2017 Notable Children’s Books in the Language Arts Award Books (2016 Copyright)

27 Magic Words Written by Sharelle Byars Maronville, Published by Holiday House.

Before Morning Written by Joyce Sidman, Illustrated by Beth Krommes, Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Booked Written by Kwame Alexander, Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

A Child of Books Written by Oliver Jeffers, Illustrated by Sam Winston, Published by Candlewick Press.

Cloud and Wallfish Written by Anne Nesbet, Published by Candlewick Press.

Du Iz Tak? Written and illustrated by Carson Ellis, Published by Candlewick Press.

Fishbone’s Song Written by Gary Paulsen, Published by Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.

Free Verse Written by Sarah Dooley, Published by G.P. Putnam’s Sons.

Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life by Ashley Bryan Written and illustrated by Ashley Bryan, Published by Atheneum.

I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark Written by Debbie Levy, Illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley, Published by Atheneum Books for Young Readers.

The Island of Beyond Written by Elizabeth Atkinson, Published by Carolrhoda Books.

Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph Written by Roxanne Orgill, Illustrated by Francis Vallejo, Published by Candlewick Press.

Mayday Written by Karen Harrington, Published by Little, Brown and Company.

OCDaniel Written by Wesley King, Published by Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.

¡Olinguito de la A a la Z! Descubriendo el bosque nublado: Olinguito, from A to Z! Unveiling the Cloud Forest. Written by Lulu DeLacre, Published by Lee and Low.

Plants Can’t Sit Still Written by Rebecca Hirsch, Illustrated by Mia Posada, Published by Millbrook Press.

A Poem for Peter: The Story of Ezra Jack Keats and the Creation of The Snowy Day Written by Andrea Pinkney, Illustrated by Lou Fancher and Steve Johnson.

Raymie Nightingale Written by Kate DiCamillo, Published by Candlewick Press.
Soar Written by Joan Bauer, Published by Viking.

Some Writer: The Story of E.B. White Written and illustrated by Melissa Sweet, Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

The Sound of Silence Written by Katrina Goldsaito, illustrated by Julia Kuo, Published by Little, Brown and Company.

Snow White: A Graphic Novel Written and illustrated by Matt Phelan, Published by Candlewick Press.


The Storyteller Written and illustrated by Evan Turk, Published by Atheneum Books for Young Readers.

Treat Written and illustrated by Mary Sullivan, Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems Written and illustrated by Bob Raczka, Published by Roaring Brook Press.

When Green Becomes Tomatoes: Poems for All Seasons Written by Julie Fogliano, Illustrated by Julie Morstad, Published by Roaring Brook Press.

When the Sea Turned to Silver Written and illustrated by Grace Lin, Published by Little, Brown and Company.

Wills Words: How William Shakespeare Changed the Way You Talk Written by Jane Sutcliffe, Illustrated by John Shelley, Published by Charlesbridge.

Yaks Yak: Animal Word Pairs Written by Linda Sue Park, Illustrated by Jennifer Black Reinhardt, Published by Clarion Books.

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