



# Announcing the 2025-2026 Young Hoosier Book Award Nominees (by title)

## Picture Book (K-2)

*Acorn Was a Little Wild* by Jen Arena  
*Cranky Chicken* by Katherine Battersby  
*The Fastest Tortoise in Town* by Howard Calvert  
*Flat Cat* by Tara Lazar  
*Giraffe is Too Tall For This Book* by D.K. Ryland  
*Heavy Metal Badger* by Duncan Beddie  
*Hello Opportunity: The Story of Our Friend on Mars* by Shaelyn McDaniel  
*How This Book Got Read* by Margaret Chu Grenias  
*How to Make a Peanut Butter Sandwich in 17 Easy Steps* by Bambi Edlund  
*Just Snow Already* by Howard McWilliam  
*King Kong's Cousin* by Mark Teague  
*The King Penguin* by Vanessa Roeder  
*Mr. S* by Monica Arnaldo  
*No is All I Know* by Chris Grabenstein  
*Our Pool* by Lucy Roth Cummins  
*The Scariest Kitten in the World* by Kate Messner  
*Simon and the Better Bone* by Corey Tabor  
*Somebody Needs to Do Something About That Monster* by Doug Cenko  
*Try a Bite, Trilobite* by Jonathan Fenske  
*Twenty Questions* by Mac Barnett

## Intermediate (3-5)

*102 Days of Lying About Lauren* by Maura Jortner  
*Animal Rescue Friends* by Meika Hashimoto and Gina Loveless  
*Confessions of a Class Clown* by Arianne Costner  
*Dogtown* by Katherine Applegate  
*Duel* by Jessica Bagley  
*Emma Just Medium: The Beach Dilemma* by Laura Wiltse Prior  
*Ghosts, Toasts and Other Hazards* by Susan Tan  
*The Greatest Kid in the World* by John David Anderson  
*Ice Cream Man: How Augustus Jackson Made a Sweet Treat* by Glenda Armand and Kim Freeman  
*Jawbreaker* by Christina Wyman  
*Maple's Theory of Fun* by Kate McMillan  
*My Head Has a Bellyache and More Nonsense* by Chris Harris  
*On the Corner of Chocolate Avenue: How Milton Hershey Brought Chocolate to America* by Tziporah Colten  
*Picture Puzzler: A Natural History Hide-and-Seek* by Ksenia Bakhareva  
*A Seed in the Sun* by Aida Salazar  
*Shelley Frankenstein: CowPiggy* by Colleen Madden  
*Squished* by Megan Wagner Lloyd  
*The Superteacher Project* by Gordon Korman  
*Table Titans Club* by Scott Kurtz  
*The Wild Journey of Juniper Berry* by Chad Morris

## Middle Grade (6-8)

*Ballad & Dagger: An Outlaw Saints Book* by Rick Riordan and Daniel Jose Older  
*Cinder and Glass* by Melissa De La Cruz  
*Dinged* by Tommy Greenwald  
*The Girl From the Sea* by Molly Knox Osterag  
*Greymist Fair* by Francesca Zappia  
*Hands* by Terry Maldonado  
*Hoops* by Matt Tavares  
*The N.O.A. H. Files: I Am the Walrus* by Neal Shusterman  
*The In-Between* by Katie Van Heidrich  
*Iveliz Explains It All* by Andrea Beatriz Arango  
*The Labors of Hercules Beal* by Gary D. Schmidt  
*The Liars Society* by Alison Gerber  
*Nic Blake and the Remarkables: The Manifestor Prophecy* by Angie Thomas  
*Not An Easy Win* by Crystal D. Giles  
*Select* by Christie Matheson  
*Simon Sort Of Says* by Erin Bow  
*Squire* by Nadia Shammes and Sara Alfageeh  
*Strong as Fire, Fierce as Flame* by Supriya Kelkar  
*Thin Air* by Kellie Parker  
*Undercover Latina* by Aya De León



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