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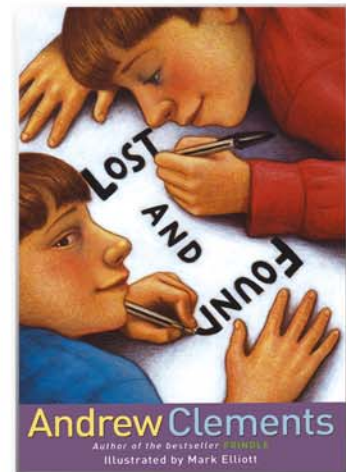
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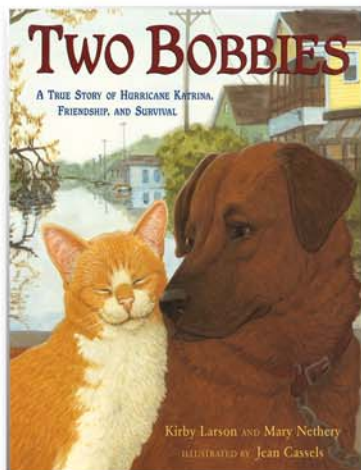
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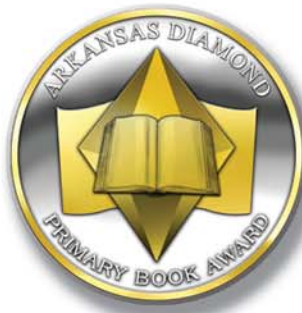
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## ALL THE BROKEN PIECES

Written by Ann E. Burg



**Fiction:** 219 Pages (Written in verse)

**Interest Level:** Grades 4 – 6

**Setting:** Any town USA, post Vietnam War, 1977.

**Guiding Principles:** Adaptability, Bullying, Compassion, Courage.

**Summary:** Two years after being air lifted out of Vietnam in 1975, Matt Pin is haunted by the terrible secret he left behind, and now, in a loving adoptive home in the United States, a series of profound events force him to confront his past.

**Main Characters:** Matt Pin (Refugee); Tommy (Now, little brother); GI father; Vietnamese mother; Now, Dad (Michael); Now, Mother (Elizabeth); Coach Robeson; Coach Louis; Jeff (Piano teacher); Christopher (Chris, Vietnam vet).

**Synopsis:** Matt was fortunate to be allowed on board one of the last aircraft out of Vietnam in 1975 as the allied armed forces were withdrawing from the war-torn country. His American soldier father had already rotated back to the United States, and his Vietnamese mother was staying behind with Matt's younger brother – whose body had been mangled by an explosive device during the war. Matt continued to feel guilty because he was with his younger brother when the severe war injuries occurred. His Now loving family included Mother, Dad, and a very young brother. Some bullies at school picked on him daily in relation to the war and his nationality. Matt meets with a group of Vietnam Vets, earns a spot on his school's varsity baseball team, and would like to check on his family in Vietnam.

**About The Author:** Ann E. Burg was born in New York and spent her happy early childhood years in Brooklyn, where she wrote poetry and read lots of books. In a "Rhythm In My Head" interview by katiaraina.wordpress, Ann said ever since she was four-years-old she has been walking around, "Writing poems in my head." When she was eight-years-old, Ann and her family moved to New Jersey where she continued to read, write, and dream. Her mother and father always had classical music playing on the radio, which became a backdrop to Ann's poetry. "I always had rhythm in my head and words dancing," she said. Ann's childhood passed in the shadow of the Vietnam War. She never dreamed that she'd end up writing about the war, but it being part of her life and her passion for writing led her to the haunting novel in verse, *All The Broken Pieces*. One observer said of the manuscript, "Every word is loaded with meaning. Every sentence is a gem." Ann lives in Albany, New York with her husband and their two children.

**Other Books By The Author:** *E Is For Empire: A New York State Alphabet*; *Kate's Surprise*; *Pirate Pickle And The White Balloon*; *Rebekkah's Journey: A World War II Refugee Story*; *Times Square: A New York State Number Book*.

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 129384 – Reading Level 4.0 – Points 2.0.

**Reading Counts Information:** Reading Level 3.7 – Points 6.0.

## **ALSO KNOWN AS HARPER**

Written by Ann Haywood Leal



**Fiction:** 243 Pages

**Interest Level:** Grades 4 – 6

**Setting:** Somewhere in the Southern United States in the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

**Guiding Principles:** Adaptability, Courage, Honesty, Initiative, Loyalty, Perseverance, Responsibility.

**Summary:** Writing poetry helps fifth-grader Harper Lee Morgan cope with her father's absence, being evicted, and having to skip school to care for her brother while their mother works, and things look even brighter after she befriends a mute girl and a kindly disabled woman.

**Main Characters:** Harper Lee Morgan -11; Mama (Georgia); Hemingway – Hem (Brother - 6); Winnie Rae Early (Classmate); Mrs. Ione Early (Landlord); Sarah Lynn Newhart (Classmate); Mrs. Rodriguez (Teacher); Daddy (Wayne); Lorraine Kelley (Friend); Randall (Lorraine's brother); Mrs. Kelley (Lorraine and Randall's mama); Dr. Dorothy Pine (Good Samaritan).

**Synopsis:** Wayne Morgan's alcohol abuse problems created numerous hardships for his wife and children, and resulted in him leaving home without taking them with him. Unable to meet the monthly rent and utility payments, Mama, Harper Lee, and Hem were locked out of the house they were renting. Their entire belongings were moved outside to the yard while they were away. This forced them to begin an unsettled existence while Mama hunted a job, Harper Lee continued to write her poems and short stories, and Hem worked on his maps while watching the road for Daddy's return.

**About The Author:** Ann Haywood Leal grew up in Auburn, Washington, a suburb just a few minutes south of Seattle. Based upon an interview with Publisher Henry Holt – *Books For Young Readers* Ann said, "I don't remember ever not writing. One of my first books was written when I was in about kindergarten, and it was called *The Big Fight*, pertaining to a huge argument with my older brother Tom." Ann was inspired by the people she met when doing volunteer work at the local soup kitchen. While writing *Also Known As Harper*, she further compared the elementary students she was teaching at school, that appeared to have a life of comfort, to those children at the soup kitchen with their parents. Ann began thinking how their lives were noticeably different. Some of the soup kitchen stories she heard lingered in her mind and parts of the incidents appeared in her book featuring Harper's story. Ann writes and lives in Connecticut with her husband, Andy, and their two daughters.

**Another Book By The Author:** *Finders-Keepers Place*.

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 130979 – Reading Level 5.1 – Points 7.0.

**Reading Counts Information:** Reading Level 5.3 – Points 11.0 – Lexile 800L.

## COMFORT

Written by Joyce Moyer Hostetter

(This novel is a sequel to *Blue*, a 2008-2009 Charlie May Simon selection.)



**Historical Fiction:** 291 Pages

**Setting:** During the time World War II was ending. Hickory, North Carolina, Catawba County and Warm Springs, Georgia – home of the Little White House.

**Guiding Principles:** Adaptability, Bullying, Compassion, Courage, Initiative, Loyalty, Optimism, Perseverance, Respect, Responsibility.

**Summary:** In 1945 Hickory, North Carolina, Ann Fay’s father is back from the war but she must rely on her own strength and determination as she faces the problems of her polio-induced disability and her father’s failure to get a job.

**Main Characters:** Ann Fay Honeycutt – 15; Momma (Myrtle); Father (Leroy); Ida and Ellie – 8 (Twin sisters); Junior Bledsoe – 18 (Neighbor friend); Peggy Sue Rhinehart (Best friend);

Imogene Wilfong (Polio hospital colored friend); Otis Hickey (War veteran); Mr. Shoes (Scottie-dog); Fred Botts (Registrar, Warm Springs); Ann Fay’s many friends in Hickory and Warm Springs.

**Synopsis:** It was difficult for Ann Fay, and the rest of her family to watch her father return from the European theater of World War II with haunting memories and no ambition to hunt for a job. Ann Fay accepted a part-time job from Mrs. Whitener at the local grocery store to help bring food into the family home. She visited Warm Springs, Georgia with her family and toured the Polio Recovery Center where the late President, Franklin D. Roosevelt received treatments for polio. Ann Fay was later accepted as a patient at Warm Springs and developed numerous new friendships during her stay. Imogene Wilfong, her friend while at the polio hospital in Hickory, was on Ann Fay’s mind during the visit.

**About The Author:** Joyce Moyer Hostetter grew up in rural North Carolina, living in the midst of a family with seven siblings. She became an avid reader beginning in first grade, and soon realized if she wanted to get her voice in among others in the family she would need to write down her thoughts. Thus began her life of being what she called, “A bookworm, a dreamer, and a chatterbox.” In middle school, Joyce’s Language Arts teacher told her she’d be a great writer some day, so she began working hard to live up to that goal. She spent some later years raising her two children, running a preschool, and teaching special education before turning to writing as a career. She is now the author of four historical novels and has several in progress. Joyce speaks at schools, conferences, and conventions about her books and the history behind them. She also finds a little time to help spoil her five grandchildren. (Parts of this information came from Amazon.com.)

**Other Books By The Author:** *Blue* (CMS Reading List 2008-09); *Healing Water: A Hawaiian Story*.

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 129992 – Reading Level 4.5 – Points 12.0.

**Reading Counts Information:** Reading Level 3.7 – Points 19.0 – Lexile 680L.

## EXTRA CREDIT

Written by Andrew Clements

Illustrated by Mark Elliott

**Fiction:** 183 Pages

**Interest Level:** Grades 4 – 6

**Setting:** Afghanistan; Central Illinois, USA; Early 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**Guiding Principles:** Compassion, Honesty, Respect.

**Summary:** As letters flow back and forth – between the prairies of Illinois and the mountains of Afghanistan, across cultural and religious divides – sixth-grader Abby, ten-year-old Amira, and eleven-year-old Sadeed begin to speak and listen to one another.

**Main Characters:** Abby Carson; Tom (Abby’s older brother); Joan (Abby’s mother); Robert (Abby’s father); Mrs. Carmody (School guidance counselor); Abby’s sixth grade teachers; Mariah (Abby’s classmate); Sadeed Bayat - 11 (Afghan student); Amira - 10 (Sadeed’s sister); Mahmood Jafari (Teacher); Najeeb (Classmate); Zakir (Father); Najia (Mother).

**Synopsis:** It was crisis time for Abby. All of her teachers had agreed, across the spectrum, she should be held over to repeat sixth grade next year. After confessing the situation to her mother and father Abby begged all of her teachers to give her special assignments of homework to help bring the failing grades up to par. With less than half the school year left the teachers reluctantly agreed if she carried a B average (85% or better) in all subjects, and completed a special assignment project they would consider her advancing to seventh grade next year. Abby reached into a large shoe box that had *Extra Credit* written on the side and pulled out a slip that read “Project Pen Pal.” Thus began an exchange of letters with an unknown student in Afghanistan that was to have a profound effect on both schools.

**About The Author:** For the ninth time in the past twelve years, with the selection of *Extra Credit* for the 2011-2012 school year, Andrew Clements will have a book on the Arkansas Charlie May Simon Reading List. Mr. Clements is quoted on Amazon.com: “Most of my characters are fairly normal people who are dealing with the basics of everyday life—getting along with others, finding a place in the world, discovering talents, overcoming challenges, trying to have some wholesome fun along the way, and getting into some scrapes and a little mischief now and then, too. I guess I hope my readers will be able to see bits and pieces of themselves in the stories, particularly the novels that take place in and around school. School is a rich setting because schools and education are at the heart of every community. The stories that are set in school seem to resonate with kids, teachers, parents librarians—readers of all ages. Everyone’s life has been touched by school experiences. And I also hope, of course, that kids and others will enjoy reading, enjoy the use of language, enjoy my storytelling.”

**Other Books By The Author:** *Lost And Found* (CMS Honor Book 2010-11); *No Talking* (CMS Winner 2009-10); *Room One: A Mystery Or Two* (CMS Reading List 2008-09); *Lunch Money* (CMS Honor Book 2007-08); *The Report Card* (CMS Winner 2006-07); *The Last Holiday* (CMS Reading List 2006-07); *Frindle* (CMS Winner 1998-99); *The Landry News* (CMS Reading List 2001-02); The Slippers Series.

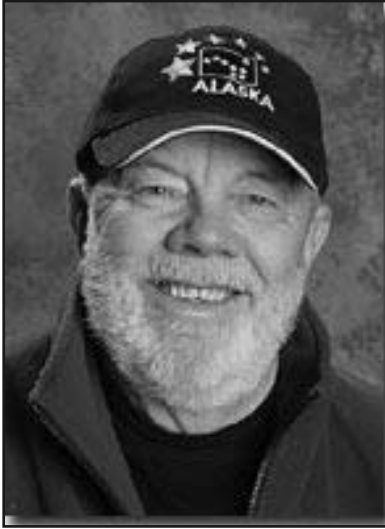
**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 130571 – Reading Level 5.3 – Points 5.0.

**Reading Counts Information:** Reading Level 5.0 – Points 8.0 – Lexile 830L.



## MUDSHARK

Written by Gary Paulsen



**Fiction:** 83 Pages

**Interest Level:** Grades 4 – 6

**Setting:** The middle school, and Mudshark's home.

**Guiding Principles:** Initiative, Perseverance.

**Summary:** Principal Wagner confidently deals with a faculty washroom crisis, a psychic parrot, and a terrorizing gerbil, but when sixty-five erasers go missing, he enlists the help of the school's best problem solver and locator of lost items, twelve-year-old Lyle Williams, a.k.a. *Mudshark*.

**Main Characters:** Lyle Williams -12 (*Mudshark*); Kara, Sara and Tara (Triplet baby sisters); Mom and Dad; Mr. Wagner (Principal); Ms. Underdorf (Librarian); Mr. Wilson (Custodian); Mr. Patterson (English teacher) Mr. Thomas (Science teacher); Other students.

**Synopsis:** Lyle inherited the *Mudshark* moniker after being banned from the school's Death Ball games for playing too rough, resulting in injuries to some other students. He knew dealing with his triplet sisters at home helped hone his physical skills. At school Lyle was known by faculty and students as a cool dude that had lots of information, and knew how to use it. That was until the librarian bought a psychic parrot that constantly belched and according to the students was more brilliant than the CEO (Lyle) of the *Mudshark* Detective Agency. The head sleuth enlisted the help of Mr. Wilson, the custodian, to help solve many of the school's problems.

**About The Author:** Writer Gary Paulsen is considered to be a master storyteller, having written approximately 200 books, with a few having gone out of print. Born May 17, 1939 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Mr. Paulsen has lived a near nomadic life with his travels and life experiences. Early in his youth he got hooked on reading books, and often hid in the basement of the family apartment just to read. Though he was raised by his parents and later lived with his grandmother and aunts, he ran away from home at the age of 14 to join a carnival. Later in life he worked in construction, then as a ranch cowboy, he drove a truck, sailed considerably around the Pacific Ocean, and participated in numerous sled dog races – including twice in the International Iditarod Trail Alaska event. Much of his writings feature the outdoors and highlights the importance of nature, and his characters often master the art of surviving in isolation. Three of his novels – *Hatchet*, *Dogsong*, and *The Winter Room* – are Newbery Honor Books. Mr. Paulsen and his wife, Ruth Wright Paulsen, an artist who has illustrated several of his books, divide their time between a home in New Mexico and a boat in the Pacific.

**Other Books By The Author:** *Lawn Boy* (CMS Reading List 2009-10); *Brian's Return* (CMS Reading List 2001-02); *Brian's Winter* (CMS Reading List 1998-99); *Cookcamp* (CMS Reading List 1993-94); *The Winter Room* (CMS Reading List 1991-92); *Hatchet*; *Dogsong* (ALA Notable, ALA Best Book); Tucket Series: *Mr. Tucket*, *Call Me Francis Tucket*, *Tucket's Ride*, *Tucket's Gold*, *Tucket's Home*.

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 130156 – Reading Level 6.3 – Points 2.0.

**Reading Counts Information:** Reading Level 6.0 – Points 5.0 – Lexile NC1080L.

## **NEWS FOR DOGS**

Written by Lois Duncan

**Fiction:** 217 Pages

**Interest Level:** Grades 4 – 6

**Setting:** Early in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, in a medium-sized Midwest community.

**Guiding Principles:** Bullying, Initiative, Responsibility.

**Summary:** Andi is excited when the newspaper for dogs that she and her brother Bruce start becomes a big success, but when a group of dognappers appear on the scene, Andi, Bruce, and Aunt Alice work to uncover the culprits and rescue the dogs.

**Main Characters:** Andi Walker – 11; Bruce – 13 (Brother); Bebe, Friday and Red Rover (Family dogs); Dad; Mom; Aunt Alice (Dad’s aunt); Jerry Gordon (Bully); Debbie (Newspaper reporter); Tim (Publisher); Mr. and Mrs. Bernstein; Ginger, Tinkle and Bully (Dogs), Connor Gordon (Jerry’s cousin).

**Synopsis:** After Jerry Gordon continued to mistreat his beautiful Irish Setter dog named Red Rover, his father put the animal up for sale. Bruce bought Red Rover using a credit plan, and at the same time gained Jerry as a permanent enemy. Poetry writing Andi convinced Bruce and two of their friends that the community was ready for a new weekly newspaper called, “*The Bow-Wow News.*” Meanwhile, Jerry’s mild mannered cousin, Connor, from Chicago, arrived for a summer visit. Just as sales on the dog newspaper began picking up, Jerry and Connor launched a magazine sales drive that created head-to-head competition. The community was deeply shocked when several dogs disappeared and ransom notes were showing up after each dognapping.

**About The Author:** Lois Duncan grew up in Sarasota, Florida. From early childhood she knew she wanted to be a writer. At the age of ten, Ms. Duncan submitted her first story to a magazine, and made her first sale at age thirteen to a magazine titled *Calling All Girls*. Throughout her high school years she wrote regularly for young people’s magazines. In 1972, Ms. Duncan moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico and taught in the Journalism Department at the University of New Mexico. She continued to write for magazines, submitting over 300 articles and short stories for well known publications. Ms. Duncan has authored over 50 books, ranging from children’s picture books to adult novels. One of her nonfiction books written for adults, but embraced by young people is titled *Who Killed My Daughter?* It is the true story of her search for the truth behind the 1989 brutal murder of the youngest of her five children, eighteen-year-old Kaitlyn, on the streets of Albuquerque.

**Other Books By The Author:** *Daughters Of Eve; Don’t Look Behind You; Down A Dark Hall; Gallows Hill; Gift Of Magic; Hotel For Dogs; I Know What You Did Last Summer; Killing Mr. Griffin; Locked In Time; Movie For Dogs; Ransom; Stranger With My Face; Summer Of Fear; They Never Came Home; Third Eye; Twisted Window.*

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 129895 – Reading Level 5.4 – Points 6.0.

**Reading Counts Information:** Reading Level 4.6 – Points 10.0 – Lexile 820L.



## PEACE, LOCOMOTION

Written by Jacqueline Woodson  
(Companion book to the National Award Finalist, *Locomotion*)

**Fiction:** 134 Pages

**Interest Level:** Grades 4 – 6

**Setting:** Brooklyn, N. Y., in a foster home, in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**Guiding Principles:** Adaptability, Compassion, Loyalty, Respect.

**Summary:** Through letters to his younger sister, who is living in a different foster home, sixth-grader Lonnie, also known as “Locomotion,” keeps a record of their lives while they are apart, describing his own foster family, including his foster brother who returns home after losing a leg in the Iraq War.

**Main Characters:** Lonnie Collins Motion – 12 (Locomotion); Lili – 9 (Sister); Miss Edna (Foster mama); Jenkins (Miss Edna’s oldest son); Rodney (Foster brother); Miss Jamison (Social worker); Clyde (Friend); Miss Alina (Teacher); LaTenya (Classmate); Angel and Eric (Friends).

**Synopsis:** It was in December of the year Lonnie was seven-years-old and Lili was four when their Mama and Daddy were killed in a home fire from which the children safely escaped. The foster mama that selected Lili did not want a boy in her family; therefore Lonnie was welcomed into Miss Edna’s home. Though Lonnie wrote Lili frequent letters he stored them in a dresser drawer for her to read at a later time. Lonnie, better known by the name “Locomotion,” made several new friends, became recognized as a good sixth-grade poet, and experienced the return of Jenkins his foster brother from the Iraq War where he lost not only a leg, but his self-confidence.

**About The Author:** From Jacqueline Woodson’s biography: “I used to say I’d be a teacher or a lawyer or a hairdresser when I grew up but even as I said these things I knew what made me happiest was writing.” Ms. Woodson was born in Columbus, Ohio, lived in Greenville, South Carolina, and moved to Brooklyn, New York with her family just as she turned seven-years-old. In school she loved English and anything where writing was involved. In fifth grade she wrote a story that the teacher bragged about. She followed that effort with a well received poem about Martin Luther King. She said, “Lots and lots of books later I am still surprised when I walk into a bookstore and see my name on a book’s binder.” Among her many achievements and awards are two Newbery Honor Awards, a Coretta Scott King Author Award, and a Caldecott Honor Award. She currently lives in Brooklyn with her family.

**Other Books By The Author:** *Feathers* (CMS Reading List 2009-10); *After Tupac And D Foster* (Newbery Honor 2009); *Show Way* (Newbery Honor 2006); *Coming On Home Soon* (Caldecott Honor 2005); *Pecan Pie Baby*; *Locomotion*; *Behind You*; *Hush*; *Visiting Day*; *Other Side*; *Miracle’s Boys*.

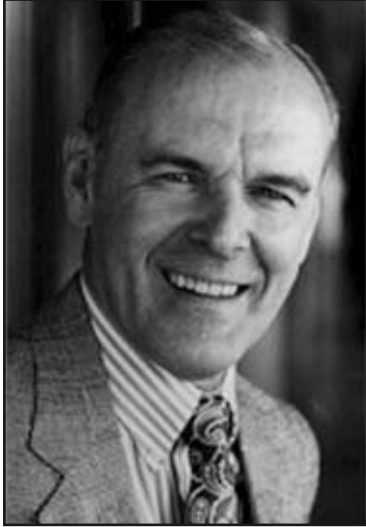
**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 127432 – Reading Level 4.7 – Points 3.0.

**Reading Counts Information:** Reading Level 5.1 – Points 6.0 – Lexile 860L.



## A SEASON OF GIFTS

Written by Richard Peck  
(A companion novel to *A Long Way From Chicago*  
and *A Year Down Yonder*)



**Fiction:** 164 Pages

**Interest Level:** Grades 4 – 6

**Setting:** In a small Illinois town during 1958.

**Guiding Principles:** Respect, Responsibility.

**Summary:** Relates the surprising gifts bestowed on twelve-year-old Bobby Barnhart and his family, who have recently moved to a small Illinois town in 1958, by their larger-than-life neighbor, Mrs. Dowdel.

**Main Characters:** Bobby Barnhart – 12; Ruth Ann – 6 (Little sister); Phyllis – 14 (Big sister); Ellen (Mother); Rev. Jack (Dad); Mrs. Dowdel (Next door neighbor); Roscoe Burdick (Bully and draft dodger); Flora Shellabarger (Chair of Selective Service Committee); Mrs. Effie Wilcox (Mrs. Dowdel’s friend); Pickle (Car); Grachel (One-eyed doll).

**Synopsis:** After arriving at his new preaching assignment the Reverend Jack Barnhart and his family were shocked at some of their early observations of the community. The so-called parsonage they moved into was an older building, and next door to them lived an elderly woman who was well armed with weapons, and could be a witch. There were no windows in the old church building, but plenty of leaks and attendance was practically zero. They soon became aware of several different clans of people throughout their neighbors, along with a gang of young men bullies. Perhaps the Methodist Conference failed to scout the town for safety during the past several years.

**About The Author:** Richard Peck was born (1934) and raised in Decatur, Illinois. He earned a bachelor’s degree in English from DePauw University in 1956. He spent his junior year abroad at The University of Exeter, England. After college he was drafted into the US Army and spent two years serving in Germany. Following his military service, Mr. Peck completed a master’s degree at Southern Illinois University in 1959, and taught junior high and high school English. He left teaching in 1971 to write his first novel, *Don’t Look And It Won’t Hurt*. Besides writing, Mr. Peck for many years signed on as a temporary lecturer for around the world cruises. These trips enabled him to travel, to teach, and to meet people who sometimes appear in his books. In 2001 he won the Newbery Award for his highly acclaimed *A Year Down Yonder* novel. Mr. Peck does not have a computer, choosing instead to type his manuscripts on a regular typewriter. Information on the internet is placed there by others. You won’t find his website, for he has none. (Some information came from Carol Hurst’s Children’s Literature site.)

**Other Books By The Author:** *Here Lies The Librarian* (CMS Reading List 2008-09); *The Teachers Funeral: A Comedy In Three Parts* (CMS Reading List 2006-07); *Fair Weather* (CMS Reading List 2003-04); *A Year Down Yonder* (CMS Honor Book 2002-03, Newbery Medal 2001); *A Long Way From Chicago: A Novel In Stories* (Newbery Honor Book 1999); *On The Wings Of Heroes*; *River Between Us*; *Amanda/Miranda*.

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 132648 – Reading Level 4.6 – Points 5.0.

**Reading Counts Information:** Reading Level 4.3 – Points 9.0 – Lexile 690L.

## THE TRUE GIFT, A CHRISTMAS STORY

Written by Patricia MacLachlan

Illustrated by Brian Floca

**Fiction:** 81 Pages

**Interest Level:** Grades 4 – 6

**Setting:** The Christmas season at Gran and Grandpa's country place.

**Guiding Principle:** Initiative.

**Summary:** While spending Christmas at their grandparents' farm, Lily becomes convinced that her younger brother Liam is right about White Cow being lonely and helps him seek a companion for her, leaving little time for Christmas preparations or reading.

**Main Characters:** Lily; Liam (Brother); White Cow; Papa; Mama; Gran and Grandpa; Emmet and Charlie (Terrier dogs); Thomas and his father (Has calf for sale); Brown cow.

**Synopsis:** Liam posted several notices around the community while searching for a friend for White Cow. Thomas made a phone call to Liam advising him that his father was selling a calf. When Lily and Liam arrived at Thomas' home, he told them his father had already sold the calf for meat. They saw that Thomas was sad about the sale and offered his father the same amount of money for the calf, and told Thomas he could visit the calf at any time at Gran and Grandpa's place.

**About The Author:** Patricia MacLachlan is a bestselling children's author, well known for her book *Sarah, Plain, And Tall*, which won the 1986 Newbery Medal. Though she was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming in 1938, Ms. MacLachlan and the rest of her family also had temporary roots in Minnesota before moving East. After graduating from the University of Connecticut, she worked as an English teacher, married Robert MacLachlan, and they became the parents of three children. Her first book, *The Sick Day*, was published in 1979. Beginning in 1985, and continuing through 2006, Ms. MacLachlan wrote the five-book, *Sarah, Plain, And Tall* series. She has followed with numerous other books relating to children's literature at all levels of the classroom curriculum. She now lives in Williamsburg, Massachusetts with her husband.

**Other Books By The Author:** *Edward's Eyes* (CMS Reading List 2009-10); *Skylark* (CMS Reading List 1996-97); *More Perfect Than The Moon* (CMS Reading List 2006-07); *I Didn't Do It*; *Fiona Loves The Night*; *Once I Ate A Pie*; *Grandfather's Dance*.

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 132141 – Reading Level 3.0 – Points 1.0.

**Reading Counts Information:** Reading Level 2.5 – Points 4.0 – Lexile 480L.



## WILD GIRL

Written by Patricia Reilly Giff

**Fiction:** 145 Pages

**Interest Level:** Grades 4 – 6

**Setting:** Jales, Brazil; Aiken, South Carolina; Queens, New York; Late 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

**Guiding Principles:** Adaptability, Courage, Initiative.

**Summary:** When Twelve-year-old Lidie leaves Brazil to join her father and brother on a large ranch in New York, she has a hard time adjusting to her changed circumstances, as does a new horse that has come to the ranch.

**Main Characters:** Lidie – 12; Rafael – 18 (Brother); Pai (Father-horseman); Love You (Older horse); Wild Girl (Young horse); Mrs. Bogart (Teacher); Liz (Classmate); Ian (Classmate); Mrs. Januario (Owner of the horse stable); Mamae (Mama-deceased); Cavalo (Brazilian horse).



**Synopsis:** Lidie was at last leaving Brazil to join her father and brother in New York at a large race horse training facility. Five years ago, not long after Lidie's mama died, her father left for New York – promising to send for her soon. Lidie spoke nearly exclusively the Portuguese language as she said goodbye to a horse named Cavalo and the family she has been living with in Brazil. Meanwhile, in South Carolina a beautiful racing foal filly was born and soon given the name *Wild Girl*. As Lidie got reacquainted with her father and brother in New York they recalled that before Mamae died she had called Lidie her *Wild Girl*. Everyone was eager to get the two wild girls teamed up on the race track.

**About The Author:** Patricia Reilly Giff is a prolific author who specializes in writing humorous books for middle-grade readers. Born in Brooklyn, New York in 1935, Ms. Giff recalled her childhood as an adventure in reading. She loved reading so much that while growing up her sister had to grab books out of her hands to get her attention. Later in life her three children often found themselves doing the same thing. After earning a BA degree from Marymount College, she later earned an MA from St. John's University. She topped off her college experiences with a Professional Diploma in Reading, and a Doctorate of Humane Letters from Hofstra University. Having written over sixty books some extra special awards surfaced when she was presented Newbery Honor recognitions for *Lily's Crossing* (1998), and *Pictures Of Hollis Woods* (2003). According to *About The Author*: When she's not writing Ms. Giff enjoys reading and going to the movie and eating popcorn. She and her husband (James) reside in Weston, Connecticut. They have three children and several grandchildren nearby.

**Other Books By The Author:** *Eleven* (CMS Reading List 2010-11); *Water Street* (CMS Reading List 2008-09); *Willow Run* (CMS Reading List 2007-08); *Kids Of Polk Street Series*; *Nory Ryan's Song* (CMS Reading List 2002-03).

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 131881 – Reading Level 4.3 – Points 4.0.

**Reading Counts Information:** Reading Level 3.7 – Points 7.0 – Lexile 640 L.

## WISHWORKS, INC.

Written by Stephanie S. Tolan

Illustrated by Amy June Bates

**Fiction:** 146 Pages

**Interest Level:** Grades 4 – 6

**Setting:** During modern day times, not far from Chicago.

**Guiding Principles:** Bullying, Responsibility.

**Summary:** When he is granted his wish for a dog from *Wishworks, Inc.*, third grader Max is disappointed to find that his new pet is nothing like the dog of his imagination.

**Main Characters:** Max; Polly (Sister-First grader); Mom; Nick Berger (Bully); Luis and Rocco (Classmates); Mr. Malone (Teacher); Ratty/Goldie (Dog); Mrs. Chang (After school home monitor); Jerome (Classmate); Ali Baba (Cat); King (Pretend dog).

**Synopsis:** Max feels insecure because his mom and dad have gone through a divorce. Dad has moved away to Chicago. Mom, his younger sister Polly, and Max have moved to a new home, thus a new school. Day dreaming is Max's specialty. The fantasy trips, he calls Adventure Time with his special dog "King," allows him to briefly escape to a land of make-believe, away from the bullies at school. On one of his far-out excursions he meets an elderly man who manages a place called *Wishworks, Inc.*, that helps change the direction of his young life.

**About The Author:** Stephanie S. Tolan's earliest memories involve books – those that were read to her and those she read to herself. She was born in 1942 in Ohio, and raised in Wisconsin. Ms. Tolan wrote her first story in the fourth grade, and discovered she could make the magic herself. She decided then and there to be a writer. Later she majored in Creative Writing at Purdue University, Indiana – then on to a Master's Degree in English. After marriage to Bob Tolan she had the sudden addition to her life of three young stepsons, and a son, placing her immediate writing inspirations into a slower pace. After working with some students in a school program at the fourth and fifth grade levels, Ms. Tolan got her writing appetite back. Beginning with *Grandpa And Me* in 1978 she has not looked back. Her *Surviving The Applewhites* effort in 2003 earned Ms. Tolan a Newbery Honor recognition. She currently lives with her husband Bob, on a little lake in Charlotte, North Carolina.

**Other Books By The Author:** *Surviving The Applewhites* (CMS Reading List 2004-05); *Welcome To The Ark*; *Listen!*; *Applewhite's At Wit's End* is due for publication by Harper Collins in the early spring of 2012.

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 131851 – Reading Level 4.3 – Points 3.0.

**Reading Counts Information:** Reading Level 3.7 – Points 6.0 – Lexile 680L.



## ZOOBREAK

Written by Gordon Korman  
(Same great team found in *Swindle*.)

**Fiction:** 230 Pages

**Interest Level:** Grades 4 – 6

**Setting:** Long Island, New York; Early 21<sup>st</sup> Century;  
at the zoos, in school, and the community.

**Guiding Principles:** Compassion, Initiative,  
Perseverance.

**Summary:** After a class trip to a floating zoo where animals are mistreated and Savannah's missing pet monkey is found in a cage, Long Island sixth-grader Griffin Bing and his band of misfits plan a rescue.

**Main Characters:** Griffin Bing – 11 (Man with a plan); Savannah Drysdale – 11 (Classmate); Cleopatra – Cleo (Capuchin monkey); Luthor Drysdale (Doberman dog); Ben Slovak (Classmate); Other classmates: Antonia Benson (Pitch), Logan Kellerman

(Child actor), Melissa Dukakis (Computer whiz), Darren Vader (Linebacker-sized nerd); Mr. Martinez (Teacher); Mr. Nastase (Zoo manager); Griffin's father and mother.

**Synopsis:** When Griffin and Savannah's sixth-grade-class in Cedarville made a field trip to All Aboard Animals, a.k.a. The Floating Zoo, they made a startling discovery. Savannah's pet Capuchin monkey which was stolen a few days earlier was found being held prisoner on the old paddle-wheel steamship docked on Long Island Sound. The ship's manager denied that the monkey was stolen. Griffin, the man with a plan, called a special meeting of a crew of students that had worked together on another project and began plotting to steal the monkey back from the crooks. Meanwhile, Savannah felt they should free all the animals on the zoo boat.

**About The Author:** Gordon Korman was born on October 23, 1963 in Montreal, Quebec in Canada. At age seven his family moved to Thornhill, Ontario just north of Toronto. There he graduated from high school, before moving to the United States to attend New York University. He earned a BA Degree (1985) in Film and Film Writing from the New York school. With Gordon writing story after story, including the different sets of books he is noted for, and his future contracts for additional manuscripts, he is cruising with ease past the 70 mark in books written. *Zoobreak* (2009), second of the *Swindle* series, is his 2011-2012 contribution to the Arkansas Charlie May Simon effort. Gordon has already written and released *Framed* (2010) as the third title of his *Swindle* books. And the beat goes on and on. Gordon, his wife, and their three children now call Long Island, outside of New York City, their home.

**Other Books By The Author:** *Swindle* (CMS Winner 2010-11); 39 Clues Series-*One False Note, Emperor's Code*; Island Series-*Shipwreck, Survival, Escape*; Kidnapped Series-*Abduction, Search, Rescue*; Dive Series-*Discovery, Deep Danger*; Everest Series-*Contest, Climb, Summit*; On The Run Series-*Chasing The Falconers, Fugitive Factor, Now You See Them, Now You Don't, Stowaway Solution, Public Enemies, Hunting The Hunter*; Island Series-*Shipwreck, Survival, Escape*.

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 133351 – Reading Level 4.9 – Points 5.0.

**Reading Counts Information:** Reading Level 4.3 – Points 9.0 – Lexile 700L.



**CHARLIE MAY SIMON CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD WINNERS**

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Author</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
1970-71	Lexau, Joan	<b>Striped Ice Cream</b>
1971-72	Walker, David	<b>Big Ben</b>
1972-73	Cleary, Beverly	<b>Runaway Ralph</b>
1973-74	Keith, Harold	<b>The Runt Of Rogers School</b>
1974-75	Blume, Judy	<b>Tales Of A Fourth Grade Nothing</b>
1975-76	Evarts, Hal	<b>Big Foot</b>
1976-77	Fleischman, Sid	<b>The Ghost On Saturday Night</b>
1977-78	Bulia, Clyde Robert	<b>Shoeshine Girl</b>
1978-79	Hicks, Clifford	<b>Alvin's Swap Shop</b>
1979-80	Byars, Betsy	<b>The Pinballs</b>
1980-81	Heide, Florence Parry	<b>Banana Twist</b>
1981-82	Brittain, William	<b>All The Money In The World</b>
1982-83	Gilson, Jamie	<b>Do Bananas Chew Gum?</b>
1983-84	Cleary, Beverly	<b>Ramona Quimby, Age 8</b>
1984-85	Manes, Stephen	<b>Be A Perfect Person In Just Three Days</b>
1985-86	Roos, Stephen	<b>My Horrible Secret</b>
1986-87	Byars, Betsy	<b>The Computer Nut</b>
1987-88	MacLachlan, Patricia	<b>Sarah, Plain And Tall</b>
1988-89	Fleischman, Sid	<b>The Whipping Boy</b>
1989-90	Sachar, Louis	<b>There's A Boy In The Girls' Bathroom</b>
1990-91	Lowry, Lois	<b>All About Sam</b>
1991-92	Lowry, Lois	<b>Number The Stars</b>
1992-93	Anderson, Margaret J.	<b>The Ghost Inside The Monitor</b>
1993-94	Naylor, Phyllis	<b>Shiloh</b>
1994-95	Lowry, Lois	<b>Attaboy, Sam!</b>
1995-96	Woodruff, Elvira	<b>The Secret Funeral Of Slim Jim The Snake</b>
1996-97	Robinson, Barbara	<b>The Best School Year Ever</b>
1997-98	Fleischman, Sid	<b>The 13<sup>th</sup> Floor: A Ghost Story</b>
1998-99	Clements, Andrew	<b>Frindle</b>
1999-00	Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	<b>Saving Shiloh</b>
2000-01	Fletcher, Ralph	<b>Flying Solo</b>
2001-02	Cleary, Beverly	<b>Ramona's World</b>
2002-03	DiCamillo, Kate	<b>Because Of Winn-Dixie</b>
2003-04	Bruchac, Joseph	<b>Skeleton Man</b>
2004-05	Spinelli, Jerry	<b>Loser</b>
2005-06	DiCamillo, Kate	<b>Tale Of Despereaux</b>
2006-07	Clements, Andrew	<b>The Report Card</b>
2007-08	Martin, Ann M.	<b>A Dog's Life: The Autobiography Of A Stray</b>
2008-09	DiCamillo, Kate	<b>The Miraculous Journey Of Edward Tulane</b>
2009-10	Clements, Andrew	<b>No Talking</b>
2010-11	Korman, Gordon	<b>Swindle</b>

## CHICKEN LITTLE

Written by Rebecca Emberley  
Illustrated by Ed Emberley  
(Rebecca is Ed's daughter.)

### Folklore

**Interest Level:** Grades K – 3

**Guiding Principles:** Initiative, Perseverance.

**Summary:** Retelling of the classic story of *Chicken Little*, who has an acorn fall on his head and runs in a panic to his friends Henny Penny, Lucky Ducky, and Loosey Goosey, to tell them the sky is falling.

**Main Characters:** Chicken Little; Henny Penny; Lucky Ducky; Loosey Goosey; Turkey Lurky; Foxy Loxy.

**Synopsis:** *Chicken Little* was considered to be a slow thinker, not very ambitious, and inclined to panic when anything exciting happened. When an acorn, probably dropped by an overhead squirrel in an oak tree hit him on the head, he immediately determined the sky was falling. Without hesitation and no planning, he started a caravan of his best friends – telling each that the sky was falling. Soon there was a convoy of five rushing to who knows where and the group met Foxy Loxy. Only the fox had a ready answer for the falling sky by telling the five friends they should step into a nearby warm dark cave (his mouth) to be safe.

**About The Author:** Rebecca Emberley was born in 1958, and her brother, Michael, was born two years later. Rebecca's parents are Ed and Barbara Emberley; both are also very active in the world of writing and illustrating. Ed is the illustrator on the 2011-2012 Arkansas Diamond Award selection book *Chicken Little* written by Rebecca. Barbara, the mother, worked as a librarian at Brown University while Ed was completing his art training at the Rhode Island School of Design. Barbara has worked on several of Ed's book projects. Michael is now writing and publishing books of his own. *The School Library Journal* added to the *Chicken Little* saga with, "The Emberleys' interpretation of this oft-told tale explodes with concentrated color in ingeniously simple and wickedly wacky collage shapes." In summary, the Emberley family is very much a part of many childrens' enjoyment of reading books.

**Other Books By The Author:** *If You're A Monster And You Know It...*; *Lion And The Mice*; *My Big Book Of Spanish Words*. Bilingual books: *My Animals = Mis Animales*; *My City = Mi Ciudad*; *My Clothes = Mi Ropa*; *My Colors = Mis Colores*; *My Food = Mi Comida*; *My Garden = Mi Jardin*.

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 130810 – Reading Level 2.3 – Points 0.5.

**Reading Counts Information:** Reading Level 2.7 – Points 1.0 – Lexile AD500L.



**Ed & Rebecca Emberley**

## CHICKEN SOUP

Written by Jean Van Leeuwen

Illustrated by David Gavril

### Fiction

**Interest Level:** Grades K – 3

**Guiding Principles:** Compassion,  
Perseverance.

**Summary:** When they hear that Mrs. Farmer is making soup, all the frightened chickens run for their lives, but Mr. Farmer finds Little Chickie, who has a bad cold, and he takes her to the kitchen.

**Main Characters:** Mrs. Farmer; Mr. Farmer; Little Chickie; Cow; Sheep; Pig; Goose; Turtle; Other chickens.

**Synopsis:** After all the animals passed the word around that Mrs. Farmer had her big chicken soup pot out, there was panic among the chickens. That is all except Little Chickie who had a bad case of the sniffles.

Soon Mr. Farmer is out seemingly searching for the big pot candidate. The entire animal population was shocked when it became clear the farmer was focused on catching Little Chickie for the dreaded pot. At last the smallest chicken available fell down while running and was easily picked up by the farmer.

**About The Author:** Jean Van Leeuwen was born December 26, 1937, and grew up in Rutherford, New Jersey. In her earlier school days she was frequently called a “bookworm,” because she often walked around with a book in her hand. On *Meet The Author*, she spoke, “I was especially fond of reading about certain subjects. For a long time I wished very hard for a dog, so I read all the dog stories I could find. After I finally got a dog, I moved on to horse stories and mystery stories. By the time I was in sixth grade, I felt as if I’d read every single book in our small town library.” After studying journalism at Syracuse University her first book, *Timothy’s Flower* was published. She has now written well beyond fifty books, and going strong! Jean added, “Even though my two children, David and Elizabeth, are now grownup, I still write from my memories of the fun we had together when they were young.” She now lives in Chappaqua, New York, not far from New York City, and enjoys working in her garden, playing tennis and listening to music.

**Other Books By The Author:** *Papa And The Pioneer Quilt* (AR Diamond Award Reading List 2009-10); *Amanda Pig Series*; *Benny And Beautiful Baby Delilah*; *Bound For Oregon*; *Cabin On Trouble Creek*; *Going West*; *Great Cheese Conspiracy*; *Great Googlestein Museum Mystery*; *Hannah Series*; *Oliver Pig Series*.

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 129163 – Reading Level 1.4 – Points 0.5.



## THE CIRCUS SHIP

Written and Illustrated by Chris Van Dusen

**Fiction:** (A rhyming text and beautiful artwork)

**Interest Level:** Grades K – 3

**Guiding Principles:** Bullying, Courage, Respect.

**Summary:** Left on their own to swim the chilly waters after their ship runs aground off the coast of Maine, a group of circus animals stagger onto a nearby island, quickly winning over the wary townspeople with their kind, courageous ways, and when the greedy circus owner returns to claim them, villagers of all species conspire to outsmart him.

**Main Characters:** Fifteen circus animals; Mr. Paine (Circus owner); Mr. Carrington (Captain of the ship); Village people.

**Synopsis:** After their ship sank the 15 already exhausted circus animals swam all night to reach an island beach just before dawn. At first the villagers were skeptical and frightened of the new visitors. By the time the greedy circus boss showed up to reclaim his menagerie, he could not locate a single one. Somehow, the animals were blending into their community surroundings.

**About The Author:** Chris Van Dusen was born on St. Patrick’s Day, 1960, in Portland, Maine. Quoting his website, “As a child, my brothers and I would spend hours drawing pictures. We didn’t have video games or computers to entertain us, so we drew instead.” Dr. Seuss and Robert McCloskey were his heroes. He added, “I loved the rhythm of Dr. Seuss’ words and I was fascinated by the meticulous detail of Robert McCloskey’s illustrations. I had no idea back then that I’d end up writing and illustrating children’s books when I grew up.” After high school, he studied fine art at the University Of Massachusetts at Dartmouth and graduated with a BFA in 1982. For more than ten years he worked as a freelance illustrator specializing in art for kids. His first book *Down To The Sea With Mr. Magee* was published in 2000. Chris proudly summed up his career thus far, “Now I live in a beautiful, little town on the coast of Maine with my lovely wife Lori, my two tall sons, Ethan and Tucker and a yellow lab named Pearl. Life is good.”

**Other Books By The Author:** *Camping Spree With Mr. Magee; Down To The Sea With Mr. Magee; If I Built A Car; King Hugo’s Huge Ego.* He illustrated the following six books for author Kate DiCamillo: *Mercy Watson Fights Crime; Mercy Watson Goes For A Ride; Mercy Watson: Princess In Disguise; Mercy Watson: Something Wonky This Way Comes.*

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 134375 – Reading Level 3.7 – Points 0.5.

**Reading Counts Information:** Reading Level 3.5 – Points 1.0 – Lexile AD660L.



## CROW CALL

Written by Lois Lowry  
Illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline



**Fiction:** (Details of this story are true – Lois Lowry)

**Interest Level:** Grades K – 3

**Guiding Principles:** Compassion, Honesty, Respect.

**Summary:** Nine-year-old Liz accompanies the stranger who is her father, just returned from the war, when he goes hunting for crows in Pennsylvania farmland.

**Main Characters:** Liz – 9 (Lizzie); Jessica (Older sister); Father; Mother.

**Synopsis:** Liz’s too large wool shirt, that her father bought, fits loosely all over. The tail falls down near her knees, and the cuffs are turned upward to allow her hands to show. The garment does help keep her warm on this very chilly November morning as Liz is going on her very first hunt ever. Her father has already explained that the crows eat

the farmer’s crops, and they can be legally killed. After Liz’s father told her she would be handling the crow call, she thoughtfully said, “They might have babies to take care of. Baby crows.” Though Liz called up several crows, her father didn’t seem interested in shooting any of them. Both seemed to enjoy the hunt.

**About The Author:** From Lois Lowry’s website concerning *Crow Call*: “This is my first-ever picture book, a true story about a day I spent with my father after he returned from World War II. The illustrations were beautifully done by artist Bagram Ibatoulline. He had a photograph of me at age 9, wearing the too-large plaid shirt that is described in the story. Looking at his pictures is like looking into a magic telescope and seeing myself as a child.” Ms. Lowry’s father was a career military officer – an Army dentist – resulting in her living with her family all over the world. She was born in Hawaii, attended high school in New York City, and went to college at Brown University in Rhode Island. During her college days she married a Naval officer and their four children were born in rapid order. She wrote, “My children grew up in Maine. So did I. I returned to college at the University of Southern Maine, got my degree, went to graduate school, and finally began to write professionally. My books have varied in content and style. Yet it seems all of them deal, essentially, with the same general theme: The importance of human connections.”

**Other Books By The Author:** *The Willoughbys* (CMS Reading List 2010-11); *The Messenger* (CMS Reading List 2006-07); *The Silent Boy* (CMS Reading List 2005-06); *Gathering Blue* (CMS Reading List 2002-03); *See You Around Sam!* (CMS Reading List 1998-99); *The Giver* (CMS Reading List 1995-96); *Number The Stars* (CMS Winner 1991-92); *All About Sam* (CMS Reading List Winner 1990-91); *Attaboy Sam* (CMS Reading List Winner 1994-95); Anastasia Series; *Gooney Bird And The Room Mother*.

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 133616 – Reading Level 3.8 – Points 0.5.

**Reading Counts Information:** Reading Level 3.5 – Points 2.0 – Lexile AD750L.

## DUCK AND COVER

Written and Illustrated by Jackie Urbanovic

### Fiction

**Interest Level:** Grades K – 3

**Guiding Principles:** Compassion, Courage.

**Summary:** Irene and her collection of pets, including Max the duck, take in an alligator who has run away from the zoo, in spite of grave concerns about his voracious appetite.

**Main Characters:** Irene (House lady); Max (Duck); Harold (Alligator); Brody (Dog); Zoo Detective; Dakota (Cat); Bebe (Bird); Rest of the animal gang.

**Synopsis:** Harold has been accused, by someone at the zoo, of eating a spectator's dog. The caged alligator broke out of his compound and made a break for freedom before the zoo people could punish him. He had heard of Irene's Hideaway For Animals and headed straight for her house. All the



animals were scared to have an alligator as one of their group. Max stepped forward in favor of Harold staying, just before a zoo detective arrived looking for the big green monster. After convincing the detective that Harold was not there, Irene and the animal gang began wondering how they could co-exist with the always hungry beast. Soon the detective returned and said there had been a mistake made by zoo personnel. Harold had only eaten a visitor's "hot dog," and the zoo wanted him to come home!

**About The Author:** Jackie Urbanovic states on her website the importance to her of drawing characters to help tell the story: "This shows up in my work over and over. Whether I am doing a single illustration or an entire book, I am always telling a story," she emphasized. Jackie then explained, "My primary medium is watercolor with pencil or brush/ink but I also work with papercuts, acrylics, scratchboard, photoshop, and painter. I've illustrated posters, packaging, picture books, magazines, flip books, flash animations, t-shirts, comic strips, brochures, and even a bus!" Jackie says as she writes and illustrates a book her goal is to make the reader laugh out loud.

**Other Books By The Author:** *Duck Soup* (AR Diamond Primary Award Reading List 2010-2011); *Duck At The Door*; *Sitting Duck*. She illustrated the following books: *Bully Blockers Club*; *Glamsters*; *Grandma Lena's Big Ol' Turnip*; *No Sleep For The Sheep!*

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 128656 – Reading Level 2.0 – Points 0.5.

## **ELEANOR, QUIET NO MORE: THE LIFE OF ELEANOR ROOSEVELT**

Written by Doreen Rappaport

Illustrated by Gary Kelley

**Non-fiction:** (Outstanding picture book biography)

**Interest Level:** Grades K – 3

**Guiding Principles:** Compassion, Courage, Honesty, Initiative, Loyalty, Perseverance, Respect, Responsibility.

**Summary:** In her eloquent prose, Doreen Rappaport captures the essence of Eleanor’s character and the deep significance of her legacy.

**Main Characters:** Eleanor Roosevelt; Franklin D. Roosevelt; Grandmother Hall; Sara (Franklin’s mother); Marian Anderson (Singer); Daughters of the American Revolution; Harry S. Truman.

**Synopsis:** Both of Eleanor’s parents died before she was 10-years-old. She went to live with her Grandmother Hall, who did everything right except no hugs or kisses for Eleanor. At age 15 Eleanor was sent to England to attend school. She returned to the United States at age 18 to teach children in New York City. After she and Franklin married he was elected to the New York State Senate and they moved their family,

including their children, to Albany. There Eleanor began living the life of a politician’s wife. It would later revolve into her becoming a political and public speaker; she worked with the wounded from World War I; helped Franklin deal with the Great Depression; represented Franklin during World War II after he come down with polio; and she eventually was appointed to the United Nations by President Harry S. Truman. Throughout her active public life she always championed women’s rights.

**About The Author:** Doreen Rappaport is known for her ground breaking approach to multicultural history and stories. Having grown up in a musical family, her father was a musical arranger and her mother a singer, Doreen was well prepared to pursue her own music degree from Brandeis University. She taught music (and reading) and became involved in the Civil Rights Movement in the 60’s.

Doreen taught in a freed school in McComb, Mississippi which influenced her decision to research and write about the “unsung heroes.” Her books are a spring board for discussion all across America, and all across the world. She divides her time between New York City, where she was born and grew up, and Copake Falls in upstate New York. Doreen also travels across the country, visiting schools, and talking to children.

**Other Books By The Author:** *Abe’s Honest Words: The Life Of Abraham Lincoln; Escape From Slavery; Free At Last! Jack’s Path Of Courage: The Life Of John F. Kennedy; Lady Liberty: A Biography; Martin’s Big Words: The Life Of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Nobody Gonna Turn Me ‘Round: Stories And Songs Of The Civil Rights Movement; United No More!: Stories Of The Civil War; Victory Or Death!: Stories Of The American Revolution; We Are The Many: A Picture Book Of American Indians;* Numerous other multicultural stories.

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 129021 – Reading Level 4.2 – Points 0.5.

**Reading Counts Information:** Reading Level 3.5 – Points 2.0 – Lexile AD670L.



## LOUSY ROTTEN STINKIN' GRAPES

Written by Margie Palatini

Illustrated by Barry Moser



### **Fable**

**Interest Level:** Grades K – 3

**Guiding Principles:** Adaptability, Perseverance.

**Summary:** Retells the fable of a frustrated fox that, after many tries to reach a high bunch of grapes, decides they must be sour anyway.

**Main Characters:** Fox; Bear; Beaver; Porcupine; Possum; Skunk.

**Synopsis:** Fox was simply full of ideas as to the best ways to gather the grapes hanging just out of reach from a bottom limb of a nearby tree. As each of his animal friends came by and offered to help him with a new idea he shook his head no and said, “After all, I’m the fox. Sly. Clever. Smart. I know how to get grapes.” After all of his

ideas failed, Fox stalked away from the tree in disgust. Possum calmly climbed the tree and handed down a grape feast to each animal friend below. Though the skunk came along late in the game, why didn’t the brilliant Fox use him in the reaching attempts?

**About The Author:** According to Catherine Balkins’ Facebook information, author Margie Palatini comes from the era of black and white television. Margie added, “Here’s the rest of my short story, in black and white. I was born, played, crayoned, went to school, and grew up in Edison, New Jersey.” She continued, “While attending Moore College of Art and Design in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania I doodled and dabbled.” In her *My Story* synopsis Margie shares, “Fast forward past the years working as an art director, getting married on a ship, having a baby (Jamie-a boy). Whoa. Stop. That little guy was one big inspiration. He got me back to pretending, creating characters and making up stories. And because Jamie couldn’t get enough of my *Piggie Pie!*, I kept feeding him. And feeding him. And after twenty-two years and almost forty books later, he’s still my supreme giggle tester.” Margie tells everyone, “I really like writing funny stories and knowing they make children all across the country laugh out loud.”

**Other Books By The Author:** *Bedhead; Bad Boys; The Web Files; The Three Silly Billies; Sweet Tooth; Bad Boys Get Cookie; Zoom Broom; Tub-Boo-Boo; Good As Goldie; Stinky Smelly Feet: A Love Story; Moosekitos; Bad Boys Get Henpecked; Gorgonzola.*

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 132159 – Reading Level 2.0 – Points 0.5.

**Reading Counts Information:** Reading Level 1.2 – Points 2.0 – Lexile AD340L.

## THE MITTEN

Retold by Jim Aylesworth  
Illustrated by Barbara McClintock

### Folklore

**Interest Level:** Grades K – 3

**Guiding Principles:** Adaptability,  
Compassion, Optimism.

**Summary:** A retelling of the traditional tale of how a boy's lost mitten becomes a refuge from the cold for an increasing number of animals.

**Main Characters:** Little Boy;  
Grandmother; Squirrel; Rabbit; Fox; Bear;  
Mouse.

**Synopsis:** Every year the Little Boy's grandmother knitted him a warm woolen hat, scarf, and pair of mittens to help fight the cold-cold weather. With all that warmth he would play just about all day.

Unfortunately, he lost one of his new mittens, but Grandmother told him not to worry, they would find it. Meanwhile, a squirrel found the lost mitten and decided to snuggle inside to get out of the bitter cold. Before long four more animals talked their way into the mitten that continued to stretch and stretch. Could the mitten possibly hold a sixth animal?

**About The Author:** Jim Aylesworth was born in Jacksonville, Florida, but his family began moving from state to state when he was an infant. He would call Alabama, Indiana, Georgia, Tennessee, and Texas home before his family put down roots in Hinsdale, Illinois when this future author was 15-years-old. After graduating from high school in 1961, he earned a BA in English from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. After working briefly as a stockbroker and substitute teacher Mr. Aylesworth landed in a primary classroom. Next he earned a graduate degree in elementary education in 1978, and began feeling the urge to write children's stories. This led to his first successful book *Hush Up!* in 1980. He and his wife, Donna, raised their two sons in Hinsdale, and then moved to Chicago in 1996 where Mr. Aylesworth now writes books and visits schools full time.

**Other Books By The Author:** *Full Belly Bowl* (AR Diamond Award Reading List 2001-02); *Burger And The Hot Dog*; *Gingerbread Man*; *Goldilocks And The Three Bears*; *Little Bitty Mousie*; *Naughty Little Monkeys*; *Old Black Fly*; *Our Abe Lincoln*; *Tale Of Tricky Fox*; *Teddy Bear Tears*.

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 134002 – Reading Level 2.9 – Points 0.5.

**Reading Counts Information:** Reading Level 2.2 – Points 1.0 – Lexile AD580L.



## MY NAME IS SANGOEL

Written by Khadra Mohammed and Karen Lynn Williams

Illustrated by Catherine Stock



**Khadra Mohammed**

**Fiction:** (Fact-There are more than 30 million refugees in the world today.)

**Interest Level:** Grades K – 3

**Guiding Principles:** Adaptability, Compassion, Courage, Initiative, Perseverance, Respect.

**Summary:** As a refugee from Sudan to the United States, Sangoel is frustrated that no one can pronounce his name correctly until he finds a clever way to solve the problem.

**Main Characters:** Sangoel (Sungol) – 8; Mama; Lili (Little sister); Father (Killed in the war); Wise One (Sudan elder); Mrs. Johnson (USA greeter); Teacher and classmates.



**Karen Lynn Williams**

**Synopsis:** Sangoel is having a difficult time adjusting to his new home and life in the United States. He is both proud and sensitive of his name which is ancestral from many generations of his family, plus, the Dinka tribe in southern Sudan, which is the largest country in Africa. Several times each day Sangoel lowers his voice and softly corrects the person he is speaking with concerning the pronunciation of his name. While dressing for school early one morning Sangoel decides to use the white shirt he is wearing for a special art purpose.

**About Khadra Mohammed:** Ms. Mohammed stated during an interview with Eerdmans Books, “In my work with refugees, I often read stories to children since their parents are unable to read English. As a Somali, I am a natural storyteller, and I would often tell my children and other children stories. Since I’m not an author and don’t know much about the publishing world, I looked into working with an author with international experience. This led me to Karen Lynn Williams.”

**Karen Lynn Williams:** During the same interview, Ms. Williams explained, “Once we met, Khadra and I immediately became friends. I loved her stories. Khadra made it clear that she was not a writer, but she had the stories. We found that we shared a love of children and a fascination with other cultures. Khadra’s experience with refugees paired with my experience living with children in third-world countries created a great foundation.”

**Another Book By The Authors:** *Four Feet, Two Sandals*.

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 130872 – Reading Level 3.2 – Points 0.5.

**Reading Counts Information:** Reading Level 2.0 – Points 2.0 – Lexile AD440L.

## OTIS

Written and Illustrated by Loren Long



**Fiction** (Loren Long also illustrated “*Of Thee I Sing*” by Barack Obama.)

**Interest Level:** Grades K – 3

**Guiding Principles:** Loyalty, Optimism, Respect.

**Summary:** When a big new yellow tractor replaces *Otis*, the friendly little tractor, he is cast away behind the barn, but it is only *Otis* who can come to the rescue when trouble happens.

**Main Characters:** *Otis* (A well loved little tractor); Little Calf; Ducks; The Farmer; Fire Chief Douglas; Big new yellow tractor.

**Synopsis:** Throughout each day the residents of the farm pause to listen for the steady beat of little tractor’s motor as he and The Farmer tend to the crops. When they hear the familiar purr of **Putt Puff Puttedy Chuff** everyone knows all is well at their country home. The Farmer then adds a little calf to the collection of animals. The young bovine had trouble sleeping until *Otis* purred to him each evening. Next The Farmer brought a brand new larger yellow tractor to the farm, forcing *Otis* into semi-retirement behind the barn in some weeds. There he sat until Little Calf got into potentially deadly trouble in Mud Pond on the farm.

**About The Author:** Author-Illustrator Loren Long was born in Joplin, Missouri, and raised in Lexington, Kentucky. He is renowned for being a storyteller through pictures and draws on his roots to depict a soulful American landscape peopled with imaginative characters who take on mythic, even heroic, dimensions. Mr. Long graduated from the University of Kentucky with a BA in Graphic Design/Art Studio, and did graduate studies at the American Academy of Art in Chicago. He then worked as an illustrator for a greeting card company; served as editorial illustrator for numerous nationally known magazines and newspapers; and then began illustrating book covers for major publishers of school library books. Mr. Long ventured into the realm of author/illustrator for children’s books in 2008 when he produced *Drummer Boy*. With some assistance from his two young sons he followed with *Otis* in 2009. He lives in Cincinnati, Ohio with his wife and two sons.

**Other Books By The Author:** *Water, Water Everywhere; Magic In The Outfield; Horsin’ Around; Great Balls Of Fire; Blastin’ The Blues; Home Of The Brave.*

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No.132802 – Reading Level 4.0 – Points 0.5.

**Reading Counts Information:** Reading Level 4.5 – Points 1.0.

## SILLY TILLY

Written by Eileen Spinelli  
Illustrated by David Slonim

**Fiction** (Written in verse)

**Interest Level:** Grades K – 3

**Guiding Principle:** Optimism.

**Summary:** Tilly drives the other barnyard animals crazy with her silliness, but after gruffly telling her to stop, they discover that they miss her old ways.

**Main Characters:** Tilly (Silly goose); Cow; Pig; Chicken; Cat; Goat; Duck; Sheep; Frog; Rat; Horse; Fish; Barnyard friends; Billy goose (Cousin).

**Synopsis:** Tilly's antics were just part of her daily routine. She touched the lives of all her barnyard buddies as her endless pranks showed no boundaries. After the other animals held a meeting they told Tilly to stop the not-so-funny routines. Then an eerie quietness loomed over the entire barnyard. Several of the animals let the group know they missed Tilly's acts of fun, resulting in the ban being rescinded.

**About The Author:** Eileen Spinelli was born August 16, 1942 in South Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She has been interested in writing since she was six-years-old when her father gave her a manual typewriter, and as an accomplished author has now written over 40 books. Ms. Spinelli told *Something About The Author*: "Teachers and our public libraries played a big part in my growing interest in books and writing. I enjoy doing workshops with children and adults and promoting interest in reading and writing among young people." She is specifically known as a poet and picture-book author with a talent for lovable stories that tug at the heart. Eileen Spinelli is married to famous author Jerry Spinelli. With six children and at least 16 grandchildren, the well known Spinelli writing team and their close knit clan continue to live in Pennsylvania.

**Other Books By The Author:** *Sophie's Masterpiece* (AR Diamond Primary Award Reading List 2003-04); *Best Story*; *Best Time Of Day*; *Buzz*; *Callie Cat*; *Ice Skater*; *Dancing Pancake*; *Do You Have A Cat?*; *Do You Have A Hat?*; *Heat Wave*; *Hero Cat*; *How To Clean Your Room*; *I Know It's Autumn*; *I Like Noisy, Mom Likes Quiet*; *In My New Yellow Shirt*; *Love My Shoes!*; *Now It Is Summer*; *Now It Is Winter*; *Perfect Thanksgiving*; *Polar Bear, Arctic Hare: Poems Of The Frozen North*; *Miss Fox's Series*.

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 129706 – Reading Level 2.0 – Points 0.5.



## STREGA NONA'S HARVEST

Written and Illustrated by Tomie dePaola



### Fiction

**Interest Level:** Grades K – 3

**Guiding Principles:** Compassion, Perseverance, Responsibility.

**Summary:** After helping Strega Nona plant her vegetable garden just so, Big Anthony takes some extra seeds and sows another garden willy-nilly, then must find a way to deal with the consequences.

**Main Characters:** Strega Nona; Big Anthony; Bambolona; Villagers; Friends and neighbors.

**Synopsis:** As spring arrives Strega Nona begins an annual routine of preparing her successful vegetable garden for planting. Rotating the crops from year-to-year is an

established plan. Carefully making straight rows with plenty of space in between to harvest is very important. Big Anthony decides to prove to Strega Nona that neatness is not so important in planning a successful garden. Harvest time comes and Big Anthony has a tangled mess, while Strega Nona's neat garden is easy to harvest and store. Big Anthony began stacking his veggies outside Strega Nona's door. She contacted the local mayor and offered a Harvest Feast to share all the extra bounty.

**About The Author:** Tomie dePaola was born on September 15, 1934 in Meriden, Connecticut. He grew up there with his father, mother, two sisters, and one brother, being part of a family with Irish and Italian backgrounds. His determination to create books for children began about age four and continued with a BFA from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York, and an MFA from the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland, California. In 1965 he illustrated a children's book titled *Sound*. About one year later he wrote and illustrated his first book, *The Wonderful Dragon Of Timlin*. At age 76, Tomie can reflect on the nearly 250 books he has illustrated, and of that total he wrote the stories for over 100 titles. He currently lives in New London, New Hampshire with his four dogs, and has a studio nearby in a large renovated 200-year-old barn.

**Some Other Books By The Author:** *Strega Nona* (Caldecott Honor Book 1976); *226 Fairmount Avenue* (Newbery Honor Book 2000); *Adelita: A Mexican Cinderella Story*; *Andy: That's My Name*; *Angels, Angels Everywhere*; *Art Lesson*; *Baby Sister*; *Big Anthony And The Magic Ring*; *Big Anthony: His Story*; *Boss For A Day*; *Brava, Strega Nona!*; *Christmas Remembered*; *Christopher: The Holy Giant*; *Cloud Book*; *Clown Of God*; *Days Of The Blackbird: A Tale Of Northern Italy*; *Fin M'Coul: The Giant Of Knockmany Hill*; *For The Duration: The War Years*; *Four Friends At Christmas*; *Four Friends In Autumn*; Bill and Pete Series.

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 133311 – Reading Level 3.3 – Points 0.5.

**Reading Counts Information:** Reading Level 3.2 – Points 1.0 – Lexile AD 690L.

## TSUNAMI!

Written by Kimiko Kajikawa  
Illustrated by Ed Young



**Folklore** – Japan

**Interest Level:** Grades K – 3

**Guiding Principles:** Courage, Initiative.

**Summary:** A wealthy man in a Japanese Village, whom everyone calls Ojiisan, which means grandfather, sets fire to his rice fields to warn the innocent people of an approaching *Tsunami*.

**Main Characters:** Ojiisan; Tada (Grandson); Villagers.

**Synopsis:** Most all of the village people below the mountain gathered to celebrate the annual rice harvest. Ojiisan had an uneasy feeling and along with his grandson Tada, did not attend the festivities, They were standing on the mountain when the moderate earthquake hit. Ojiisan saw the sea rushing away from the shore and knew it would be

returning soon as a *Tsunami*. He told Tada to quickly set a torch to burn the lush rice field. The high flames and smoke attracted the villager's attention and they all came running up the side of the mountain to help put out the flames. When the *Tsunami* came rushing in to shore all the people were safe upon the mountain as the village was washed away below. The villagers built a temple to honor Ojiisan's heroic feat, and over 100 years later it still stands in his honor.

**About The Author:** Kimiko Kajikawa remembers exactly when her love of reading and writing began. While in elementary school, and spending part of a day in the local public library, the librarian asked Kimiko if she had read *Harriet The Spy*. After insisting she read the book – Kimiko read and reread the spy thriller and has been hooked on books ever since. She won several writing contests as she advanced through high school. Kimiko's mom is Japanese and her dad is American. Growing up was sometimes tough while dodging the bullies and being left out of many functions because of her “slanted eyes.” She stated, “Working on my books has helped me make sense of my life and helped me deal with the pain of growing up Eurasian.” For several years she has enjoyed reading old Japanese literature and adapting the stories to American audiences.

**Some Other Books By This Author:** *Close To You – How Animals Bond; Sweet Dreams – How Animals Sleep; Yoshi's Feast*. Additional titles written under the pseudonym of Evelyn Clarke Mott: *Cool Cat; Hot Dog; Dancing Rainbows – A Pueblo Boy's Story; Baby Face – A Mirror Book*.

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 127439 – Reading Level 3.4 – Points 0.5.

**Reading Counts Information:** Reading Level 3.2 – Points 1.0.

**YONDERFEL'S CASTLE:**  
**A MEDIEVAL FABLE**

Written and Illustrated by Jean Gralley

**Fairy Tale**

**Interest Level:** Grades K – 3

**Guiding Principles:** Bullying,  
Compassion, Respect.

**Summary:** King Yonderfel, once renowned and beloved for his generous hospitality, has been lonely since an ogre caused all of his guests to leave, but when a flood brings them all paddling back, the king happily goes back to turning no one away.

**Main Characters:** King Yonderfel; Ogre guy; Travelers and town's people.

**Synopsis:** The ogre, a cruel guy, told King Yonderfel the rent on the mountain his castle was sitting on would be doubled effective immediately. The king said that people who visited the castle came and went free of charge, thus, he had no money.

Without hesitation the ogre said he would therefore take half of the mountain away, leaving the castle teetering. Before long all the visitors disappeared, leaving the king sad and alone. Torrential rains began to fall across the entire area, and shortly townspeople, travelers, and one very wet ogre were trying to get aboard the castle. When the bad guy arrived it appeared just one more person on the inside could cause the castle to tip over.

**About The Author:** Jean Gralley was born in New York City, and raised on Long Island, New York. After high school she graduated from Parson's New School For Design. Ms. Gralley studied at Wayne State University, Corcoran College of Art and Design, and Harvard University. She wrote and illustrated as the Staff Artist of *Cricket Magazine* for fourteen years; she was a freelance illustrator and writer; and picture book commentator on National Public Radio. Ms. Gralley illustrated author Jane Yolen's book, *And Twelve Chinese Acrobats*, in 1994 before writing and illustrating three of her own books in 1999, 2001, and 2004. She currently lives outside Washington, D.C.

**Other Books By The Author:** *Hogula*, *Dread Pig Of Night*; *Very Boring Alligator*; *The Moon Came Down On Milk Street*.

**Accelerated Reader Information:** Quiz No. 132347 – Reading Level 3.6 – Points 0.5.



**2011-2012 CHARLIE MAY SIMON CHILDREN’S BOOK AWARD**  
**AND ARKANSAS DIAMOND PRIMARY BOOK AWARD**

These twelve 2011-2012 Charlie May Simon Children’s Book Award reading selections represent the 42<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year this program has been in existence. All books have a 2009 copyright. Only students in grades four, five, and six who have read or heard read at least three of the titles on the Master Reading List, are eligible to vote. Students will vote for only one title.

These fourteen 2011-2012 Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award selections represent the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year this program has been active. All books have a 2009 copyright. Students in kindergarten, first, second, and third grades, who have read or heard read at least three of the titles on the Master Reading List, are eligible to vote. Students will vote for only one title.

Balloting on these lists will be done through the Arkansas Department of Education in early 2012. General and balloting information concerning the Charlie May Simon Children’s Book Award and the Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award is available from the Department of Education. Log in at: <http://arkansased.org/educators/curriculum/awards.html>.

Visit this Arkansas State Library website for additional information on both reading lists. Log in to: <http://www.library.arkansas.gov> (click on Library Divisions and go to Children’s Services to see further information about both book awards). For further information:

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**ARKANSAS DIAMOND PRIMARY AWARD WINNERS**

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Author</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
1998-99	De Groat, Diane	<b>Roses Are Pink, Your Feet Really Stink</b>
1999-00	Kellogg, Steven	<b>The Three Little Pigs</b>
2000-01	Rand, Gloria	<b>A Home For Spooky</b>
2001-02	Lester, Helen	<b>Hooway For Wodney Wat</b>
2002-03	Jordan, Deloris	<b>Salt In His Shoes: Michael Jordan In Pursuit Of A Dream</b>
2003-04	Smith, Maggie	<b>Desser The Best Ever Cat</b>
2004-05	Salley, Coleen	<b>Epossumondas</b>
2005-06	Wilcox, Leah	<b>Falling For Rapunzel</b>
2006-07	Bateman, Teresa	<b>April Foolishness</b>
2007-08	Crimi, Carolyn	<b>Henry &amp; The Buccaneer Bunnies</b>
2008-09	Beaumont, Karen	<b>Move Over, Rover!</b>
2009-10	Cronin, Doreen	<b>Diary Of A Fly</b>
2010-11	Kirby Larson & Mary Nethery	<b>Two Bobbies: A True Story Of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, And Survival</b>

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**Scheduled 2011-2012 Charlie May Simon and  
Arkansas Diamond Primary Award Book Overviews**

For Library Media Specialists (K-6) that are not able to attend an overview session, handouts will be forwarded by mail or through the cooperatives. If you have not received a copy of the overview by September 12, 2011, please contact Cora or Loyd. Teachers, reading specialists, administrators, Library Media Specialists beyond 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and public librarians, are welcome to attend these overviews by contacting their educational cooperative. Other interested educators may request a copy of the overview by email. Attendees will receive three hours of Professional Development credit.

6/20/11	Northwest AR Ed. Cooperative	Farmington	12:30-3:30 PM
6/21/11	Western AR Ed. Cooperative	Branch	9:00-12:00 Noon
6/22/11	Dawson Ed. Service Cooperative	Arkadelphia	8:30-11:30 AM
6/28/11	Ozarks Unlimited Resources (OUR) Coop	Harrison	8:30-11:30 AM
7/12/11	Wilbur D. Mills Ed. Cooperative	Beebe*	8:30-11:30 AM
7/13/11	Southwest AR Ed. Cooperative	Hope	9:00-12:00 Noon
7/14/11	DeQueen-Mena Ed. Cooperative	Gillham	9:00-12:00 Noon
7/18/11	Arkansas River Ed. Cooperative	Pine Bluff	8:30-11:30 AM
7/19/11	Northeast AR Ed. Cooperative	Walnut Ridge	8:30-11:30 AM
7/20/11	Crowley's Ridge Ed. Cooperative	Harrisburg	8:30-11:30 AM
7/21/11	Arch Ford Ed. Service Cooperative	Plumerville	9:00-12:00 Noon
7/25/11	North Central AR Ed. Service Center	Melbourne	8:30-11:30 AM
7/26/11	Great Rivers Ed. Cooperative	Helena	8:30-11:30 AM
7/27/11	South Central Ed. Cooperative	Camden	9:00-12:00 Noon
7/28/11	Southeast AR Ed. Service Cooperative	Monticello	9:00-12:00 Noon
8/01/11	Parochial & Private Schools Of Central AR	Little Rock**	9:00-12:00 Noon
9/22/11	Little Rock, North Little Rock & PCSSD	Little Rock***	9:00-12:00 Noon

\*ASU, Beebe Student Center, WalMart Regions Room.

\*\*Our Lady of the Holy Souls School, 1001 North Tyler Street, Little Rock.

\*\*\*Includes public librarians. Meeting at the Central Arkansas Main Library, 100 Rock St., Little Rock.

## **SUGGESTED SUBJECT READING AREAS**

### **2011-2012 CHARLIE MAY SIMON BOOKS**

#### **Advanced Story**

All The Broken Pieces  
Also Known As Harper  
Comfort  
Extra Credit  
News For Dogs  
A Season Of Gifts  
Wishworks, Inc.  
Zoobreak

#### **Multicultural**

All The Broken Pieces  
Comfort  
Extra Credit  
Peace, Locomotion  
Wild Girl

#### **Animals In The Story**

News For Dogs  
The True Gift: A Christmas  
Story  
Wild Girl  
Wishworks, Inc.  
Zoobreak

#### **Good Read Aloud**

Mudshark  
The True Gift: A  
Christmas Story

#### **Death In The Family**

Peace, Locomotion  
Wild Girl

#### **Split Family**

All The Broken Pieces  
Also Known As Harper  
Comfort  
Peace, Locomotion  
Wishworks, Inc.

#### **Historical Fiction/Factual**

All The Broken Pieces  
Comfort

#### **Easier Read**

Mudshark  
The True Gift: A Christmas  
Story

### **2011-2012 ARKANSAS DIAMOND PRIMARY AWARD BOOKS**

#### **Animals In The Story**

Chicken Little  
Chicken Soup  
The Circus Ship  
Crow Call  
Duck And Cover  
Lousy Rotten Stinkin' Grapes  
The Mitten  
Otis  
Silly Tilly  
Yonderfel's Castle: A  
Medieval Fable

#### **Multicultural**

Eleanor, Quiet No More:  
The Life Of Eleanor  
Roosevelt  
My Name Is Sangoel  
Tsunami!  
Strega Nona's Harvest  
Yonderfel's Castle: A  
Medieval Fable

#### **Family**

Crow Call  
My Name Is Sangoel  
Otis  
Strega Nona's Harvest

#### **Advanced Read**

Eleanor, Quiet No More:  
The Life Of Eleanor  
Roosevelt  
My Name Is Sangoel  
Tsunami!  
Yonderfel's Castle: A  
Medieval Fable

#### **Historical Fiction/Nonfiction**

Eleanor, Quiet No More:  
The Life Of Eleanor Roosevelt

#### **Good Read Aloud**

All Fourteen Books

**PERMA-BOUND BOOKS**