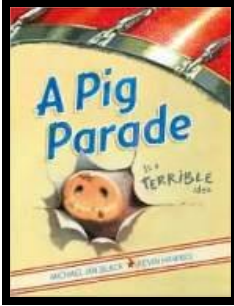




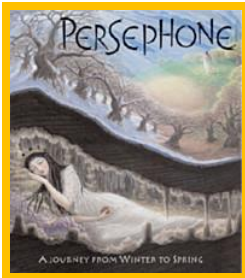
Picture Book Nominees 2011 - 2012



A Pig Parade Is A Terrible Idea

by Michael Ian Black

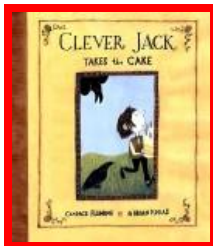
Explains precisely why, although it may sound like a good idea, gathering hundreds of pigs to march in a parade through one's hometown is inadvisable. (Grades K - 3)



Persephone

by Sally Pomme Clayton

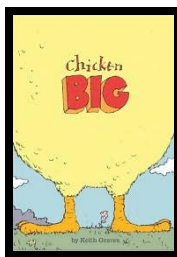
An illustrated retelling of the story of the goddess Persephone, who was forced to live underground and become Hades' bride, until her mother finds a way to reunite with her daughter and release her from Hades' Underworld. (Grades 3 - 6)



Clever Jack Takes the Cake

by Candace Fleming

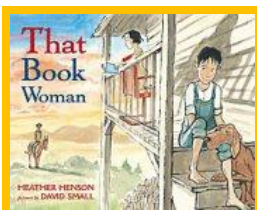
A poor boy named Jack struggles to deliver a birthday present worthy of the princess. (Grades K – 3)



Chicken Big!

by Keith Graves

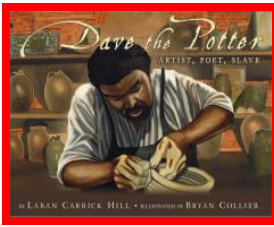
A giant chicken hatches from an enormous egg, but the other chickens cannot accept that he is one of them. (Grades K – 3)



That Book Woman

by Heather Henson

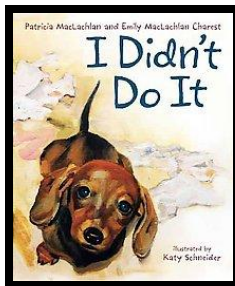
Young Cal, who lives high in the Appalachian Mountains with his family, does not understand his sister's love for books, but the Book Woman always wanders to their home, and Cal's parents are always willing to trade something to keep Cal's sister reading. (Grades K - 3)



Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave

by Laban Carrick Hill

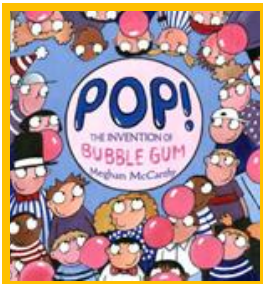
Chronicles the life of Dave, a nineteenth-century slave who went on to become an influential poet, artist, and potter. (Grades K - 3)



I Didn't Do It

by Patricia MacLachlan

A collection of fourteen poetic examples of a dog's life from the perspective of the animals. (Grades K - 3)



Pop!: The Invention of Bubble Gum

by Meghan McCarthy

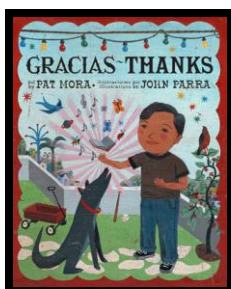
A collection of amusing historical facts on the invention of bubble gum. (Grades K - 3)



The Lion's Share: A Tale of Halving Cake and Eating It, Too

by Matthew McElligott

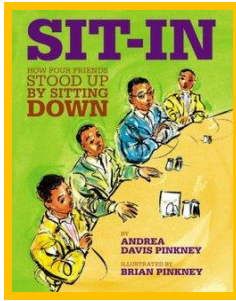
Ant is honored to receive an invitation to lion's annual dinner party, but is shocked when the other guests behave rudely and then accuse her of thinking only of herself. (Grades K - 3)



Gracias~Thanks

by Pat Mora

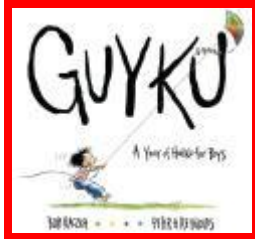
A young multiracial boy celebrates family, friendship, and fun by telling about some of the everyday things for which he is thankful. Presented in English and Spanish. (Grades K - 3)



Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up By Sitting Down

by Andrea Davis Pinkney

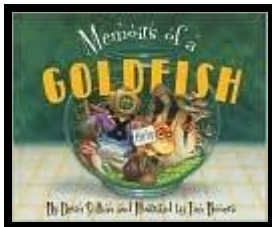
A picture book that celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the Greensboro, North Carolina, sit-in at the lunch counter at Woolworth's as a protest against segregation. (Grades K - 3)



Guyku: A Year of Haiku for Boys

by Bob Raczka

A collection of haiku poetry for boys that features poems about tree-climbing, kite-flying, and other related topics. (Grades K - 3)



Memoirs of a Goldfish

by Devin Scillian

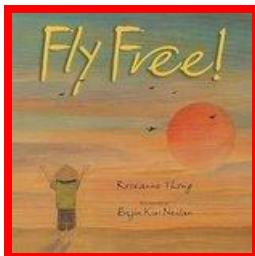
A goldfish gives a personal account of his experiences while swimming around his bowl as it slowly fills with fish and other accessories, only to realize when he is relocated for a cleaning how much he misses them. (Grades K – 3)



Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse

by Marilyn Singer

A collection of short poems which, when reversed, provide new perspectives on the fairy tale characters they feature. (Grades 3-6)



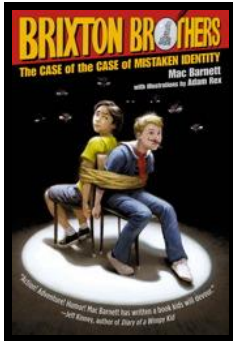
Fly Free!

by Roseanne Thong

When Mai feeds the caged birds at a Buddhist temple in Vietnam, her simple act of kindness starts a chain of thoughtful acts that ultimately comes back to her. Includes author's note explaining the Buddhist concepts of karma and samsara, or the wheel of life. (Grades K - 3)



Grades 4-6 Nominees 2011 - 2012



The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity

by Mac Barnett

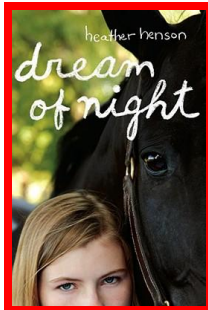
Twelve-year-old Steve Brixton, a fan of Bailey Brothers detective novels, is mistaken for a real detective and must elude librarians, police, and the mysterious Mr. E as he seeks a missing quilt containing coded information. (Grades 3 - 6) **179 pp.**



The Girl Who Could Fly

by Victoria Forester

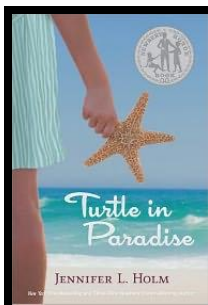
Piper McCloud's ability to fly sets her apart from the other kids, so her mother sends her to an exclusive school for children with exceptional abilities, but even there she does not fit in with the other students. (Grades 3 - 6) **329 pp.**



Dream of Night

by Heather Henson

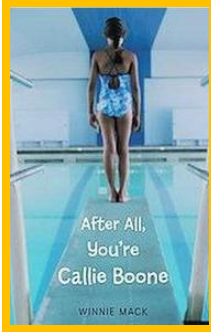
Twelve-year-old Shiloh, a troubled foster child, Dream of Night, an abused former racehorse, and their caretaker Jess, a woman who knows how it feels to have loved and lost, find healing by helping one another through their pain. (Grades 5 - 8) **218 pp.**



Turtle in Paradise

by Jennifer L. Holm

In 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who does not like children, eleven-year-old Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in far away Key West, Florida. (Grades 3 - 6) **191 pp.**



After All, You're Callie Boone

by Winnie Mack

A new boy in town turns Callie Boone's world upside-down, and suddenly diving practice and an Olympic dream become secondary. (Grades 3 - 6) **168 pp.**



Everything for a Dog

by Ann M. Martin

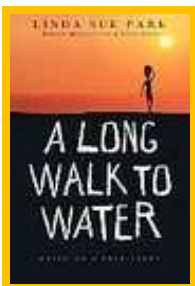
In parallel stories, Bone, an orphaned dog, finds and loses a series of homes, Molly, a family pet, helps Charlie through the grief and other after-effects of his brother's death, and lonely Henry pleads for a dog of his own. (Grades 3 - 6) **224 pp.**



Emily's Fortune

by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

While traveling to her aunt's home in Redbud by train and stagecoach, quiet young Emily and her turtle, Rufus, team up with Jackson, fellow orphan and troublemaker extraordinaire, to outsmart mean Uncle Victor, who is after Emily's inheritance. (Grades 3 - 6) **147 pp.**



A Long Walk to Water: A Novel: Based on a True Story

by Linda Sue Park

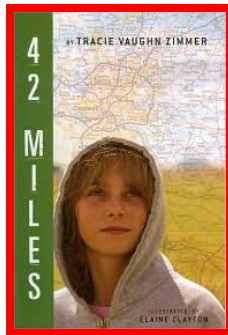
When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven. Based on the life of Salva Dut, who, after emigrating to America in 1996, began a project to dig water wells in Sudan. Grades 5 - 8) **121 pp.**



The Gold Rush Kid

by Mary Waldorf

When their mother dies in 1897, twelve-year-old Billy McGee and his angry, older sister leave Skagway, Alaska, to find their father who is trekking north to the Klondike to prospect for gold.
(Grades 5 - 8) **232 pp.**



42 Miles

by Tracie Vaughn Zimmer

Linked free-verse poems and illustrations depict the challenges a young girl faces as she grows up and tries to determine who she really wants to be and how she can remain true to herself.
(Grades 5 - 8) **73 pp.**