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**Picture Books**

Suggested grade level for all entries: PS–2

*Life on Mars* written and illus. by Jon Agee (Dial)

*Rescue Squad No. 9* written and illus. by Mike Austin (Random House)

*Jabari Jumps* written and illus. by Gaia Cornwall (Candlewick)

*Chirri & Chirra* written and illus. by Kaya Doi, trans. by Yuki Kaneko (Enchanted Lion)

*Egg* written and illus. by Kevin Henkes (Greenwillow)

*We Found a Hat* written and illus. by Jon Klassen (Candlewick)

*Rudas: Niño’s Horrendous Hermanitas* written and illus. by Yuyi Morales (Porter/Roaring Brook)

*Best Frints in the Whole Universe* written and illus. by Antoinette Portis (Porter/Roaring Brook)

*Anywhere Farm* by Phyllis Root, illus. by G. Brian Karas (Candlewick)

*A Perfect Day* written and illus. by Lane Smith (Roaring Brook)

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Easy Readers and Primary Grades

Suggested grade level for all entries: 1–3

**Somos como las nubes / We Are like the Clouds** by Jorge Argueta, illus. by Alfonso Ruano, trans. by Elisa Amado (Groundwood)

**Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson’s Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions** by Chris Barton, illus. by Don Tate (Charlesbridge)

**Grand Canyon** written and illus. by Jason Chin (Porter/Roaring Brook)

**Giant Squid** by Candace Fleming, illus. by Eric Rohmann (Porter/Roaring Brook)

2017 Sibert Honor Book

**Short Stories for Little Monsters** written and illus. by Marie-Louise Gay (Groundwood)

**The Infamous Ratsos** by Kara LaReau, illus. by Matt Myers (Candlewick) 2017 Geisel Honor Book

**Juana & Lucas** written and illus. by Juana Medina (Candlewick) 2017 Belpre Author Award Winner

**Princess Cora and the Crocodile** by Laura Amy Schlitz, illus. by Brian Floca (Candlewick)

**Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat** written and illus. by Javaka Steptoe (Little, Brown) 2017 Caldecott Medal Winner, Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award Winner

**The Thank You Book** written and illus. by Mo Willems (Hyperion)

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Intermediate
Suggested grade level for all entries: 4–6

*Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets* by Kwame Alexander with Chris Colderley and Marjory Wentworth; illus. by Ekua Holmes (Candlewick)

*The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill (Algonquin) 2017 Newbery Medal Winner

*Funny Girl: Funniest. Stories. Ever.* edited by Betsy Bird (Viking)

*Makoons* [Birchbark House] by Louise Erdrich (Harper/HarperCollins)

*The Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog* by Adam Gidwitz, illus. by Hatem Aly (Dutton) 2017 Newbery Honor Book, Sydney Taylor Book Award Winner

*Full of Beans* by Jennifer L. Holm (Random House) 2017 Scott O'Dell Award Winner

*Me and Marvin Gardens* by Amy Sarig King (Levine/Scholastic)

*Fish Girl* by Donna Jo Napoli and David Wiesner, illus. by David Wiesner (Clarion)

*Poop Detectives: Working Dogs in the Field* by Ginger Wadsworth (Charlesbridge)

*Clayton Byrd Goes Underground* by Rita Williams-Garcia (HarperCollins/Amistad)
Middle School
Suggested grade level for all entries: 6–8

**Maximilian & the Lucha Libre Club: A Bilingual Lucha Libre Thriller** by Xavier Garza, illus. by the author (Cinco Puntos)

**One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance** by Nikki Grimes, illus. by various artists (Bloomsbury)

**One Trick Pony** by Nathan Hale (Amulet/Abrams)

**Dive!: World War II Stories of Sailors & Submarines in the Pacific** by Deborah Hopkinson (Scholastic)

**Here We Are: Feminism for the Real World** by Kelly Jensen (Algonquin)

**When the Sea Turned to Silver** by Grace Lin (Little, Brown) 2016 National Book Award Finalist

**Flying Lessons & Other Stories** by Ellen Oh (Crown)

**Ghost [Track]** by Jason Reynolds (Atheneum/Dlouhy) 2016 National Book Award Finalist

**York: The Shadow Cipher** by Laura Ruby (Walden Pond/HarperCollins)

**Well, That Was Awkward** by Rachel Vail (Viking)
**High School**

Suggested grade level for all entries: 9 and up

*Bull* by David Elliott (Houghton)

*The Gentleman’s Guide to Vice and Virtue* by Mackenzi Lee (Tegen/HarperCollins)

*March: Book Three* by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin, illus. by Nate Powell (Top Shelf)

2017 Coretta Scott King Author Award Winner, Printz Award Winner, YALSA Nonfiction Award Winner, Sibert Award Winner; 2016 National Book Award Winner, LA Times Book Prize Runner-Up

*Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team* by Steve Sheinkin (Roaring Brook)

*Scythe* by Neal Shusterman (Simon) 2017 Printz Honor Book

*Strange the Dreamer* by Laini Taylor (Little, Brown)

*The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas (Balzer+Bray/ HarperCollins)

*Thick as Thieves* [Queen’s Thief] by Megan Whalen Turner (Greenwillow)

*Spill Zone* by Scott Westerfeld, illus. by Alex Puvilland (First Second/Roaring Brook)

*The Sun Is Also a Star* by Nicola Yoon (Delacorte) 2017 CSK/John Steptoe New Talent Author Award Winner, Printz Honor Book; 2016 National Book Award Finalist
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