



2026 NOTABLE CHILDREN'S BOOKS IN THE LANGUAGE ARTS AWARD BOOKS

A Sea of Lemon Treas: The Corrido of Roberto Alvarez written by Maria Dolores Aguilá, published by Roaring Brook Press

Zero: The Number That Almost Wasn't written by Sarah Albee, illustrated by Chris Hsu, published by Charlesbridge

Brave written by Weshoyot Alvitre, published by Kokila

Every Monday Mabel written by Jashar Awan, published by Simon & Schuster

Stalactite & Stalagmite: A Big Tale from a Little Cave written by Drew Beckmeyer, published by Atheneum

Wolf Club written by James Bird, published by Feiwel and Friends

A Hero's Guide to Summer Vacation written by Pablo Cartaya, published by Kokila

Star Sailor: The Story of Words written by Sara Cassidy, illustrated by Julie McLaughlin, published by Orca Book Publishers

Hurricane written by Jason Chin, published by Neal Porter Books/HH

Mixed-Up written by Kami Garcia, published by First Second

A Cup of Quiet written by Nikki Grimes, illustrated by Cathy Ann Johnson, published by Bloomsbury

Wanda Hears the Stars: A Blind Astronomer Listens to the Universe written by Amy S. Hansen with Wanda Diaz Merced, illustrated by Rocio Arreola Mendoza, published by Charlesbridge

The Day the Books Disappeared written by Joanna Ho & Caroline Kusin Pritchard, illustrated by Dan Santat, published by Disney Hyperion

A Sleuth of Bears and Other Amusing, Beguiling, and Peculiar Collective Nouns written by Colter Jackson, published by PA Press

Another Word for Neighbor written by Angela Pham Krans, illustrated by Thai My Phuong, published by Harper

Some Days I'm the Wind written by Rebecca Gardyn Levington, illustrated by Dinara Mirtalipova, published by Barefoot Books

Dawn written by Marc Martin, published by Candlewick Studio

The Trouble with Heroes written by Kate Messner, published by Bloomsbury

Tomatoes on Trial: The Fruit v. Vegetable Showdown written by Lindsay Metcalf, illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham, published by Calkins Creek

The Extraordinary Orbit of Alex Ramirez written by Jasminne Paulino, published by Putnam

This is Orange: A Field Trip Through Color written by Rachel Poliquin, illustrated by Julie Morstad, published by Candlewick Press

Wish I Was a Baller written by Amar Shah, illustrated by Rashad Doucet, published by Scholastic

Don't Trust Fish written by Neil Sharpson, illustrated by Dan Santat, published by Dial

Dear Acorn (Love, Oak) written by Joyce Sidman, illustrated by Melissa Sweet, published by Clarion Books

The History of We written by Nikkolas Smith, published by Kokila

The Cartoonists Club written by Raina Telegemeir & Scott McCloud, published by Scholastic

Terrible Puns: A Collection of Punny poems written by Tricia Torrible, illustrated by Robert Dunn, published by Gnome Road Publishing

All the Blue in the Sky written by Renee Watson, published by Bloomsbury

Andre: Andre Leon Talley --A Fashionable Fabulous Fairy Tale written by Carole Boston Weatherford & Rob Sanders, illustrated by Lamon O'Neal, published by Henry Holt & Company

Little Bird Laila written by Kelly Yang, illustrated by Xindi Yan, published by Dial