

## 2014 WCCPBA Nominees

**Title: Bear in Love**

Author: Daniel Pinkwater Illustrator: Will Hillenbrand

Publisher: Candlewick Press, 2012

Synopsis: A bear with a secret admirer who leaves sweet, crunchy treats outside his cave each night tries to repay the kindness with honey, but comes to find out that his new friend is smaller, cuter, and fonder of carrots than any bear.

**Title: Being Frank**

Author: Donna W. Earnhardt Illustrator: Andrea Castellani

Publisher: Flashlight Press, 2012

Synopsis: Frank is proud of his honesty but finds he is upsetting the people around him, and after a visit to Grandpa Ernest, Frank learns the value of both being honest and considering other people's feelings.

**Title: The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind**

Author: William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer Illustrator: Elizabeth Zunon

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2012

Synopsis: When fourteen-year-old William Kamkwamba's Malawi village was hit by a drought, everyone's crops began to fail. Without enough money for food, let alone school, William spent his days in the library . . . and figured out how to bring electricity to his village. Persevering against the odds, William built a functioning windmill out of junkyard scraps, and thus became the local hero who harnessed the wind.

**Title: Chloe and the Lion**

Author: Mac Barnett Illustrator: Adam Rex

Publisher: Disney/Hyperion Books, 2012

Synopsis: Mac, the author, fires Adam, the illustrator, over their artistic differences about Chloe, the main character of their book, until Mac realizes both of their talents are needed and they must work together or their story about Chloe will never be finished.

**Title: Creepy Carrots!**

Author: Aaron Reynolds Illustrator: Peter Brown

Publisher: Simon & Schuster for young Readers, 2012

Synopsis: The carrots that grow in Crackenhopper Field are the fattest and crispiest around and Jasper Rabbit cannot resist pulling some to eat each time he passes by, until he begins hearing and seeing creepy carrots wherever he goes.

**Title: Each Kindness**

Author: Jacqueline Woodson Illustrator: E.B. Lewis

Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2012

Synopsis: Chloe and her friends won't play with the new girl, Maya. Every time Maya tries to join Chloe and her friends, they reject her. Eventually Maya stops coming to school. When Chloe's teacher gives a lesson about how even small acts of kindness can change the world, Chloe is stung by the lost opportunity for friendship, and thinks about how much better it could have been if she'd shown a little kindness toward Maya.

**Title: George Washington's Birthday**

Author: Margaret McNamara Illustrator: Barry Blitt

Publisher: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2012

Synopsis: On George Washington's seventh birthday, he does chores, misbehaves and dreams of a day when his birthday will be celebrated by all.

**Title: Gilbert Goldfish Wants A Pet**

Author Kelly DiPucchio Illustrator: Bob Shea

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2011

Synopsis: Gilbert has almost everything his fishy heart could desire: a castle, a chest filled with treasure, and food that falls from the sky. But there's one BIG thing missing from his life: a pet. And so begins Gilbert's harrowing search for the perfect fishbowl companion - a search filled with loud barking, quiet buzzing, and one giant whiskered surprise!

**Title: Goldilocks And The Three Dinosaurs**

Author and Illustrator: Mo Willems

Publisher: Balzer & Bray, 2012

Synopsis: A spin on the traditional tale with dinosaurs who visit Norway as the main characters.

**Title: Just Ducks!**

Author: Nicola Davies Illustrator: Salvatore Rubbino

Publisher: Candlewick Press, 2012

Synopsis: A young girl shares her observations about the mallards near her house in an engaging, informative story sure to make a splash with duck lovers.

**Title: Kel Gilligan's Daredevil Stunt Show**

Author: Michael Buckley Illustration: Dan Santat

Publisher: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2012

Synopsis: Kel Gilligan, "The Boy without Fear," performs many dangerous feats, including eating broccoli, taking a bath, and facing the potty of doom.

**Title: Larf**

Author and Illustrator: Ashley Spires

Publisher: Kids Can Press, 2012

Synopsis: Larf, who has always believed he was the only sasquatch in the world, is thrilled to hear that another sasquatch is scheduled to make an appearance in the nearby city of Hunderfitz, and Larf dresses up as a city slicker before leaving for Hunderfitz.

**Title: The Lonely Book**

Author: Kate Bernheimer Illustrator: Chris Sheban

Publisher: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2012

Synopsis: Once popular, an increasingly shabby library book grows lonely until a young girl rediscovers it, but when it becomes lost again both the book and the girl wonder if they will have a happy ending.

**Title: The Monsters' Monster**

Author and Illustrator: Patrick McDonnell

Publisher: Little Brown, 2012

Synopsis: Once upon a time, there were three little rascals who thought they were the BIGGEST, BADDEST monsters around. Then along came an even BIGGER monster who changed their minds. And all it took was two little words.

**Title: Oh, No!**

Author: Candace Fleming Illustrator: Eric Rohmann

Publisher: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2012

Synopsis: A series of animals falls into a deep hole, only to be saved at last by a very large rescuer.

**Title: Out Of This World: Poems and Facts About Space**

Author: Amy Shlansky Illustrator: Stacey Schuett

Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf, 2012

Synopsis: Space is a subject too grand for poetry or prose alone, so this book offers both to help readers truly appreciate our place in space.

**Title: A Place For Bats**

Author: Melissa Stewart Illustrator: Higgins Bond

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers, 2012

Synopsis: This fact-filled, colorful look at the amazing world of bats includes a call to action to protect these creatures and their habitats.

**Title: Pluto Visits Earth**

Author: Steve Metzger Illustrator: Jared Lee

Publisher: Orchard Books, 2012

Synopsis: Angry at being downgraded to a dwarf planet by Earth scientists, Pluto travels through the solar system, asking other planets along the way for support, in hopes of regaining his planetary status.

**Title: This Is Not My Hat**

Author and Illustrator: Jon Klassen

Publisher: Candlewick Press, 2012

Synopsis: When a tiny fish shoots into view wearing a round blue topper (which happens to fit him perfectly), trouble could be following close behind. So it's a good thing that enormous fish won't wake up. And even if he does, it's not like he'll ever know what happened. . . .

**Title: Zorro Gets An Outfit**

Author and Illustrator: Carter Goodrich

Publisher: Simon & Schuster For Young Readers, 2012

Synopsis: Zorro is embarrassed at having to wear a fancy outfit to the park and Mister Bud is unable to cheer him up until a "cool" new dog arrives in his own fancy clothes and challenges the friends to a race.