

2012 WCCPBA Nominees

Title: A Balloon For Isabel

Author: Debbie Underwood

Illustrator: Laura Rankin

Publisher: Harper Collins, 2010

Synopsis: As graduation day approaches, Isabel tries to convince her teacher that she and Walter, both procupines, should receive balloons on teh big day just like the other children.

Title: Children Make Terrible Pets

Author: Peter Brown

Illustrator: Peter Brown

Publisher: Little Brown, 2010

Synopsis: When Lucy, a young bear, discovers a boy lost in the woods, she asks her mother if she can have him as a pet, only to find him impossible to train.

Title: The Circus Ship

Author and Illustrator: Chris Van Dusen

Publisher: Candlewick Press, 2009

Synopsis: When a circus ship runs aground off the coast of Maine, the poor animals are left on their own to swim the chilly waters. Staggering onto a nearby island, they soon win over the wary townspeople with their kind, courageous ways. So well do the critters blend in that when the greedy circus owner returns to claim them, villagers of all species conspire to outsmart the bloated blowhard.

Title: The Cow Loves Cookies

Author: Karma Wilson

Illustrator: Maracellus Hall

Publisher: Simon Schuster, 2010

Synopsis: While all the other animals on the farm enjoy eating their regular food, the cow chooses to eat the one thing that she loves best.

Title: Don't Slam the Door!

Author: Dori Chaconas

Illustrator: Will Hillenbrand

Publisher: Candlewick Press, 2010

Synopsis: A cumulative, rhyming tale of a slamming door which wakes a cat, setting into motion an absurd chain of events and resulting in chaos.

Title: Duck for Turkey Day

Author: Jacqueline Jules

Illustrator: Kathryn Mitter

Publisher: Albert Whitman, 2009

Synopsis: When Tuyet finds out that her Vietnamese family is having duck rather than turkey for Thanksgiving dinner, she is upset until she finds out that other children in her class did not eat turkey either.

Title: How Rocket Learned to Read

Author and Illustrator: Tad Hills

Publisher: Random House, 2010

Synopsis: A little yellow bird teaches Rocket the dog how to read by first introducing him to the "wondrous, mighty, gorgeous alphabet."

Title: Immi's Gift

Author and Illustrator: Karin Littlewood

Publisher: Peachtree, 2010

Synopsis: Day after day in the frozen North, a young Inuit girl catches brightly colored objects while ice fishing and uses them to decorate her igloo, until the ice begins to melt and she drops in a gift of her own before leaving for the season.

Title: Little Pink Pup

Author and Illustrator: Johanna Kerby

Publisher: Putnam, 2010

Synopsis: Pink, a piglet who is the runt of the litter, is adopted by Tink, a dachshund who is nursing a litter of her own, and Pink is raised in the house along with the puppies.

Title: More Bears

Author: Kenn Nesbitt

Illustrator: Troy Cummings

Publisher: Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2010

Synopsis: Different kinds of bears, all engaged in fun activities, pile onto the pages until there is no room for any bears.

Title: Mr. President Goes to School

Author: Rick Walton

Illustrator: Brad Sneed

Publisher: Peachtree, 2010

Synopsis: When the President find the many pressures of his job to be overwhelming, he disguises himself and returns to kindergarten, where he is reminded of the important lessons he learned there.

Title: My Best Friend Is As Sharp As a Pencil

Author and Illustrator: Hanoch Piven

Publisher: Schwartz & Wade, 2010

Synopsis: When her grandma asks her about school, a girl draws a class portrait, adding details that show what make each person special.

Title: Never Smile at a Monkey

Author and Illustrator: Steve Jenkins

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin, 2009

Synopsis: Presents an illustrated discussion of what not to do around various dangerous animals, with warnings about petting a platypus, touching a tang fish, or pulling a python's tail.

Title: Ol' Bloos Boogie-Woogie Band and Blues Ensemble

Author: Han Huling

Illustrator: Henri Sorensen

Publisher: Peachtree, 2010

Synopsis: Set in Louisiana, four aging animals who are no longer of any use to their masters find a new home after outwitting a gang of robbers.

Title: Oscar and the Very Hungry Dragon

Author and Illustrator: Ute Krause

Publisher: North-South, 2010

Synopsis: A resourceful boy comes to the rescue when the dragon that terrorizes his village demands to be fed and there are no princesses left to serve the beast for dinner.

Title: Pierre the Penguin: A True Story

Author: Jean Marzallo

Illustrator: Laura Regan

Publisher: Sleeping Bear, 2010

Synopsis: Pierre the penguin lost his feathers and was too cold to swim in the water until aquatic biologist Pam came up with an idea to get Pierre to swim again.

Title: Pop! The Invention of Bubblegum

Author and Illustrator: Meghan McCarthy

Publisher: Peachtree, 2010

Synopsis: A collection of amusing historical facts on the invention of bubble gum.

Title: The Sandwich Swap

Author: Queen Rania Al Abullah

Illustrator: Tricia Tusa

Publisher: Hyperion, 2010

Synopsis: Best friends Lily and Salma disagree over their preferred foods, but after trading sandwiches to see how they taste, the girls change their minds.

Title: Sophie Peterman Tells the Truth

Author: Sarah Weeks

Illustrator: Robert Neubecke

Publisher: Simon Schuster, 2009

Synopsis: A disgruntled big sister reveals unpleasant facts about babies.

Title: Ugly Pie

Author: Lisa Wheeler

Illustrator: Heather Solomon

Publisher: Harcourt, 2009

Synopsis: After baking a scrumptious ugly pie, made from unwanted ingredients donated by his neighbors, Ol' Bear invites everyone over a slice. Includes pie recipe.