2016 Notable Children's Books in the Language Arts

28 Days: Moments in Black History that Changed the World Written by Charles R. Smith, Illustrated by Shane W. Evans, Published by Roaring Brook Press.


A Spectacular Selection of Sea Critters Written by Betsy Franco, Illustrated by Michael Wertz, Published by Millbrook Press.

Bigfoot is Missing! Written by J. Patrick Lewis and Karen Nesbitt, Illustrated by MinaLima, Published by Chronicle.


The Book Scavenger Written by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman, Published by Henry Holt and Company.

Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans Written and illustrated by Don Brown, Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Echo Written by Pam Munoz Ryan, Published by Scholastic.

Enchanted Air Written by Margarita Engle, Illustrated by Edel Rodriguez, Published by Atheneum.

Enormous Smallness: A Story of E. E. Cummings Written by Matthew Burgess, Illustrated by Kris Di Giacomo, Published by Enchanted Lion.

Flutter and Hum: Animal Poems Written and illustrated by Julie Paschkis, Published by Henry Holt and Company.

How to Read a Story Written by Kate Messner, Illustrated by Mark Siegel, Published by Chronicle.

Jumping Off Library Shelves Selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins, Illustrated by Jane Manning, Published by Wordsong.

The Marvels Written and illustrated by Brian Selznick, Published by Scholastic.

My Seneca Village Written by Marilyn Nelson, Published by Namelos.
My Two Blankets Written by Irena Kobald, Illustrated by Freya Blackwood, Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

The Plan Written by Alison Paul, Illustrated by Barbara Lehman, Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Poems in the Attic Written by Nikki Grimes, Illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon, Published by Lee & Low.

Poet: The Remarkable Story of George Moses Horton Written and illustrated by Don Tate, Published by Peachtree.

Red: A Crayon’s Story Written and illustrated by Michael Hall, Published by Greenwillow.

Stella by Starlight Written by Sharon M. Draper, Published by Atheneum.

The Thing About Jellyfish Written by Ali Benjamin, Published by Little, Brown Books.

Use Your Imagination (But be careful what you wish for!) Written and illustrated by Nicola O’Byrne, Published by Nosy Crow.


W is for Webster Written by Tracey Fern, Illustrated by Boris Kulikov, Published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

Where’s the Baboon? Written by Michaël Escoffier, Illustrated by Kris Di Giacomo, Published by Enchanted Lion.

The Whisper Written and illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski, Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Willy’s Stories Written and illustrated by Anthony Browne, Published by Candlewick.

The Wonder Written and illustrated by Faye Hanson, Published by Templar.

A Year in the Life of a Complete and Total Genius Written by Stacey Matson, Published by Sourcebooks Jabberwocky.

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