2019 Notable Children’s Books in the Language Arts Award Books (2018 Copyright)

*After Zero.* Written by Christina Collins. Published by Sourcebooks.

*Alma and How She Got Her Name.* Written and illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal. Published by Candlewick Press.

*Baby Monkey, Private Eye.* Written by Brian Selznick and David Serlin. Illustrated by Brian Selznick. Published by Scholastic Press.

*Big Mooncake for Little Star.* Written and illustrated by Grace Lin. Published by Little Brown Books for Young Readers.


*Bookjoy, Wordjoy.* Written by Pat Mora. Illustrated by Raúl Colón. Published by Lee & Low Books.

*A Bunch of Punctuation.* Selected by Lee Bennet Hopkins. Illustrated by Serge Bloch. Published by Wordsong.

*The Button War.* Written by Avi. Published by Candlewick Press.

*Boy.* Written by Phil Cummings. Illustrated by Shane Devries. Published by Kane Miller.

*Crescent Moons and Pointed Minarets: A Muslim Book of Shapes.* Written by Hena Khan. Illustrated by Mehrdokht Amini. Published by Chronicle Books.

*The Day You Begin.* Written by Jacqueline Woodson. Illustrated by Rafael López. Published by Nancy Paulsen Books.

*Drawn Together.* Written by Minh Lê. Illustrated by Dan Santat. Published by Disney-Hyperion.

*Dreamers.* Written and illustrated by Yuyi Morales. Published by Neal Porter Books.

*Ebb & Flow.* Written by Heather Smith. Published by Kids Can Press.

*Finding Langston.* Written by Lesa Cline-Ransome. Published by Holiday House.

*I Am Loved.* Written by Nikki Giovanni. Illustrated by Ashley Bryan. Published by Atheneum.
Imagine. Written by Juan Felipe Herrera. Illustrated by Lauren Castillo. Published by Candlewick Press.

Libba: The Magnificent Musical Life of Elizabeth Cotten. Written by Laura Veirs. Illustrated by Tayana Fazlalizadeh. Published by Chronicle Books.

Louisiana’s Way Home. Written by Kate DiCamillo. Published by Candlewick Press.

Me, Frida, and the Secret of the Peacock Ring. Written by Angela Cervantes. Published by Scholastic.

Merci Suárez Changes Gears. Written by Meg Medina. Published by Candlewick.

Quiet. Written and illustrated by Tomie dePaola. Published by Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.

Something Rotten: A Fresh Look at Roadkill. Written by Heather L. Montgomery. Illustrated by Kevin O’Malley. Published by Bloomsbury.

Sunny. Written by Jason Reynolds. Published by Atheneum.


What a Wonderful Word. Written by Nicola Edwards. Illustrated by Luisa Uribe. Published by Kane Miller.

What Do You Do With a Voice Like That? The Story of Extraordinary Congresswoman Barbara Jordan. Written by Chris Barton. Illustrated by Ekua Holmes. Published by Beach Lane Books.

Winterhouse. Written by Ben Guterson. Illustrated by Chloe Bristol. Published by Henry Holt & Company.


The Word Collector. Written and illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds. Published by Scholastic.

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