

Washington Children's Choice Book Award 2021 Nominee List

Be Kind

Author: Pat Zietlow Miller

Illustrator: Jen Hill

Summary: When Tanisha spills grape juice all over her new dress, her classmate contemplates how to make her feel better and what it means to be kind. From asking the new girl to play to standing up for someone being bullied, this moving and thoughtful story explores what a child can do to be kind, and how each act, big or small, can make a difference--or at least help a friend.

Borrowing Bunnies: A Surprising True Tale of Fostering Rabbits

Author: Cynthia Lord

Illustrator: Hazel Mitchell

Summary: A heartwarming true story of the author's own journey in fostering two amazing bunnies.

The Boy Who Invented the Popsicle: The Cool Science Behind Frank Epperson's Famous Frozen Treat

Author: Anne Renaud

Illustrator: Milan Pavlovic

Summary: Frank William Epperson is a curious boy who wants to be an inventor when he grows up. What Frank loves most, though, is experimenting with liquids. Though he doesn't yet realize it, his curiosity will lead to his best invention ever: the Popsicle!

Cyril and Pat

Author and Illustrator: Emily Gravett

Summary: What will Cyril do when he discovers that his best friend is a rat and not another squirrel?

Don't Call Me Bear!

Author and Illustrator: Aaron Blabey

Summary: Warren, a feisty little koala, is frustrated and annoyed because since the days of Captain Cook, people have called koalas bears, and he really wants everyone to know that koalas are NOT BEARS--unfortunately even Kangaroo and Platypus are not impressed by his argument.

Llama Destroys the World

Author: Jonathan Stutzman

Illustrator: Heather Fox

Summary: Eating too much pie causes Llama to rip his dancing pants, opening a black hole and threatening the entire universe.

Love, Z

Author and Illustrator: Jessie Sima

Summary: A little robot named Z finds a message in a bottle signed, "Love, Beatrice" and, unable to learn what love is from other robots, sets out on a quest to find the answer.

Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando

Author: Andrea Wang

Illustrator: Kana Urbanowicz

Summary: Inspiration struck when Momofuku Ando spotted the long lines for a simple bowl of ramen following World War II. Magic Ramen tells the true story behind the creation of one of the world's most popular foods.

My Papi Has a Motorcycle

Author: Isabel Quintero

Illustrator: Zeke Peña

Summary: When Daisy Ramona zooms around her neighborhood with her Papi on his motorcycle, she sees the people and places she's always known. She also sees a community that is rapidly changing around her.

Ogilvy

Author and Illustrator: Deborah Underwood

Summary: When Ogilvy moves to a new town, the possibilities feel endless. There are so many new bunny friends and fun things to do together! But in this town, bunnies in dresses play ball and knit socks, and bunnies in sweaters make art and climb rocks. Ogilvy wants to do everything--and won't let a sweater or a dress get in the way.

Once Upon a Goat

Author: Dan Richards

illustrator: Eric Barclay

Summary: A twisted fairy tale about a king and queen who wish for a child of their own and end up with a baby goat.

Rescue & Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship

Author: Jessica Kensky

Illustrator: Scott Magoon

Summary: When he is paired with a girl who has lost her legs, Rescue worries that he isn't up to the task of being her service dog.

A Royal Ride: Catherine the Great's Great Invention

Author: Kristen Fulton

Illustrator: Lucy Fleming

Summary: Join Catherine the Great on a fun-filled ride as she schemes to invent the roller coaster

Ruby Finds a Worry

Author and Illustrator: Tom Percival

Summary: A young girl's sense of adventure and exploration vanishes when she discovers a worry that grows and grows until she learns how to get rid of it.

Skulls!

Author: Blair Thornburgh

Illustrator: Scott Campbell

Summary: A non-fiction picture book about skulls, and all the things they are good for.

Sweetie

Author and Illustrator: Andrea Zuill

Summary: Sweetie is awkward, even for a naked mole rat, but with encouragement from her Aunt Ruth, she begins to see that being herself is the best way to find a friend.

Take Your Pet to School Day

Author: Linda Ashman

Illustrator: Suzanne Kaufman

Summary: Wouldn't it be fun to bring your pet to school? Now imagine if EVERYONE brought their pet to school!

This is Not That Kind of a Book

Author: Christopher Healy

Illustrator: Ben Mantle

Summary: This is a book that answers all the kids who have ever posed the question: What kind of book is it?

Tiny Feet Between the Mountains

Author and Illustrator: Hannah Cha

Summary: A young Korean girl must come up with a clever idea to help a spirit tiger who has swallowed the sun by mistake.

The Very Impatient Caterpillar

Author: Ross Burach

Summary: A caterpillar learns to be patient while trying to metamorphosize.