

Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award



2025 Nominees

Calendar Order

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2nd/3rd Grade

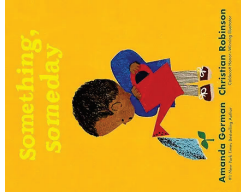
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Something, Someday

Written by Amanda Gorman
Illustrated by Christian Robinson

Book Rating:



Directions: The boy in the story made positive changes in his neighborhood. Describe two things you could do to help fix or clean up in your neighborhood that would make a positive change.

1. _____

2. _____

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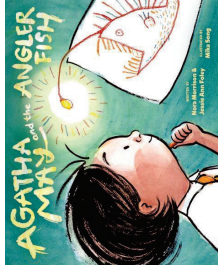
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Agatha May and the Anglerfish

Written by Nora Morrison and Jessie Ann Foley
Illustrated by Mika Song

Book Rating:



Choose and write five different words that describe Agatha May as a student. Then write a couple sentences explaining how one or more of these traits help her in her research and presentation.

Agatha May is....

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

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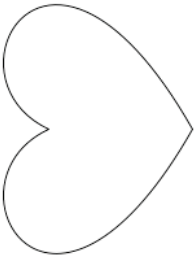

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Spanish is the Language of My Family

Written by Michael Genhart
Illustrated by John Parra



Directions: First, write the Spanish word for the pictures in the boxes. Then, answer the following questions: Was Manolito the only winner in the spelling contest? How was his abuela a winner?

	
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CCSS-ELA-LITERACY.RL.2.1: Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.
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Bitsy Bat, School Star

Written and Illustrated by Kaz Windness



Directions: How did Winnie Whiskers react to Bitsy Bat at the beginning of the story? Did Bitsy's classmates react to Bitsy differently after she shared her big star idea? What changed? How can you be a good friend to your classmates?

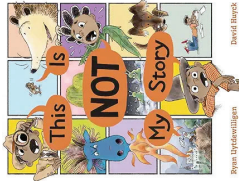
CCSS-ELA-LITERACY.RL.2.6: Acknowledge differences in the points of view of characters, including by speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud.
CCSS-ELA-LITERACY.RL.3.6: Distinguish their own point of view from that of the narrator or those of the characters.

Date: _____ Self-Evaluation: _____

This is Not My Story

Written by Ryan Uytendwilligen
Illustrated by David Huyck

Book Rating:



The story shows several different types or genres of stories. Circle which genre is your favorite & draw a picture of you in a story set in that genre.

Genres shown in story: Historical Fiction Realistic Fiction Science Fiction

Poetry Horror Fantasy Mystery Biography

What is your favorite genre? _____

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.2.7 - Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot.
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.3.7 - Explain how specific aspects of a text's illustrations contribute to what is conveyed by the words in a story (e.g., create mood, emphasize aspects of a character or setting)

Out of a Jar

Written & Illustrated by Deborah Marcero

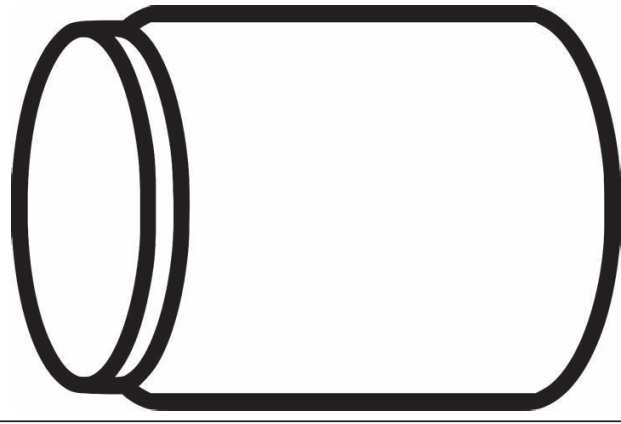
Book Rating:



Write or draw a feeling you try to hide or control in the jar. Then write the things Llewellyn did when the feelings were out of the jar that helped him.

My Feeling:

What did Llewellyn do?



Do you think the same things will help you? Yes No

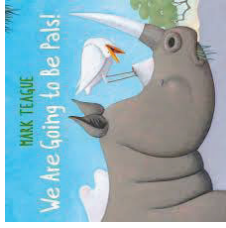
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We Are Going To Be Pals!

Written by Mark Teague
Illustrated by Mark Teague

Book Rating:



Sketch something you and a "pal" (friend) might do together AND something Egret and Rhino might do together.

Something I'd do with my pal.

Something Egret and Rhinoceros would do together.

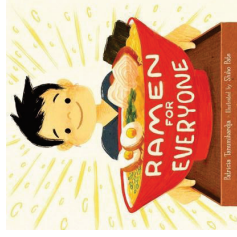
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.2.SL.2 Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud.

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Ramen for Everyone

Written by Patricia Tanumihardja
Illustrated by Shiho Pate

Book Rating:



Directions: In the story, Hiro faces some challenges. Draw what he did to fix the problem and write a sentence about it.

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Friends Beyond Measure

Written by Lalena Fisher
Illustrated by Lalena Fisher

Book Rating:



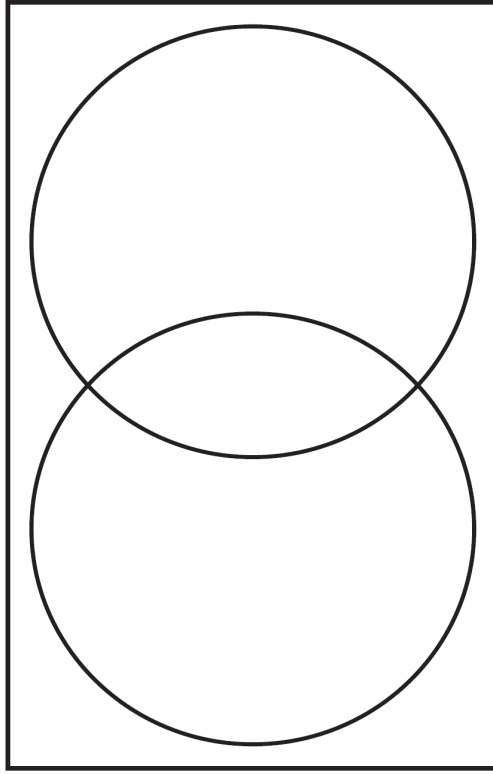
Create a Venn diagram showing things you like to do. You should have at least six ideas and at least one in each category.

Things I like to do:

At HOME

BOTH at HOME and SCHOOL

At SCHOOL



CCSS.MATH.2.MD.D.10 - Represent and interpret data.
CCSS.MATH.3.MD.B.3 - Represent and interpret data.

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Flat Cat

Written by Tara Lazar
Illustrated by Pete Oswald

Book Rating:



What problem did Flat Cat have?

How did Flat Cat try to solve the problem?

What did Flat Cat learn in this story?

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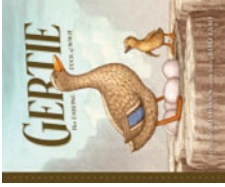
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Gertie The Darling Duck of WWII

Written by Shari Swanson
Illustrated by Renee Graef

Book Rating:



Who are the main characters in the story?

What is the main problem in the story?

What was the solution to the problem in the story?

Draw a picture of Gertie and her ducklings.

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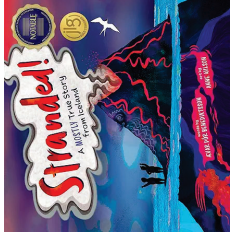
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Stranded! A Mostly True Story From Iceland

Written by Aevor Thor Benediktsson
Illustrated by Anne Wilson

Book Rating:



What do you think is the main idea or lesson of this book? Answer in complete sentences with evidence from the text.

I think the main idea or lesson of the book is:

I think that because:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.R.L.2.2 Recount stories from diverse cultures and determine the central message, lesson or moral.
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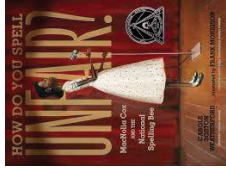
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How Do You Spell Unfair

Written by Carole Boston Weatherford
Illustrated by Frank Morrison

Book Rating:



Circle the words that are spelled correctly!

werk	yard	any
eny	meen	take
maan	only	think
say	sey	sai

CCSS.ELA-READING FOUNDATIONS.2.RF.3F Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.

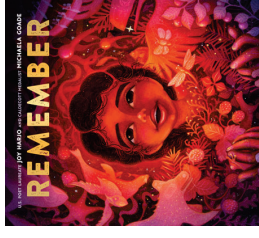
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Remember

Written by Joy Harjo
Illustrated by Michaela Goade

Book Rating:



Draw/write an image/phrase from the story you think is important.

Write a couple sentences explaining what you think the moral or message this is trying to tell you.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.2.2 Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral.
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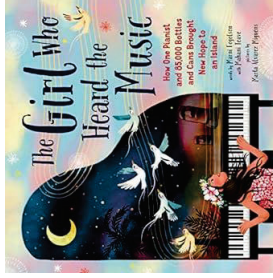
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The Girl Who Heard the Music

Written by Mami Fogelson & Mahani Teave
Illustrated by Marta Álvarez Miguéns

Book Rating:



What are some words you would use to describe Mahani?
What does she do when she is confronted with a problem?

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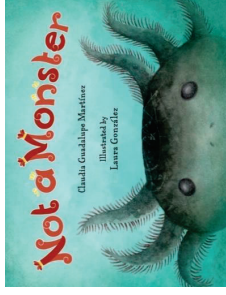
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Not a Monster

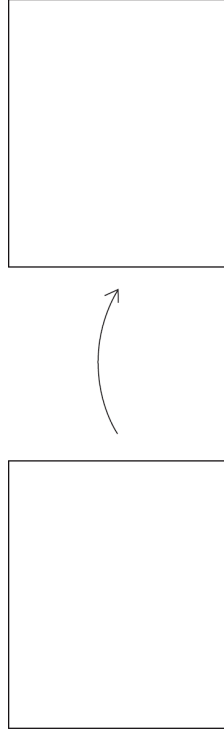
Written by Claudia Guadalupe Martinez
Illustrated by Laura Gonzalez

Book Rating:



Draw & label each stage of the life cycle of an axolotl below. Write what happens during each stage in the boxes.

Life Cycle of an Axolotl



Label & Draw:
Egg
Tadpole
Axolotl

CCSS.ELA-INFORMATIONAL.RI.2.7 Explain how specific images contribute to and clarify a text.
CCSS.ELA-INFORMATIONAL.W.3.7 Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic.
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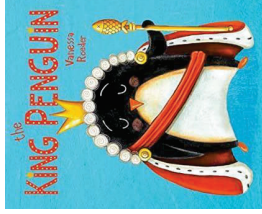
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The King Penguin

Written and Illustrated by Vanessa Roeder

Book Rating:



The other penguins don't want a king to rule over them. What rules do they decide would be good to follow?

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

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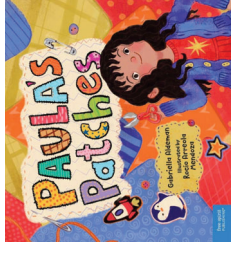
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Paula's Patches

Written by Gabriella Aldeman
Illustrated by Rocío Arreola Mendoza

Book Rating:



How do Paula's patches help take care of the environment? What details tell you that?
What is something you do that helps take care of the environment?

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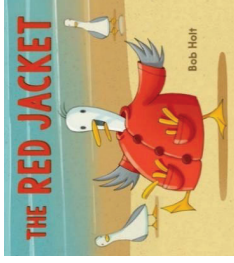
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The Red Jacket

Written by Bob Holt
Illustrated by Bob Holt

Book Rating:



Bob loved his red jacket. He got it from a friend who didn't need it anymore.

List up to 5 ways to be a good friend and draw a picture to show what that would look like.

5 Ways to Be a Good Friend	
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

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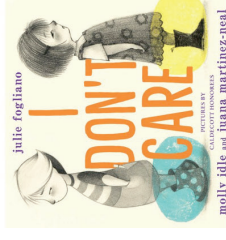
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I Don't Care

Written by Julie Fogliano
Illustrated by Molly Idle & Juana Martinez-Neal

Book Rating:



Write or draw differences between the two characters.

Write a sentence explaining how the characters get along despite their differences.

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