

2012 Charlie May Simon and Diamond Book Award Winners

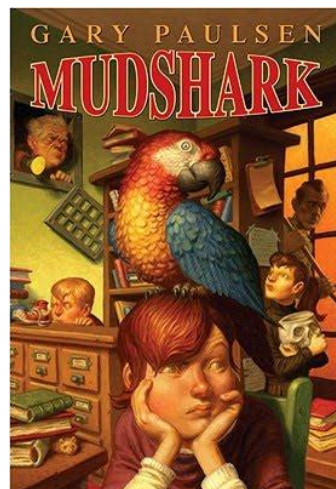
The Arkansas Department of Education, Arkansas State Library, and Arkansas Reading Association announce the voting results for the 2012 Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award and the 2012 Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award. With over 61,000 ballots cast, students chose the following titles:

CHARLIE MAY SIMON CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD (Grades 4-6)

Zoobreak by Gordon Korman is the winner of the 2011-2012 Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award. It was published by Scholastic in 2009.

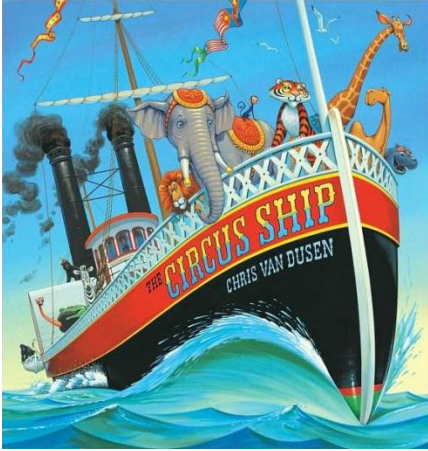


Mudshark by Gary Paulsen is the Honor Book for 2011-2012. It was published by Yearling, Random House Children's Books in 2009.

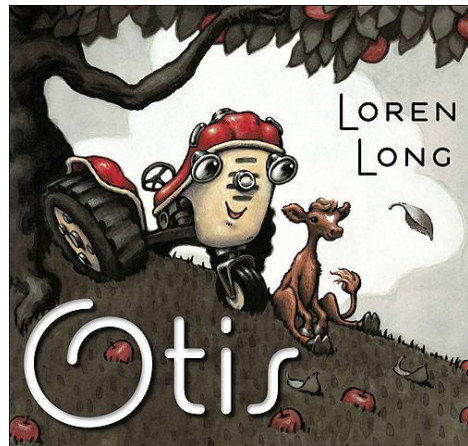


ARKANSAS DIAMOND PRIMARY BOOK AWARD (Grades K-3)

The Circus Ship, written and illustrated by Chris Van Dusen, is the winner of the 2011-2012 Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award. It was published by Candlewick Press in 2009.



Otis, written and illustrated by Loren Long, is the Honor Book for 2011-2012. It was published by Philomel Books, Penguin Young Readers Group in 2009.



Both awards are under the sponsorship of the Arkansas Department of Education, Arkansas State Library, and Arkansas Reading Association, with support from other cooperating organizations.

Lists of next year's titles are at this Website:
<http://hoorayforbooks.pbworks.com>.