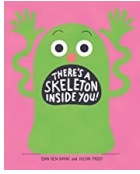


2022-2023 Young Hoosier Picture Book

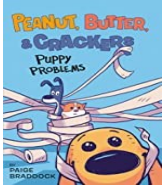
Annotated Nominee List (by author)

Grades K-2



Argh! There's a Skeleton Inside You! by Idan Ben-Barak and Julian Frost

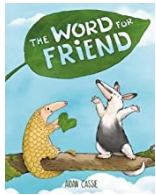
Two aliens, Quog and Oort need help after their spaceship crashes and they discover all about the hands inside you.



Puppy Problems by

Paige Braddock (*Peanut Butter and Crackers #1*)

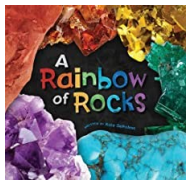
Crackers the dog and Butter the cat have a very good life until they meet Peanut, an out of control new puppy.



The Word for Friend by

Aidan Cassie

Kemala, a pangolin, has troubles at a new school and learning the new language. However, her most important new lesson is how to make a friend.



A Rainbow of Rocks by

Kate DePalma

Eye-catching photographs of real, brilliantly colored rocks laid out in a rainbow with matching rhyming text



Oona by

Kelly DiPucchio and Raisa Figueroa

Oona and best friend Otto are the ocean's best treasure hunters. What happens when they discover the biggest treasure adventure

yet?



The Magical Yet by

Angela DiTerlizzi and Lorena Alvarez

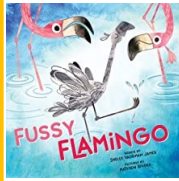
The "yet" is always there to help us accomplish our biggest challenges. Told in rhyming text, find out how you can reach your

goals with the "magical yet"



Kitty and Dragon (Vol. 1) by Meika Hashimoto and Gillian Reid

While searching for the perfect home, Kitty meets Dragon and the pair form an unlikely friendship and learning to love one another's differences.



Fussy Flamingo by

Shelly Vaughan James and Matthew Rivera.

Lola just can't stand to eat the shrimp that give flamingos their notable pink color. As a result, she turns into every shade except "flamingo pink!"



Danbi Leads The School Parade by

Anna Kim

As a new girl in a new school in a new country, Danbi doesn't want to stand out for being new. Rather, she finds a way to be memorable instead by leading her new school in an unforgettable parade!



The Camping Trip by

Jennifer K. Mann

Ernestine has never camped before and she's excited when her aunt invites her to go. But can she deal with putting up a tent, sleeping in one, or—eww!—swim with actual fish?



Not an Alphabet Book: The Case of the Missing Cake by

Eoin McLaughlin and Marc Boutavant

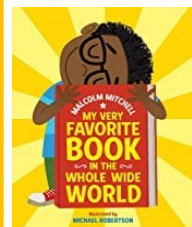
Oh, no! According to Bear, someone has stolen a yummy chocolate cake! Setting off to discover whodunit, he goes through the ABCs but skips over the likely suspect!



Evelyn Del Ray is Moving Away by

Meg Medina and Sonia Sanchez

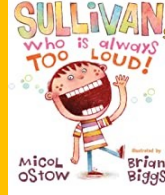
Evelyn is Daniela's best friend. The two do everything together including jumping to the moon! But all that changes when Evelyn must move away. How can they still stay best friends?



My Very Favorite Book in The Whole Wide World by

Malcolm Mitchell and Michael Robertson

Henley hates to read! So what's he supposed to do when he has to bring his favorite book to school?



Sullivan Who Is Always Too Loud! by

Micol Ostrow and Brian Biggs
Sullivan is a LITTLE boy with a BIG voice who learns that there are perfect times to be both quiet and loud!



Hike by Pete Oswald

In a nearly wordless adventure, a father and son take pictures and create memories of one perfect hiking day.



On Account of the Gum by

Adam Rex

HOW do you get gum out of your hair? Filled with crazy ideas and silly rhyming text, find out if YOUR idea will work!



Dinosaurs are not Extinct by

Drew Sheneman

It's told that a huge asteroid killed all the dinosaurs...but did it? Filled with factual information about real dinosaurs, you'll be surprised to learn what really happened to dinosaurs!



Donut Feed the Squirrels by

Mika Song

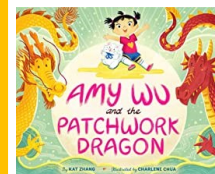
Norma and Belly, squirrel best friends, have met their match when they come across a donut food truck! Will their hunger woes be solved once and for all?



I Am The Storm by

Jane Yolen and Heidi E. Y. Stemple

Stories of extreme weather that children are too often faced with these days are told in ways that show you too are powerful! Also shows ways to be prepared.



Amy Wu and the Patchwork Dragon by

Kat Zhang

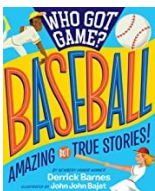
Amy gets help from Grandma's stories and her family to create the perfect dragon for a school project



The One and Only Bob
by Katherine Applegate
Rejoin Bob and his best friends Ivan and Ruby for his adventure. Bob needs help finding his long-lost sister and who else can he count on but “the one and only Ivan?”



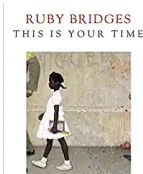
The Curse of the Night Witch
by Alex Aster
Living on Emblem Island means you know your fate. But what if you're not happy with it? Tor tries to change his fate with disastrous results. Can he convince the Night Witch to give him a third chance?



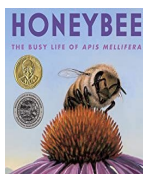
Who Got Game? Baseball Amazing But True Stories!
By Derrick Barnes and John J. Bajet
Stump your friends with little known baseball history while getting to the know the game-like never before!



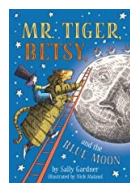
Alone in the Woods
by Rebecca Behrens
Jocelyn and Alex, who used to be friends, must once again rely on each other to survive a scary adventure in the woods!



This Is Your Time
by Ruby Bridges
Written as a letter to her readers, Ruby Bridges shares her story of how she attended first grade in an all-white school in 1964 in the South.



Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera
by Candace Fleming and Eric Rohmann
We follow the story of Apis a young honeybee learning how to help her hive until her own adventure begins!



Mr. Tiger, Betsy, and the Blue Moon
by Sally Gardner and Nick Matalan
A modern fairy tale about Mr. Tiger, his acrobats and Betsy, the daughter of a mermaid. They must

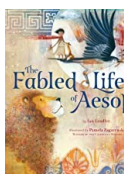
complete a quest to turn the moon blue and make the best ice cream ever, Gongalong Berry!



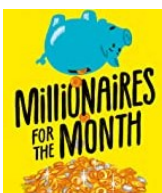
The Smartest Kid in the Universe
by Chris Grabenstein
Jake's school is about to be shut down and he has to save it. That's when he eats some mysterious jelly-beans at his mom's conference that turn out to be “information pills”! Now everyone is after Jake and his new smarts!



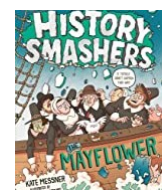
The Explorer's Code
by Allison Hymas
Charlie, Anna and Emily all arrive at Idlewood Manor for different reasons but soon team up to discover their mysterious past and the famous female explorer connected to it.



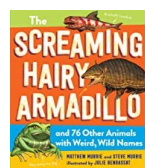
The Fabled Life of Aesop
by Ian Lendler and Pamela Zagarenski
Concise biography of “the” creator of the fable— Aesop. Shows how and why the thirteen tales were created and the effect they had on the world at the time.



Millionaires for the Month
by Stacy McAnulty
Felix and Benji are the lucky finders of a wallet belonging to tech giant Laura Friendly. They totally plan to return it—but decide to “borrow” \$20 bucks to buy hot dogs. That's not a big deal...right?



History Smashers: The Mayflower
by Kate Messner and Dylan Meconis
Find out the real truth about the Mayflower and how what you learned is all wrong! With the use of illustrations, graphs and fun facts, smash through history by discovering little known details around the pilgrims and First Thanksgiving.



The Screaming Hairy Armadillo and 76 other animals with weird, wild names
by Matthew Murrie and Steve Murrie
Meet creatures with unusual names like a fly called “Pieza Pie” and the “Fried Egg Jellyfish” and all about their features and abilities.



Max and the Midnights: Battle of the Bodkins
by Lincoln Peirce
Max wasn't expecting a tough time at knight school. When her best friend Byjovia is attacked, they have to face their biggest enemy yet!



The Comeback
by E.L. Shen
Ice skater Maxine suddenly has to deal with more than she expected than just skating: her parents, kids teasing her about being Asian at school and new competition. How will she handle the pressure of it all?



Coop Knows the Scoop
by Taryn Souder
Suddenly Coop's Gramps is under fire for keeping some secrets from the residents of Windy Bottom, Georgia. Can Coop clear his name in time?



The Magic Eraser (Locker 37, #1)
by Aaron Starmer
On Carson Cooper's first day of school, he gets a stain on his pants. But when a secret note tells him about Locker 37 and how it solves ANY problem, he's off to get his problem solved!



Skunk and Badger
by Amy Timberlake and Jon Klassen
Skunk is Badger's new welcome roommate! Everything Badger knows is now up-ended. Can these odd fellows learn to live together peacefully?



Ways to Make Sunshine
by Renee Watson
Natural leader, Ryan, —her name means “king”— has to deal with a lot of issues like moving, her dad changing jobs and a 4th grade talent show! How does she come out on top?



Three Keys
by Kelly Yang
Discover what's new in this continuing story of Mia Tang her family's Callivista Hotel. Worried investors, new laws, can Mia soothe everyone and everything over?



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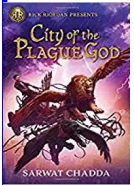
Grades 6-8 (by author)



The Canyon's Edge

by **Dusti Bowling**

After a random shooting changes everything, Nora and her father must find a way to move forward. When a desert adventure, goes horribly wrong, Nora has to learn to survive on her instincts.



The City of the Plague God

by **Sarwat Chadda**

Sik, like all teens, just wants to feel “normal”. All that changes when he learns he’s immortal and faces a battle with some of ancient Mesopotamia’s fiercest mythical creatures!



Efren Divided

by **Ernesto Cisneros**

Efren must help provide for his family when his Amà is suddenly deported across the border. He must let his inner “Soperboy” shine to bring his family back together.



The Only Black Girls in Town

by **Brandy Colbert**

Being the only Black girl in town is what Alberta has always known until a new girl, Edie, moves in. When the girls discover an old box of journals that were left behind, a mysterious, sometimes difficult past comes to light.



My Life as a Potato

by **Arianne Costner**

New Idaho resident, Ben Hardy, finds himself donning his new school’s mascot suit—a potato, of course—during basketball games after he accidentally injures the former suit-wearer.



Scritch Scratch

by **Lindsay Currie**

Claire does NOT believe in ghosts despite her father hosting a “haunted bus tour” in Chicago. So when she realizes she’s being haunted, she needs to find out what her ghost wants before its too late!



96 Miles

by **J. L. Esplin**

Having been raised a “preppers”, brothers John and Stew’s lives are thrown into chaos when their Dad’s stash is stolen during a massive blackout. To survive, they must travel 96 miles through the desert for basic supplies.



Dress Coded

by **Carrie Firestone**

To protest a harsh and sometimes unfairly assessed girls’ dress code, Molly starts a podcast to tell the girls’ stories. It soon turns into a rebellion to demand change.



Redwood and Ponytail

by **K.A. Holt**

This free verse novel tells the story of two teen girls who find themselves attracted to each other in self-revealing ways.



When Stars are Scattered

By **Victoria Jamieson**

A graphic novel that takes place in a part of the world often ignored: a refugee camp. Omar and his younger nonverbal brother Hassan deal with surviving the harsh realities. When Omar gets a chance to get ahead, he must make a difficult choice.



Whispering Pines

By **Heidi Lang and Kati Bartkowski**

Rae and Caden bond together when they both are ignored by their townspeople for telling “wild stories”. When local kids go missing and later turn up as zombies, Rae and Caden just might be telling the truth after



The Radium Girls: Young Reader's Edition: the Scary but True Story of the Poison That Made People Glow

by **Kate Moore**

When radium is discovered in the early 1920s, its exciting glow looks promising for lots of products. But when people begin getting ill, a shocking truth is uncovered.



Bloom

by **Kenneth Oppel**

When the rain begins, it brings mysterious vines that grow and release toxic pollens causing plants to swallow all in sight. Three kids are discovered who may be able to end the curse.



In The Hall With the Knife

by **Diana Peterfreund**

This re-imagined version of the board game Clue is set on the campus of a remote boarding school where teen versions of the classic players must solve who killed their headmaster.



City Spies

by **James Ponti**

After hacking in to the NYC foster care computer system to expose her foster parents as cheats, Sara is the one punished with a stay in “juvie”. When a mysterious spy master gets her released she has the chance to join a secret agency.



Black Brother, Black Brother

by **Jewell Parker Rhodes**

Stuck in the midst of a mostly all-white school, Donte feels unwelcome especially when his brother is the teachers’ favorite. After an incident that lands him in trouble, Donte looks to beat his rival at his own game.



Yara's Spring

by **Sharon McKay and Jamal Saeed**

After losing nearly everything in the Syrian revolution, Yara must navigate her way to a new life of freedom for her and her brother.



Clean Getaway

by **Nic Stone**

On an unplanned road-trip with G-ma, William “Scoob” Lamar gets an unwelcome lesson into the ways of the segregated American South.



Genesis Begins Again

by **Alicia D. Williams**

Genesis hates her life and, sadly, herself. Can she overcome the 96 things she dislikes and discover a new path to self-acceptance?



Before the Ever After

by **Jacqueline Woodson**

ZJ has a famous football playing Dad who is starting to have memory problems. How can ZJ help his father, and more importantly, remember his own happy past?