

WCCPBA Nominees 2010

Title: Astronaut Handbook

Author: Meghan McCarthy

Illustrator: Meghan McCarthy

Synopsis: Readers can blast off to astronaut school in this nonfiction picture book. Learn what it takes to be an astronaut from preparation, training, and actual facts of what it's like in space as a NASA astronaut.

Title: Bats at the Library

Author: Brian Lies

Illustrator:

Synopsis: Bored with another normal, inky evening, bats discover an open library window and fly in to enjoy the photocopier, water fountain, and especially the books and stories found there.

Title: Beadtime at the Swamp

Author: Crow, Kristyn

Illustrator: Pamintuan, Macky

Synopsis: Splish splash, rumba-rumba, bim bam BOOM! How can anybody go to bed when there is a monster on the loose in the swamp? Our hero is joined by his family as they hide from the swamp monster! But wait! Is the swamp monster the one they are really hiding from?

Title: Bone Soup

Author: Cambria Evans

Illustrator: Cambria Evans

Synopsis: Retells the classic tale about a traveller, a ghost, who tricks a town's witches, ghouls, and zombies into helping him make soup.

Title: Critter Sitter

Author: Chuck Richards

Illustrator: Chuck Richards

Synopsis: When the Mahoney family hired Henry the Critter Sitter to watch their dog, cat, bird, fish, frog, and snake, he thinks he is up for the challenge since creature control is his game but the pets have a different idea.

Title: Dirty Joe the Pirate

Author: Bill Harley

Illustrator: Jack E. Davis

Synopsis: Dirty Joe and his pirate crew terrorize the seven seas in their quest for dirty socks, but they meet their match in Stinky Annie, whose favorite loot is pilfered underwear.

Title: Help Me, Mr. Mutt!: Expert Answers for Dogs with People Problems

Author: Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel

Illustrator: Janet Stevens

Synopsis: Responding to disgruntled dogs nationwide, Mr. Mutt, Canine Counselor, has solutions to the stickiest dilemmas. But Mr. Mutt has his own problem to solve: the cat (aka The Queen), who has her own idea of who's in charge. Now Mr. Mutt is the one who needs help--quick! Through letters and newspaper clippings--and with plenty of their trademark humor--Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel give voice to despairing dogs everywhere.

Title: Mrs. Muddle's Holidays

Author: Neilsen, Laura

Illustrator: Yezeriski, Thomas F.

Synopsis: Maple Street was like any other suburban street, each family doing their own thing, celebrating their own holidays their own way...that was until Mrs. Muddle moved in! This grandmotherly woman started celebrating "The First Robin of Spring Day" or "April Showers Day". The neighborhood children started joining in on Mrs. Muddle's odd holidays. But wait, the neighborhood was celebrating something that Mrs. Muddle didn't have on her calendar - what could it be?!

Title: Ms. McCaw Learns to Draw

Author: Kaethe Zemach

Illustrator: Kaethe Zemach

Synopsis: Dudley Ellington has trouble in school paying attention and learning new things. Ms. McCaw, his teacher, has much patience with Dudley. She explains lessons many times until they make sense to Dudley. Dudley returns the favor when Ms. McCaw needs help drawing a face. The entire class gets involved with drawing profiles.

Title: One is a Feast for Mouse

Author: Judy Cox

Illustrator: Jeffrey Ebbeler

Synopsis: On Thanksgiving Day while everyone naps, Mouse spots one pea, a perfect feast, but he cannot help adding all of the fixings--until Cat spots him.

Title: The Pencil

Author: Allan Ahlbert

Illustrator: Bruce Ingman

Synopsis: Once there was a pencil, a lonely little pencil, until one day it shivered slightly and began to draw. It drew a boy, a dog, a cat and a lot of other fun things. Everything was going fine until the pencil drew an eraser and all his trouble began, because the eraser was a bully.

Title: Peter Spit a Seed at Sue

Author: Koller, Jackie French

Illustrator: Manders, John

Synopsis: Four bored kids on a porch. A boring summer afternoon. When a fella started yellin', "Watermelon!" Just what was needed to stop the boredom! Then after they chomped and burped, Peter spit a seed at Sue - and what were the others to do? Everyone joined in from the police officer to a bus load of kids - until the Mayor pulled up!

Title: The Pink Refrigerator

Author: Tim Egan

Illustrator: Tim Egan

Synopsis: Dodsworth does as little work as he can, collecting items from a junkyard and placing them in his thrift store for sale, until he happens upon a pink refrigerator that spurs him to do much more with his life.

Title: Snoring Beauty

Author: Bruce Hale

Illustrator: Howard Fine

Synopsis: Princess Marge, daughter of King Gluteus and Queen Esophagus, who is nearly doomed by an irate fairy has her harsh sentence modified by another ("half-deaf") fairy, Tintinnitus. The princess will become a sleeping dragon when run over by a pie wagon and will "one day" be awakened by "a quince." Although all pies (and pie wagons) are banned by the king, the princess has her foot run over by a suspicious but unrecognized pie wagon on her 16th birthday and becomes a loudly snoring dragon. You know the rest! Hale's sassy, tongue-in-cheek tale may sound like just another silly "Sleeping Beauty" rewrite. However, enriched by Fine's large, double-page watercolor paintings with their whimsical human visages, distinctive fairies, and frog courtiers; the inimitable sleeping dragon princess; a repetitive refrain ("Yada, yada, hippity-hop"); and those cacophonous snores, this fantastic story is a delight!

Title: Timothy and the Strong Pajamas: A Superhero Adventure

Author: Schwarz, Viviane

Illustrator: Schwarz, Viviane

Synopsis: Timothy's favorite pajamas get worn out, so his mom repairs them using strong thread and sturdy patches. This has endowed the pajamas - and Timothy - with superhero strength! Timothy and his sock monkey decide to use these new attributes to help people, such as a princess, sailors and a lost bear. Oh no! While saving the bear, Timothy's Pajama's get ripped and he loses his super-strength! What is he going to do?

Title: Too Many Toys

Author: David Shannon

Illustrator: David Shannon

Synopsis: After he finally concedes that he has far too many toys, Spencer agrees to give many of them away, but realizes that there is one special toy that he absolutely cannot part with.

Title: Two Bobbies : A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship and Survival

Author: Larson, Kirby and Nethery, Mary

Illustrator: Cassel, Jean

Synopsis: Two animals, a dog and a cat, were stranded during the 2005 Hurricane Katrina. It follows their story from the storm to their adoption.

Title: A Visitor for Bear

Author: Bonny Becker

Illustrator: Kady MacDonald Denton

Synopsis: Bear is so determined not to have any visitors he places a sign on his front door stating NO VISITORS ALLOWED. Mouse is just as determined to enter Bear's home and become Bear's best friend. The hilarity begins when mouse turns up in places like the bread drawer, refrigerator and teapot. Bear locks, plugs and bolts every possible hiding place as the reader waits to see what will happen next.

Title: Wangari's Trees of Peace

Author: Jeanette Winter

Illustrator: Jeanette Winter

Synopsis: Wangari lives near Mt. Kenya in Africa. Wangari is an excellent student and is gifted with a scholarship to study in America. Upon her return, she is devastated to see a barren land with no crops or birds. Wangari's goal is to plant seedlings row upon row in open spaces bringing back the beauty of her beloved country.

Title: Woolbur

Author: Leslie Helakoski

Illustrator: Lee Harper

Synopsis: Woolbur is not like other sheep. He hangs out with wild dogs, cards his own wool to avoid the shearing barn, and even dyes his wool blue. "Don't worry!" says Grandpaa when Maa and Paa fret that Woolbur is different. But when they tell their son to follow the flock, the opposite happens and the flock follows him!