

2021 Notable Children's Books in the Language Arts  
Award Books (2020 Copyright)

*Above the Rim: How Elgin Baylor Changed Basketball.* Written by Jen Bryant & illustrated by Frank Morrison. Published by Harry N. Abrams Books.

*All Because You Matter.* Written by Tami Charles & Illustrated by Bryan Collier. Published by Scholastic Books.

*Before the Ever After.* Written by Jacqueline Woodson. Published by Nancy Paulsen Books.

*Black Brother, Black Brother.* Written by Jewell Parker Rhodes. Published by Little Brown Books for Young Readers.

*Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks.* Written by Suzanne Slade & illustrated by Cozbi A. Cabrera. Published by Harry N. Abrams Books.

*Fighting Words.* Written by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. Published by Dial Books.

*I Am Every Good Thing.* Written by Derrick Barnes & illustrated by Gordon C. James. Published by Nancy Paulsen Books.

*If Dominican Were a Color.* Written by Sili Recio & illustrated by Brianna McCarthy. Published by Denene Millner & Simon & Schuster Press.

*I Talk Like a River.* Written by Jordan Scott & illustrated by Sydney Smith. Published by Neal Porter Books.

*Land of the Cranes.* Written by Aida Salazar. Published by Scholastic Press.

*Lift.* Written by Minh Lê & Illustrated by Dan Santat. Published by Little Brown Books for Young Readers.

*Mañanaland.* Written by Pam Muñoz Ryan. Published by Scholastic Press.

*On Account of the Gum.* Written by Adam Rex. Published by Chronicle Books.

*Once Upon an Eid: Stories of Hope and Joy by 15 Muslim Voices.* Edited by S.K. Ali & Aidsha Saeed & illustrated by Sara Alfageeh. Published by Amulet Books.

*Overground Railroad.* Written by Lesa Cline-Ransome and illustrated by James E. Ransome. Published by Holiday House Publishers.

*Packs: Strength in Numbers.* Written by Hannah Salyer. Published by HMH Books for Young Readers.

*Swashby and the Sea.* Written by Beth Ferry & illustrated by Juana Martinez Neal. Published by HMH Books for Young Readers.

*Swish: The Slam-Dunking, Alley-Ooping, High-Flying Harlem Globetrotters.* Written by Suzanne Slade and illustrated by Don Tate. Published by Little Brown Books for Young Readers.

*The Canyon's Edge.* Written by Dusti Bowling. Published by Little Brown Books for Young Readers.

*The Day Saida Arrived.* Written by Susana Gómez Redondo & illustrated by Sonja Wimmer. Published by Blue Dot Kids Press.

*The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read.* Written by Rita Lorraine Hubbard & illustrated by Oge Mora. Published by Schwartz & Wade.

*The Power of Her Pen: The Story of Groundbreaking Journalist Ethel L. Payne.* Written by Lesa Cline-Ransome & illustrated by John Parra. Published by Simon & Schuster & Paula Wiseman Books.

*We Are Water Protectors.* Written by Carole Lindstrom & illustrated by Michaela Goade. Published by Roaring Brook Press.

*What I Like Most.* Written by Mary Murphy & illustrated Zhu Cheng-Liang. Published by Candlewick Press.

*When Stars Are Scattered.* Written by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed. Published by Dial Books.

*When You Trap a Tiger.* Written by Tae Keller. Published by Random House Books for Young Readers.

*Winged Wonders: Solving the Monarch Migration Mystery.* Written by Meeg Pincus & Illustrated by Yas Imamura. Published by Sleeping Bear Press.

*Write! Write! Write!* Written by Amy Ludwig Vanderwater & illustrated by Ryan O'Rourke. Published by Wordsong. Published by Boyd Mill Kane.

*Your Name is a Song.* Written by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow. Published by The Innovation Press. .

*Your Place in the Universe.* Written by Jason Chin. Published by Neal Porter Books.

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