:

Angleberger, Tom - McToad Mows Tiny Island Higgins, Ryan T. - Mother Bruce Hopkinson, Deborah - Annie and Helen Marino, Gianna - Too Tall Houses Rappaport, Doreen - Elizabeth Started All the Trouble Sidman, Joyce - Winter Bees and Other Poems of the Cold Wright, Anna - Tower of Giraffes: Animals in Groups

2017-2018

Winner: McDonnell, Patrick - Perfectly Messed-up Story

1st Runner-up: Gianferrari, Maria - Coyote Moon

2nd Runner-up: Hale, Shannon - Princess in Black (Princess in Black #1)

Other Nominees:

Burleigh, Robert - Trapped! : a Whale's Rescue DiPucchio, Kelly - Dragon Was Terrible Hatke, Ben - Nobody Likes a Goblin Lê, Minh - Let Me Finish! Lehrhaupt, Adam - I Will Not Eat You Litchfield, David - Bear and the Piano Ludwig, Trudy - Invisible Boy

2018-2019

Nominees:

Barnett, Mac - Wolf, the Duck, and the Mouse
Beaton, Kate - Princess and the Pony
Clanton, Ben - Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea
Daywalt, Drew - Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors
Hamburg, Jennifer - Monkey and Duck Quack Up
Higgins, Ryan - Be Quiet
Luyken, Corinna - Book of Mistakes
Olien, Jessica - Blobfish Book
Rockliff, Mara - Anything but Ordinary Addie: The True Story of Adelaide Herrmann, Queen of Magic
Turnbull, Victoria - Pandora