2013 Notable Children’s Books in the Language Arts


A Leaf Can Be, by Laura Purdie Salas, illustrated by Violeta Dabija, published by Lerner.

and then it’s spring, by Julie Fogliano, illustrated by Erin Stead, published by Macmillan.

Bear has a Story to Tell, by Philip Stead, illustrated by Erin Stead, published by Macmillan.


Chopsticks, by Amy Krouse Rosenthal, illustrated by Scott Magoon, published by Disney/Hyperion.


Hades, Lord of the Dead, by George O’Connor, published by Macmillan.

His Name Was Raoul Wallenberg, by Louise Borden, published by Houghton Mifflin.

I Have the Right to be a Child, by Alain Serres, illustrated by Aurelia Fronty, published by Groundwood.

I Lay My Stitches Down, by Cynthia Grady, illustrated by Michele Wood, published by Eerdmans.


Moonbird, by Phillip Hoose, published by Macmillan.


Obstinate Pen, by Frank Dormer, published by Macmillan.

Sadie and Ratz, by Sonya Hartnett, illustrated by Ann James, published by Candlewick.

See You at Harry's, by Jo Knowles, published by Candlewick.

Snakes, by Nic Bishop, published by Scholastic.

The One and Only Ivan, by Katherine Applegate, published by HarperCollins.


Water Sings Blue, by Kate Coombs, illustrated by Meilo So, published by Chronicle.


Z is for Moose, by Kelly Bingham, illustrated by Paul Zelinsky, published by HarperCollins.