

2020 Nutmeg Book Award

Elementary Nominees—Grades 2-3



Alfie: (The Turtle That Disappeared) by Thyra Heder

Nia has lost interest in her pet turtle, Alfie, until he goes missing on her 7th birthday. Readers then get to follow Alfie on a long journey and find out what he is really up to. When the two are reunited, there are a few surprises in store!

Anything But Ordinary Addie: The True Story of Adelaide Herrmann, Queen of Magic by Mara Rockliff

The show must go on! Read the true story of Adelaide Herrmann, one of the first female magicians who shot out of a cannon, managed a magic show, and more. Let the fearless tale of the Queen of Magic shock and dazzle you!

Bolivar by Sean Rubin

Sybil's eight foot tall neighbor with tiny arms and a long tail looks an awful lot like a dinosaur to her. Will any of the busy New Yorkers around her ever notice?

Book Uncle and Me by Uma Krishnaswami

Nine year-old Yasmin loves to read and Book Uncle, who runs a free lending library, offers her something new each day. When the mayor tries to shut Book Uncle down can the community come together to save him?

A Boy Called Bat by Elana K. Arnold

Bixby Alexander Tam, better known by his nickname Bat, struggles to make friends, get along with his sister, and make sense of his recently divorced parents with whom he splits his time living. When his mom, a veterinarian, brings home an orphaned newborn skunk, Bat's world becomes caring for the baby and proving the wild animal would make a good pet.

The Dinosaur Expert by Margaret McNamara

When you're an aspiring paleontologist, what could be better than a field trip to the natural history museum? Kimmy is excited to share her knowledge with her classmates until she is told, "Girls aren't scientists." With the help of her teacher, she learns an important lesson about herself and about opportunities for women in science.

Flutter & Hum: Animal Poems / Aleteo Y Zumbido: Poemas de Animales by Julie Pashkis

Written in both English and Spanish, this collection of poems describes various animals in their habitats accompanied by watercolor paintings.

Her Right Foot by Dave Eggers

Everyone knows her. She stands watch in New York Harbor, holding a light that stands for hope, welcome and refuge. But has anyone really stopped to look at her day?

If Sharks Disappeared by Lily Williams

Sharks are the top predators of the ocean, yet are in great danger. What would happen if these ocean hunters were gone?

Let the Children March by Monica Clark-Robinson

Children's voices can change the world! Join thousands of African American children as they courageously march with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to protest against racial segregation in Birmingham, Alabama. Despite many hardships, they learn that their voices and their actions are powerful tools for social change. Inspired by the events surrounding the Children's Crusade of 1963.

Lola Levine is not Mean! by Monica Brown

Lola Levine likes writing in her *diario*, sipping her mom's *cafe con leche*, eating her dad's matzo ball soup, and playing soccer with her team, the Orange Smoothies. Get to know this seven-year-old aspiring writer's family, friends, ups, and downs.

Otis and Will Discover the Deep: The Record-Setting Dive of the Bathysphere by Barb Rosenstock

In 1930, Otis Barton and Will Beebe were determined to be the first pioneers to dive deep in the ocean and catch a glimpse of the unexplored life and landscape. This is the detailed story of the intense preparations, the trials and errors, and the precise calculations and engineering they made as they planned their dangerous mission that could prove deadly if they made mistakes.

Robins!: How They Grow Up by Eileen Christelow

A "Cheerily cheery cheer-up!" of little known facts about our favorite spring time visitors! Follow a robin's life from that tiny blue egg to an adult on the hunt for worms.

The Story of Diva and Flea by Mo Willems

Flea is a street cat; Diva is a lap dog. When their worlds collide in a courtyard in Paris their lives are changed forever.

Trombone Shorty by Troy Andrews

Troy Andrews' passion for music and practice, practice, practice propelled him from New Orleans to worldwide fame. In this autobiography, Trombone Shorty shares how his hometown influenced him and inspired him to mix different styles to create his own "musical gumbo."

