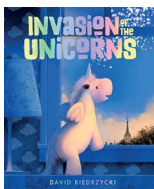


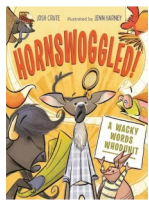
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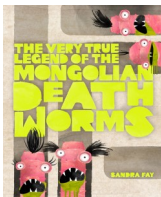
**Princesses versus Dinosaurs**  
by Linda Bailey  
Princess book? Dinosaur book?  
What kind of book is this? Will  
the princesses and dinosaurs  
ever decide?



**Invasion of the Unicorns**  
By David Biedrzycki  
An alien unicorn, Bubble07, is  
given an important mission on  
Earth—should he and his  
fellow unicorns invade? To  
decide he poses as a stuffed  
animal in a young Earthling Daughter's home.



**Hornswoggled! A Wacky  
Words Whodunit**  
by Josh Crute  
Imagine waking up and discov-  
ering that part of you has been  
switched with something silly!  
Join Deer and his friends as they  
discover how they were



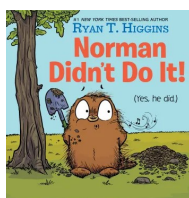
**The Very True Legend of the  
Mongolian Death  
Worms** by Sandra Fay  
Bigfoot. Chupacabra and  
Mongolian Death Worms? Is  
it true that Beverly, Trevor,  
Neville and Kevin are really  
deadly creatures?



**The Witchling's Wish**  
by Lu Fraser  
When a young witch  
discovers the spell for a  
true friend requires the  
fur of a teddy bear, how  
will she convince Lilly to  
give up her bear?



**The Leaf Thief**  
By Alice Hemming  
Uh-oh! What happened to  
Squirrel's beautiful leafy  
tree? Who could be steal-  
ing his leaves?



**Norman Didn't Do It  
(Yes, He Did)** by Ryan  
Higgins  
Norman the porcupine and  
Mildred the tree are best  
friends until one day the  
unexpected happens. What  
did Norman do?



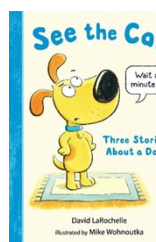
**Eyes That Kiss in the Corners**  
by Joanna Ho  
A young Asian girl notices her  
eyes don't look like her friends.  
That's when she discovers how  
special her eyes really are.



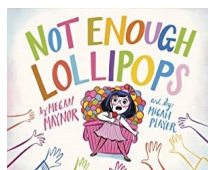
**There's a Ghost in This House**  
by Oliver Jeffers  
The girl who lives here has never  
seen a ghost. What do they look  
like? White with holes for eyes?  
Can you even see them? Turn the  
pages as you help her search her  
haunted house for them!



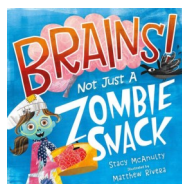
**Something's Wrong! A Bear, A  
Hare and Some Underwear**  
by Jory John  
Jeff the bear knows there's some-  
thing wrong—he just can't figure  
out what people are talking about  
until his BFF Anders the rabbit  
clues him in.



**See the Cat: Three Stories  
About a Dog**  
by David LaRochelle  
This is Max the dog. Max is  
NOT a cat! So why does the  
book keep telling readers to  
"see the cat"? These three  
stories show how bothered  
Max really is.



**Not Enough Lollipops**  
By Megan Maynor  
When Alice won an enor-  
mous basket of lollipops,  
she was SO excited! Then,  
came the decision of how  
to share them. Oh no!



**Brains! Not Just a Zombie  
Snack** by Stacy McAnulty  
Delicious brains! A zombie  
chef struggles with *not* eating  
her favorite food—brains!  
Along the way, she learns all  
about our most important wrinkly organ.



**Dakota Crumb: Tiny  
Treasure Hunter**  
By Jamie Michalak  
Dakota is a mouse living in  
a museum who searches for  
treasures each night.  
Follow her adventures as  
she collects treasures for her own museum!



**Kick Push**  
by Frank Morrison  
Skateboard fanatic Epic must  
find his way around his new  
neighborhood to make new  
friends. He discovers the secret  
is to just be YOU!



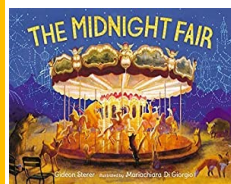
**A Sky-Blue Bench**  
By Bahram Rahman  
In her old school, Aria had a  
bench to sit on. Now she  
must sit on the floor which  
makes her leg hurt. Using  
her ingenuity, she resolves to  
have a bench again.



**The Mysterious Sea  
Bunny**  
by Peter Raymundo  
Look at this one inch long  
sea slug species as it crawls  
slowly across the ocean  
floor. Learn some amazing  
facts like how it can crawl  
upside down and how it protects itself from  
predators.



**Chez Bob** by Bob Shea  
Now open: Bob the alligator's  
new restaurant! There's only one  
catch—its located on his snout!  
Can the birdies resist visiting this  
new dining experience, or, can  
Bob resist them?

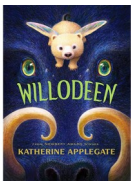


**The Midnight Fair**  
By Gideon Sterer  
Just outside the city is a  
fairground. After eve-  
ryone has left for the  
night, the animals take  
their turns having fun!



**Tiny Tales: Shell Quest**  
by Steph Waldo  
Wanting to fit in, a little slug goes  
on a quest to find a shell like the  
others. How difficult can it be to  
just be like everyone else?

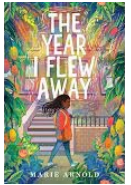
# 2023-2024 Young Hoosier Intermediate Annotated Nominee List (by author) Grades 3-5



**Willodeen**

by Katherine Applegate

Animal lover Willodeen loves all animals—even the strange ones called “screechers”. She’s convinced even they serve a purpose. When the magical hummingbears disappear, she and her friend Conner must find out why.



**The Year I Flew Away**

by Marie Arnold

Tempted by a witch to become the “perfect American”, Gabrielle learns the easy way is not always the right way and she is faced with overcoming the witch’s spell to regain her true self.



**What Comes Next**

by Rob Buyea

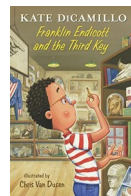
Thea’s parents think starting over in a new city will help her deal with the tragic loss of a friend. But it takes the help of a rescue puppy—Jack-Jack—for Thea to open up to new ideas.



**The Hiddenseek**

by Nate Cernosek

The Hiddenseek is a gloomy place where you land if you’re not found in the game hide-and-seek. Its up to Holly and Hector Thorn to defeat “It”—the witch in charge—to break the curse and return home.



**Franklin Endicott and the Third Key**

by Kate DiCamillo

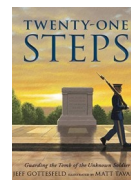
Another Deckawoo Drive adventure featuring Frank and Eugenia! A mistake with a duplicate key launches new worries for Franklin Endicott!



**Maya and the Robot**

by Eve L. Ewing

To deal with the anxiety of a new 5th grade class on her own, Maya discovers a robot in her teacher’s closet that helps her realize her special powers.



**Twenty-One Steps: Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**

by Jeff Gottesfeld

Ever since July 2, 1937, a sentinel has been by the side of the Unknowns—those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for America. With the dedication of these soldiers, the Unknowns are never alone.



**Dog Squad**

by Chris Grabenstein

Duke is the star of the streaming hit Dog Squad, an adventurous show that helps average dogs fight crime. When average dog Fred takes Duke’s place, can Fred find the courage to deal with the non-stop action?



**Batpig: When Pigs Fly**

by Rob Harrell

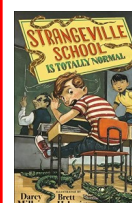
Gary Yorkshire is your average lovable pink pig until a radioactive bat bite gives him superpowers. Now, he must figure out how to use his powers for good and, of course, find the perfect spandex suit!



**Allergic**

by Megan Wagner Lloyd

Maggie’s busy household doesn’t seem to have time for her. When she goes looking for a furry friend, she discovers she’s allergic! Can she find the pet for her?



**Strangeville School is Totally Normal**

by Darcy Miller

Harvey’s new school is different to say the least. With the help of his new friend Stella, they go on a quest to discover the school’s strange secrets.



**The Great Stink: How Joseph Bazalgette Solved London’s Poop Pollution Problem**

by Colleen Paeff

It’s 1858 and the city of London, England STINKS! Their river is FULL of poop! Then along comes Joseph Bazalgette who claims to have a solution. Can he make London a cleaner, healthier place?



**Miles Morales: Shock Waves**

by Justin A. Reynolds

Miles is a regular school kid by day and Brooklyn’s Spider-Man by night. When he tries to help Puerto Rico after a horrible earthquake, he finds unexpected enemies trying to thwart his plans.



**Bedhead Ted**

by Scott SanGiacomo

Ted has always had unruly, messy hair that has been the source of teasing. But now his hair might be helpful in tracking down the Brookside Beast!



**Nicky & Vera: A Quiet Hero of the Holocaust and the Children He Rescued**

by Peter Sis

Nicholas Winton never told how he saved the lives of 700 Czech children during World War II. In the 1980s the story came to light. Author Sis shares his story along with one of those saved children, Vera, with the world.



**The Elephant in the Room**

by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Sila’s mother has been in Turkey for a while trying to get the paperwork to secure their place in the US. In the meantime, she finds comfort with a lottery winner, a boy named Mateo and Veda the circus elephant



**Escape at 10,000 Feet: D.B. Cooper and the Missing Money**

by Tom Sullivan

Still an unsolved case today, this is story of how a man known as D.B. Cooper hijacked an airplane in 1971 and parachuted to freedom never to be seen again.



**Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Perfection**

by Matthew Swanson

When Ben follows the advice of his fortune cookie that practice makes perfect, he begins to demand perfection and nearly loses the things dearest to him.



**Katie the Catsitter**

by Colleen AF Venable

Cat-sitting for her mysterious upstairs neighbor (owner of 217 cats!) may be the answer to funding Katie’s summer camp trip. But could she also be the city’s super villain? Is it Katie to the rescue?



**The Supervillain’s Guide to Being a Fat Kid**

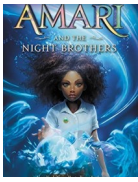
by Matt Wallace

To deal with bully Johnny Pro, Max enlists the help of a supervillain prisoner, Master Plan. Can he help Max deal with his middle school woes?





# 2023-2024 Young Hoosier Middle Grade Annotated Nominee List (by author) Grades 6-8



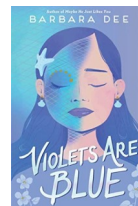
**Amari and the Night Brothers**  
by **B.B. Alston**  
When Amari's brother Quinton disappears and the police do nothing, she finds out she has an invitation to the secretive Bureau of Supernatural Affairs. Can they help her track her brother?



**Isaiah Dunn is My Hero**  
By **Kelly J. Baptist**  
After finding his late father's journal, Isaiah discovers a love for poetry. This and the journal helps him cope with his family issues dealing with his father's death.



**Fighting Words**  
by **Kimberly Brubaker Bradley**  
Sisters Della and Suki have always had each other. Now they must again rely on each when life deals them some harsh blows.



**Violets Are Blue**  
By **Barbara Dee**  
Makeup is 12-year-old Wren's "thing"; special effects makeup most of all. When she gets chosen to be the makeup artist for the school's production of Wicked, it helps her cope with her parents divorce. However, when things begin to fall apart with her and her Mom, can she repair the damage and start again?



**Unsettled**  
by **Reem Faruqi**  
Newly arrived from Pakistan, Nurah, finds herself standing out for all the wrong things until she discovers her love for swimming which allows her to gain attention for something great!



**Yusuf Azeem is Not a Hero**  
by **Saadia Faruqi**  
Yusuf has been waiting all his life for his small town's robotics championship. But when it coincides with the 20th anniversary of 9/11, his Muslim heritage becomes an obstacle to his dream.



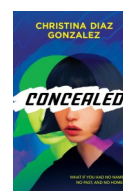
**Starfish**  
by **Lisa Fipps**  
Constantly bullied for being overweight, Ellie invents her own "fat girl rules" to cope. She soon finds that swimming pools give her a sense of confidence and she can finally be herself.



**Alone**  
by **Megan E. Freeman**  
A planned lie plunges Maddie into a nightmare world where she is trapped in an abandoned town with no internet or electricity. She must hone her skills and learn to survive on her own.



**Living With Viola**  
**Rosena Fung**  
Viola is Livy's alter ego, a manifestation of her anxiety. When Livy begins to reach out to new friends and ask for help does she find out how to live with Viola.



**Concealed**  
by **Christina Diaz Gonzalez**  
Katrina (her most recent name), along with her parents, is part of the Witness Protection Program. Used to having a new sudden identity, she's always on the move. When their location is leaked, she embarks on a rescue mission only to discover what she thought was true is not.



**Lupe Wong Won't Dance**  
by **Donna Barba Higuera**  
With plans to be the first female pitcher in the MLB, Lupe has always challenged the status quo. Now faced with square-dancing in PE class? There's no way she's going for that!



**Ophie's Ghosts**  
by **Justina Ireland**  
Ophelia discovers her ability to see and talk to ghosts after she tragically loses her father and brother. Moving with her Mom to Philadelphia in 1922, she is now faced with working in the Caruthers' Daffodil Manor and dealing with its ghostly past.



**The Boys in the Back Row**  
by **Mike Jung**  
Matt and Eric plan to sneak away during their band field trip to a comics convo. Without phones, cars or permission, the boys final adventure turns into a true bonding experience.



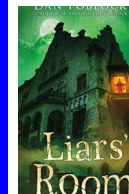
**The Girl of the Southern Sea**  
by **Michelle Kadarusan**  
14-year-old aspiring writer Nia deals with life's hardships in the Jakarta slums. When she loses her mother and discovers her father's plan to marry her off, she must write her own future.



**Red, White, and Whole**  
by **Rajani LaRocca**  
The only Indian American in her school, Reha has trouble living up to her parent's strict rules. When her Amma (mother) becomes really sick, Reha is determined to reach her goal of being a doctor and saving her mother's life.



**Candidly Cline**  
by **Kathryn Ormsbee**  
Kentucky country music lover Cline Alden is a talented young musician who sort-of fibs her way to a music workshop. While there, her nervous butterflies lead to self-discovery of another kind.



**Liars' Room**  
by **Dan Poblocki**  
Stella and Alex's new step-brother Simon is a known liar. So how can they believe his haunting tales of their home, Wildwyck, a former school for misbehaved boys, is actually that sinister?



**Go With the Flow**  
By **Karen Schneeman and Lily Williams**  
Abby, Brit, Christine and Sasha have finally had it with their athletic dominated school that doesn't listen to the girls' health needs. They decide its time for a menstruation revolution!



**Troubled Girls of Dragomir Academy**  
by **Anne Ursu**  
Marya Lupu is overshadowed by her brother Luka until she finds herself invited to a home for wayward girls and the chance to develop her magic under a powerful sorcerer.



**Healer of the Water Monster**  
by **Brian Young**  
While visiting his grandma on the Navajo reservation, Nathan crosses paths with a Holy Being from the Navajo Creation Story, a Water Monster, that needs his help.