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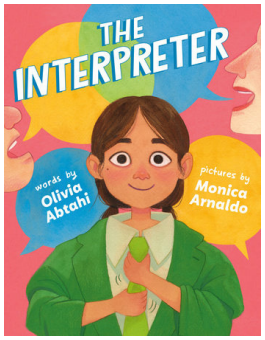
Students who have followed the "Guidelines for Participation" may cast one vote for the book they consider to be the most outstanding book in each of the categories.

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Elementary School





Picture Books

Abtahi, Olivia — E ABT
The Interpreter

Barr-Green, Craig — E BAR
Gina Kaminski Saves the Wolf

Beckmeyer, Drew — E BEC
Stalactite & Stalagmite: A Big Tale from a Little Cave

Buchet, Nelly — *On Order E BUC
Dog vs. Strawberry

Daniel, Danielle — On Order E DAN
Sometimes I Feel Like an Oak

Fang, X. — E FAN
Broken

Hippely, Hilary Horder — E HIP
I Know How to Draw an Owl

Keller, Shana — E KEL
CeeCee: Underground Railroad Cinderella

Kim Ha, Ann — E KIM
A Friend for Eddy

Marcero, Deborah — *On Order E MAR
Hope in a Jar

Sharpson, Neil — E SHA
Don't Trust Fish

Tabor, Corey R. — E TAB
Ursula Upside Down

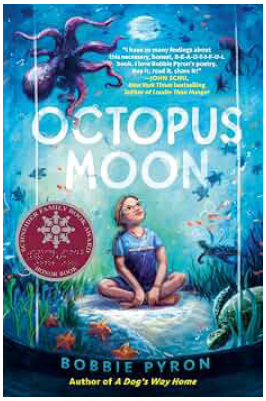
Nonfiction Picture Books

Clendenan, Megan CHILDRENS 631.521 C
Just in Case: Saving Seeds in the Svalbard Global Seed Vault

McGuire, Erin *CHILDRENS B VALLAND M
The Spy in the Museum: How Rose Valland Saved Art from the Nazis

Aradhya, Kerry *CHILDRENS B RUBIK A
Erno Rubik and His Magic Cube\







Grades 3-5

Applegate, Katherine *CHILDRENS APP
Pocket Bear

Bearce, Stephanie *CHILDRENS BEA
The Secret of Moonrise Manor (A Raven Gallows Mystery, Book 1)

Ferry, Beth *CHILDRENS FER
Growing Home

Foley, Jessica Ann *CHILDRENS FOL
Severe and Unusual Weather

Mandanna, Sangu *CHILDRENS MAN
Vanya and the Wild Hunt

Messner, Kate *CHILDRENS MES
The Trouble with Heroes

Oh, Ellen *CHILDRENS OH
The House Next Door

Pyron, Bobbie *On Order CHILDRENS PYR & YA PYR
Octopus Moon

Rhodes, Jewel Parker *CHILDRENS RHO & YA RHO
Will's Race for Home

Stead, Rebecca *CHILDRENS STE
The Experiment

Graphic Novels: Grades 3-5

Anta, Julio *On Order
Speak Up, Santiago!: A Hillside Valley Graphic Novel

Brill, Calista *CHILDRENS 741.59 B
Creaky Acres

Evans, Karina *CHILDRENS 741.59 E
Millie of the Manor

Everett, Tiffany *CHILDRENS 741.59 E
Diary of a Nature Nerd

Federman, Cassandra *CHILDRENS 741.59 F
Story Spinners: A Sisterly Tale of Danger, A Princess, and Her Crew of Lady Pirates

Hirsch, Andy *On Order
Good Boy

Kahn, Ben *CHILDRENS 741.59 K
Mr. Muffins: Defender of the Stars

Lambelet, Ann *CHILDRENS 741.59 L
I'm a Dumbo Octopus! A Graphic Guide to Cephalopods

Mandanna, Sangu *On Order
Jupiter Nettle and the Seven Schools of Magic

Than, Gavin Aung *CHILDRENS 741.59 T
Creature Clinic

