



2014 Beehive Book Awards Nominees

Sponsored by the Children's Literature Association of Utah (CLAU). Winners are chosen from books nominated by the children of Utah, who vote for their favorite books.

Picture Book Nominees:

Bink & Gollie: Two for One – Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee – The state fair is in town, and now Bink and Gollie-utter opposites and best friends extraordinaire-must use teamwork and their gray matter while navigating its many wonders.
E D

Boy + Bot – Ame Dyckman – A boy and a robot strike up a friendship despite their differences.
E D

Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs – Mo Willems – Once upon a time, there were three hungry Dinosaurs: Papa Dinosaur, Mama Dinosaur--and a Dinosaur who happened to be visiting from Norway. One day--for no particular reason--they decided to tidy up their house, make the beds, and prepare pudding of varying temperatures. And then--for no particular reason--they decided to go someplace else.

How to Babysit a Grandpa – Jean Reagan – A little boy provides instructions for properly babysitting one's grandfather, such as offering him tasty treats and entertaining him with special games.
E R

It's a Tiger – David LaRochelle – A child imagines that he is in a story where he encounters a tiger at every turn.
E L

Mitchell's License – Hallie Durand – Mitchell never wants to go to bed until, at the age of three years, nine months, and five days he gets his license so that he can drive there--at least until he and the car have a disagreement about what fuel goes in the tank.
E D

My Garden – Kevin Henkes – After helping her mother weed, water, and chase the rabbits from their garden, a young girl imagines her dream garden complete with jellybean bushes, chocolate rabbits, and tomatoes the size of beach balls.
E H

Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons – Eric Litwin – Pete the cat loves the buttons on his shirt so much that he makes up a song about them, and even as the buttons pop off, one by one, he still finds a reason to sing.
E L

Plant a Kiss – Amy Krouse Rosenthal – One small act of love blooms into something bigger and more dazzling than Little Miss could have ever imagined.
E R

Princess and the Pig – Jonathan Emmett – When a new baby princess accidentally changes places with a piglet, both of their lives are forever changed.
E E

Stars – Mary Lyn Ray – Explores the wonder of stars, whether they're in the night sky, on a plant as a promise of fruit to come, or in one's pocket for those days when one does not feel shiny.
E R

Z Is for Moose – Kelly Bingham – Moose, terribly eager to play his part in the alphabet book his friend Zebra is putting together, then awfully disappointed when his letter passes, behaves rather badly until Zebra finds a spot for him.
E B

Children's Fiction Nominees:

The Brixen Witch – Stacy DeKeyser – Twelve-year-old Rudi stumbles upon a witch's lair while out hunting, takes a gold coin he finds there but loses it again, then must deal with the witch's servant who promises to end the town's rat infestation only if he receives that gold coin, in a story reminiscent of The Pied Piper of Hamelin. .
JF DeKeyser

Close to Famous – Joan Bauer – Twelve-year-old Foster McFee and her mother escape from her mother's abusive boyfriend and end up in the small town of Culpepper, West Virginia, where they use their strengths and challenge themselves to build a new life, with the help of the friends they make there.
JF Bauer

The Humming Room – Ellen Potter – Twelve-year-old orphan Roo Fanshaw is sent to live with an uncle she never knew in a largely uninhabited mansion on Cough Rock Island and discovers a wild river boy, an invalid cousin, and the mysteries of a hidden garden.
JF Potter

Icefall – Matthew J. Kirby – Princess Solveig and her siblings are trapped in a hidden fortress tucked between towering mountains and a frozen fjord, along with her best friend and an army of restless soldiers, all awaiting news of the king's victory in battle, but as they wait for winter's end and the all-encompassing ice to break, acts of treachery make it clear that a traitor lurks in their midst.
JF Kirby

Inside Out & Back Again – Thanhha Lai – Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.
JF Lai

Malcolm at Midnight – W.H. Beck – Malcolm, a smaller than average rat, loves life at McKenna School and the secret society of classroom pets that keep children out of trouble, but when Aggy the iguana disappears Malcolm must use all of his ratty persistence to prove his innocence and save her.
JF Beck

Three Times Lucky – Sheila Turnage – Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a café and co-parent of Mo with his cook, Miss Lana, seems implicated in a murder.
JF Turnage

Tuesdays at the Castle – Jessica Day George – Eleven-year-old Princess Celie lives with her parents, the king and queen, and her brothers and sister at Castle Glower, which adds rooms or stairways or secret passageways most every Tuesday, and when the king and queen are ambushed while travelling, it is up to Celie--the castle's favorite--with her secret knowledge of its never-ending twists and turns, to protect their home and save their kingdom.
JF George

Wonder – R.J. Palacio – Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.
JF Palacio

Zita the Spacegirl – Ben Hatke – When young Zita discovers a device that opens a portal to another place, and her best friend is abducted, she is compelled to set out on a strange journey from star to star in order to get back home.
J 741.5 Hat

Young Adult Fiction Nominees:

Cinder – Marissa Meyer – As plague ravages the overcrowded Earth, observed by a ruthless lunar people, Cinder, a gifted mechanic and cyborg, becomes involved with handsome Prince Kai and must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect the world in this futuristic take on the Cinderella story.
YA F Meyer

Code Name Verity – Elizabeth Wein – In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must do to survive while keeping secret all that she can.
F Wein

The Fault in Our Stars – John Green – Hazel is fighting cancer and things are going well and she meets Augustus Waters who is gorgeous and interested in Hazel which makes her reexamine her illness and her life.
YA F Green

The False Prince – Jennifer A. Nielsen – In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.
YA F Nielsen

Legend – Marie Lu – In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, fifteen-year-old Day, a famous criminal, and prodigy June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover that they have a common enemy.
YA F Lu

The Lions of Little Rock – Kristin Levine – In 1958 Little Rock, Arkansas, painfully shy twelve-year-old Marlee sees her city and family divided over school integration, but her friendship with Liz, a new student, helps her find her voice and fight against racism.
YA F Levine

Rot & Ruin – Jonathan Maberry – In a post-apocalyptic world where fences and border patrols guard the few people left from the zombies that have overtaken civilization, fifteen-year-old Benny Imura is finally convinced that he must follow in his older brother's footsteps and become a bounty hunter.
YA F Maberry

The Scorpio Races – Maggie Stiefvater – Nineteen-year-old returning champion Sean Kendrick competes against Puck Connolly, the first girl ever to ride in the annual Scorpio Races, both trying to keep hold of their dangerous water horses long enough to make it to the finish line.
YA F Stiefvater

Shadow and Bone – Leigh Bardugo – Orphaned by the Border Wars, Alina Starkov is taken from obscurity and her only friend, Mal, to become the protégé of the mysterious Darkling, who trains her to join the magical elite in the belief that she is the Sun Summoner, who can destroy the monsters of the Fold.
YA F Bardugo

Ungifted – Gordon Korman – When an accident lands Donovan Curtis in his school's gifted program, he is able to discover his true talents.
YA F Korman

Welcome, Caller, This Is Chloe – Shelley Coriell – When big-hearted Chloe Camden's best friend shreds her reputation and her school counselor axes her junior independent study project, Chloe is forced to take on a "more meaningful" project by joining her school's struggling radio station.
YA F Coriell

Wrapped – Jennifer Bradbury – Seventeen-year-old Agnes Wilkins is about to make her debut into 1815 London society at a lavish party, where she meets Lord Showalter, a wealthy and eligible man who collects Egyptian antiquities and who is hiding a dangerous secret.
YA F Bradbury

Poetry Nominees:

Book Speak: Poems About Books – Laura Purdie Salas – Presents a series of poems which pay tribute to the limitless worlds available through books, as characters plead for sequels, strut fancy jackets, and have a raucous party in the aisles after a bookstore closes for the night.
J 811 Sal

Last Laughs: Animal Epitaphs – J. Patrick Lewis and Jane Yolen – Offers morbidly-humorous, pun-filled, illustrated epitaphs for animals that poetically describe how they met their ends.
E L

Out of This World: Poems and Facts about Space – Amy Sklansky – Offers lyrically presented facts about space and with perspective illustrations and additional explanations in the margins.
J 811 Skl

Poems I Wrote When No One Was Looking – Alan Katz – A collection of humorous poems for children.
J 811 Kat

The President's Stuck in the Bathtub: Poems about the Presidents – Susan Katz –
J 811 Kat Oversize

Shiver Me Timbers: Pirate Poems & Paintings – Douglas Florian –
J 811 Flo

Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature – Joyce Sidman – Celebrates the beauty and value of spirals in nature.

J 811 Sid

Twosomes: Love Poems from the Animal Kingdom – Marilyn Singer – Do animals celebrate Valentine's Day? Nobody knows for sure. But this book imagines how some of them declare their love, affection, or friendship any day of the year.

J 811 Sin

Informational Nominees:

America Is Under Attack: September 11, 2001: The Day the Towers Fell – Don Brown – Narrates the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, from the plane hijackings to the collapse of the World Trade Center.

J 973.9 Bro

Barnum's Bones: How Barnum Brown Discovered the Most Famous Dinosaur in the World – Tracy Fern –

Documents the work of the early 20th-century paleontologist Barnum Brown, named after the famous circus icon by his ambitious parents, who grew up to work for the American Museum of Natural History and discovered the first documented skeletons of the Tyrannosaurus Rex and other noteworthy species.

E F

Balloons Over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade – Melissa Sweet –

E S

Bill the Boy Wonder: The Secret Co-Creator of Batman

– Marc Tyler Nobleman –

J 741.5 Nob Oversize

The Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon – Steve

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J 623.4 She

Harry Houdini: The Legend of the World's Greatest Escape Artist – Janice Weaver –

92 Houdini

Invincible Microbe: Tuberculosis and the Never Ending Search for a Cure –

Jim Murphy – The "biography" of the deadly germ tuberculosis, an account of the diagnosis, treatment, and "cure" of the disease over time, and the social history of an illness that could strike anywhere but was most prevalent among the poor.

J 616.9 Mur

It's a Dog's Life: How Man's Best Friend Sees, Hears, and Smells the World – Susan E.

Goodman –

J 636.7 Goo

Just a Second: A Different Way to Look at Time – Steve Henkins – This non-fiction picture book explores time and how we think about it in a different way - as a series of events in the natural world (some of them directly observable, others not) that take place in a given unit of time. Just a Second is visualized as a linear series of illustrations and captions, starting with a second, a minute, an hour, a month, and a year.

J 529 Jen

North: The Amazing Story of Arctic Migration – Nick Dowson – At the top of our world is a huge wild place called the Arctic. In the winter, it is a cold and barren land, where few animals can survive. But when spring comes, it brings with it animals from every corner of the earth.

J 591.5 Dow

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