

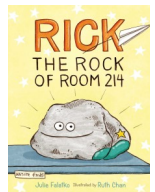
2024-2025 Young Hoosier Picture Book Annotated Nominee List (by author) Grades K-2



Pick Me!
by Max Amato
Five funny ice cream cone flavors want to be the one chosen until they find out what being chosen means!



Knight Owl
by Christopher Denise
A clever owl who achieves his dream of becoming an actual Knight helps solve a mystery at the castle



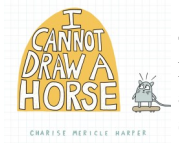
Rick the Rock of Room 214
by Julie Falatko
Rick, a rock found on the playground, becomes a fixture on the nature shelf in Room 214. One day he learns what adventurous lives rocks can have and decides to explore the possibilities. Will he decide to stay in Room 214?



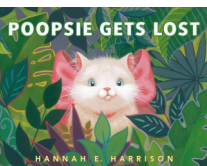
My Pet Feet
by Josh Funk
Oh no! All of the Rs have been stolen causing havoc in the city and all of the words to change. The crows are cows and the shores have become shoes! What happened to the



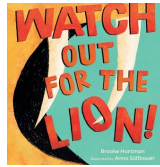
Kicks
by Van G. Garrett
If you love shoes, read on! This book celebrates sneakers of all types and the words we use to describe the best of the best!



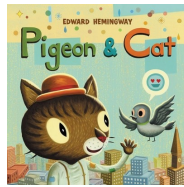
I Cannot Draw a Horse
by Charise Mericle Harper
This cat REALLY wants a horse; yet, the book can't draw a horse. It can only draw a squirrel beaver or bunny. How will the cat get its horse?!



Poopsie Gets Lost
by Hannah E. Harrison
A nosy narrator convinces Poopsie the cat to be more adventurous by exploring outside her backyard. Will she find her way back home?



Watch Out for the Lion
by Brooke Hartman
This book warns readers about a ferocious lion it has seen that could turn you into a cheeseburger; yet, it also allows you to face your greatest fears and find the humor in them.



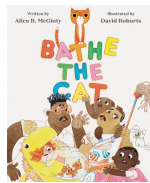
Pigeon and Cat
by Edward Hemingway
When Cat stumbles upon a beautiful unbroken egg, he decides not eat it and soon out pops Pigeon. The unlikely pair become friends until Pigeon flies away. Cat becomes lonely and goes searching for his friend whom he must rescue and bring home.



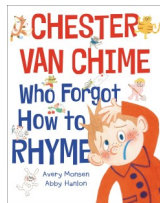
100 Mighty Dragons All Named Broccoli
by David LaRochelle
In the high mountains live 100 awesome dragons all named...Broccoli? Discover what happens to all of these dragons while counting who's left until the final dragon and the terrific funny end!



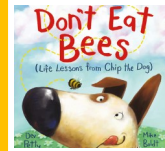
A Spoonful of Frogs
by Casey Lyall
A witch finds a recipe with frogs as the main ingredient. But catching the frogs is a whole other problem! Find out what she tries in her quest to make her favorite food!



Bathe the Cat
by Alice B. McGinty
The cat hates getting baths and does anything to escape his determined family. Rather than spending cleaning day cleaning, they must find a way to catch the cat for his bath!



Chester Van Chime Who Forgot How to Rhyme
by Avery Monsen
Chester LOVES to rhyme but wakes up one morning forgetting how! No dogs on logs, or snails with mail. Follow along as Chester learns its okay to not always be at your best.



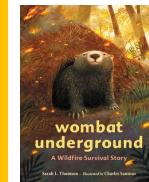
Don't Eat Bees!
by Dev Petty
Chip the dog (who's 7 and knows things) gives life advice to fellow canines—such as *don't* eat bees!



Piglet Comes Home: How a Deaf Blind Pink Puppy Found His Family
by Melissa Shapiro, DVM
Based on the true adventures of Instagram star Piglet the Pink Puppy, follow along as this irresistible pup finds his place in his new home.



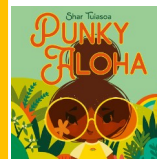
Chickadee: Criminal Mastermind
by Monica Silvie
Chickadee starts off by listening to his parents and following their advice about finding food until....winter! Then, he becomes a "bad seed" who gets his food anyway he can! But, wait, are those houses as bad as he's heard they are?



Wombat Underground
by Sarah Thomson
Wombat watches helplessly as his Australian forest is engulfed by flames. This story shares the surprising true tale of how wombats actually ended up sharing their homes with other animals looking for a safe haven from the 2019-2020 Australian wildfires.



Figgy & Boone: Best Brother Ever
by Janet Traslser
In this easy reader, Figgy the mouse and Boone the rat learn that family can sometimes be found in the most surprising places



Punky Aloha
by Shar Tuiasoa
Punky loves doing new things *except* going out and meeting new people. So when Grandma asks her to go and get butter to make her famous banana bread, will Punky have the courage to do it?



Yetis Are the Worst!
by Alex Willan
Gilbert the Goblin is determined to prove how horrible Yetis are....if he can find one! How hard can that be?

2024-2025 Young Hoosier Intermediate Annotated Nominee List (by author) Grades 3-5



The Curse on Spectacle Key
by Chantel Acevedo

Cuban-American Frank befriends a strange girl who only wears old-fashioned clothes at the lighthouse in Spectacle Key, Florida. He learns the island is under a curse and she needs Frank's help to lift it.



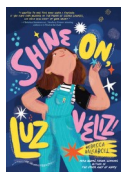
Anglerfish: Sea Devil of the Deep
by Elaine M. Alexander

Life in the deep, dark "midnight zone" of the ocean waters is a place where only the strongest survive. The prehistoric looking anglerfish seems to have several advantages against predators.



Two-Headed Chicken
by Tom Angleberger

Crack open this absurd graphic novel featuring a two headed chicken being chased by a chicken hungry moose! Laugh along as you visit worlds with a mermoose?! Or ones covered in pizza sauce! Just watch out for the moose!



Shine On, Luz Vèliz!
by Rebecca Balcàrcel

Soccer star Luz loses it all when she injures her knee. Now what'll she do? She soon discovers a talent for coding that brings back her confidence. If only she can win the May Showcase and impress her teacher and brilliant Trevor, she'll give her parents a way to cheer for her again.



The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza
by Mac Barnett

Its up to a bioengineered cat to save our Moon and Earth from being consumed by rats! With the help of the Moon Queen and toenail clipping robot LOZ 4000, can they save the Moon in time?



Going Places: Victor Hugo and His Glorious Green Book
by Tonya Bolden

Mailman Victor Hugo Green creates a guide book for Black people in the 1930s so they could travel safely and avoid being a victim of the Jim Crow laws. Its starts small but soon becomes a must-have book for Black people in the Great Depression.



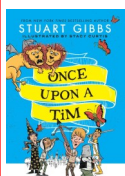
Falling Short
by Ernesto Cisneros

Best friends Isaac and Marco both want to make important changes to improve their home lives. Basketball seals their friendship but will it help their situations at home?



Freestyle
by Gale Galligan

Dance crew captain Cory is plagued by bad grades and parents who are on his case for not doing better. When he is forced to get a tutor—Sunna—he learns a new skill and starts skipping dance practice. Will he remain with his dance crew, or give it up for his new friend?



Once Upon a Tim
by Stuart Gibbs

Tim is just a peasant, but dreams big. When Princess Grace in the kingdom nextdoor is kidnapped, he joins the Prince's army to rescue her. Though he isn't very skilled, he's determined to become something more.



Mr. Lemocello's Very First Game
by Chris Grabenstein

In a prequel to the Lemocello series, we meet Luigi Lemocello as a teenager obsessed with puzzles. He soon gets a job working for incredible showman Professor Marvelmous at a carnival. When Marvelmous leaves town at the end of the carnival, he leaves puzzle for Luigi that leads to a fantastic treasure!



Zara's Rules for Record-Breaking Fun
by Hena Khan

Zara Saleem is used to being queen of her neighborhood. She always organizes the games and fun and makes sure everyone has a great time. Then Naomi moves in with other ideas. If only Zara can reclaim the attention she misses!

But will this mean also giving up the chance for a new best friend?



ChupaCarter
by George Lopez and Ryan Calejo

Jorge is upset when he's sent to live with his grandparents. At his new school, he makes fast friends a kid who shares his interest in junk food and video games. Problem is, the kid is a chupacabra in disguise!



Prunella and the Cursed Skull Ring
by Matthew Loux

Prunella is told that monsters live just outside her town's gates, but, she doesn't pay them mind until she finds a strange skull ring in her garden. When placed on her finger, she changes into one of those whispered about monsters. Now, she must figure out how to reverse the curse, or does she even want to?



The Unforgettable Logan Foster
by Shawn Peters

When orphaned Logan Foster soon finds himself courted by "PPs" (prospective parents) who are actually superheroes, he finds himself in the middle of a battle between them and dastardly forces. Can Logan save the day while also finding his forever family?



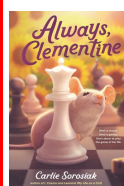
Simon B. Rhyming
by Dwayne Reed

6th grader Simon Barnes has dreams of one day achieving rap stardom—if that is, he can get past the class presentation about something that affects him and his community. Will Simon face his public speaking fears and get that A?



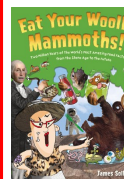
Endlessly Ever After: Pick YOUR Path to Countless Fairy Tale Endings!
by Laurel Snyder

Ever wanted your fairy tale to end differently? Now it can! Choose various endings to some of the



Always, Clementine
by Carlie Sorosiak

Genius lab rat Clementine is freed by a compassionate technician and when free, discovers a whole new world of wonders. How can she enjoy her freedom when those she cares about are not?



Eat Your Woolly Mammoths: Two Million Years of the World's Most Amazing Food Facts from the Stone Age to the Future
by James Solheim

This fascinating read contains food facts from the stone age to the future. Discover what people have eaten for centuries and might eat tomorrow.



A Rover's Story
by Jasmine Warga

Taking on human characteristics, Resilience, the new Mars rover, must perform the tasks he was designed for and waylay the inconvenient emotions he finds himself feeling. With trusted friend Fly, the drone helicopter, can Res complete his mission?



Lia Park and the Missing Jewel
by Jenna Yoon

Craving some exciting action, Lia sneaks out against her parents' wishes and finds out she has broken a magical protective spell. Her parents are then kidnapped and she must rescue them by finding a mysterious ancient jewel.



2024-2025 Young Hoosier Middle Grade Annotated Nominee List (by author) Grades 6-8



Queen of the Tiles

By **Hanna Alkef**

Najwa Bakri, still reeling from her best friend Trina's death, suddenly finds herself having to solve the mystery of how Trina's Instagram account has come back to life.



The Second Chance of Benjamin Waterfalls

by **James Bird**

After Benjamin is caught yet again selling stolen goods, a judge sends him to a "boot camp" located on his native Ojibwe tribal grounds. Now he must deal with the mask wearing tribal leader's daughter and earn his way out of the camp.



Plotting the Stars: Moongarden

by **Michelle Barry**

Myra suspects her magical gifts may lie in harnessing the power of Earth's now poisonous plants. Can she find a way to aid in the food shortages?



Serwa Boateng's Guide to Vampire Hunting

by **Roseanne Brown**

Serwa has been slaying adze, or vampires disguised as fireflies, for as long as she can remember. When her parents go off on witch hunting mission, she is left with her hippie-aunt and cryptic-obsessed cousin. She becomes acclimated to a "normal" lifestyle until an adze invades her new school.



Shot Clock

By **Caron Butler and Justin Reynolds**

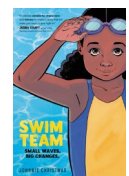
Tony tries to join the local AAU basketball team in memory of his best friend, Dante who was a "hoops phenom". Tony ends up being the team's statistician and must find a way to heal while also bringing the team a championship.



The Last Beekeeper

by **Pablo Cartaya**

In a future world plagued by climate crises, Yolanda "Yoly" Cisneros must find a way to save the last beehive to avoid even more disastrous environmental events



Swim Team

by **Johnnie Christmas**

Bree finds a kindred spirit in an elderly neighbor, former swim team captain who helps her face her water woes.



The Marvellers

by **Dhonielle Clayton**

Ella Durand, a new student at the Arcanum Training Institute, and the first ever conjuror, discovers not all of her fellow magicians to be welcoming. Facing nasty rumors and concern for a missing professor.

Ella must defend her name and find the professor before all is lost.



Invisible

By **Christina Diaz Gonzalez**

Can five so-called misfits come together as a team to help someone in need even when they seem to have nothing in common?



What About Will

by **Ellen Hopkins**

When Trace's older brother Will suffers a brain injury in a football game, Will's personality and habits totally change. This causes a lot of upheaval in Trace's life including his parents divorce. But when he finds out even more shocking behavior from Will, does it mean Trace will have to betray his brother to get him help?



When the World Was Ours

by **Liz Kessler**

With World War II not far off from 1936 Vienna, best friends Leo, Elsa and Max will soon find themselves torn from one another. When the war ends, will they find their way back, or will they even want to?



In the Key of Us

by **Mariama Lockington**

As the two sole Black girls at Harmong Music Camp Zoe and Andi begin to connect and come to terms with their futures. The greatest discovery though might just be their need for each other.



Grounded for All Eternity

By **Darcy Marks**

When your average suburb kids from hell find themselves in Salem, Massachusetts on Halloween night, they discover they've accidentally brought and escaped soul with them.

They must trap this evil soul before more havoc is caused on Earth and before they are grounded!



The Lost Year

By **Katherine Marsh**

Set in 1930s during the Holodor, a devastating famine, in Soviet Ukraine, this story follows Matthew and his mother and great-grandmother. Matthew soon discovers an old photo that leads to a hidden family secret—one that could change his



Lines of Courage

by **Jennifer Nielsen**

Told through the eyes of five kids living during World War I, each of whom holds the key of survival for another. Can they find each other in time?



Tumble

by **Celia Perez**

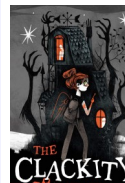
Addie Ramirez discovers she comes from a line of Luchadores, famous Mexican wrestlers. This discovery leads her to her biological grandparents, cousin and father whom she had never previously met.



Air

By **Monica Roe**

Emmie has dreams of being a wheelchair motocross star until an accident changes all. Rather than finding her new school-provided aide helpful, she feels held back. Can she still achieve her dreams?



The Clackity

by **Lora Senf**

Evie finds herself the only one who can rescue her aunt by playing a deadly game with ghosts, witches and monsters in the 7th-most-haunted town in America!



The Golden Hour

By **Niki Smith**

Manuel struggles with anxiety after witnessing an episode of gun violence. He soon finds comfort in a new hobby: photography. When he is paired up with classmates for a project, he takes to the atmosphere of the farm where new friend Sebastian lives.



Maizy Chen's Last Chance

by **Lisa Yee**

California girl Maizy soon finds herself in Last Chance, Minnesota at the restaurant her family has owned for generations. Now she must work to uncover family secrets and find a lost family treasure.