



Georgia *Picture Book* Award Nominees

2022-2023

Milo Imagines the World by Matt de la Peña

While Milo and his sister travel to a detention center to visit their incarcerated mother, he observes strangers on the subway and draws what he imagines their lives to be. RL 4.6 (Fiction)

We Became Jaguars by Dave Eggers

When Grandma comes to visit and a young boy's parents leave, readers follow their journey into the lush, undiscovered world of nature, and lose themselves in the exhilarating power of pretending. (Fiction)

Red Shoes by Karen English

Malika loves her new red shoes and wears them everywhere, but eventually she outgrows them, and her grandmother takes them to a second-hand shop--where they will become a special present for Amina (who fasted half the month of Ramadan) in Africa, who will enjoy her special red shoes every bit as much as Malika did. . RL 3.6 (Fiction)

It Fell From the Sky by Fan Brothers

All the insects agree that the object that fell from the sky is a Wonder, but when Spider decides it is his, he risks losing all of his friends. RL 3.7 (Humorous Fiction)

The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess by Tom Gauld

When a wooden robot prince forgets to say the magic words that turn his sister from a log into a princess she is thrown away, so he goes on an epic journey to find her and bring her back. (Fairy Tale)

Itty-bitty-Kitty-Corn by Shannon Hale

Kitty, who looks like a kitten yet feels like she is actually a unicorn, begins to doubt herself as others ridicule her, until she meets a unicorn that helps her discover and embrace who she is. RL 2.4 (Fiction)

Eyes That Kiss in the Corners by Joanna Ho

A young Asian girl notices that her eyes look different from her peers'. They have big, round eyes and long lashes. She realizes that her eyes are like her mother's, her grandmother's, and her little sister's. Drawing from the strength of the powerful women in her life, she recognizes her own beauty and discovers a path to self-love and empowerment. RL 3.7 (Fiction)

The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read by Rita L. Hubbard

A picture book biography sharing the inspiring and incredible true story of the nation's oldest student, Mary Walker, who learned to read at the age of 116. RL 4.6 (Biography)

THAO: A Picture Book by Thao Lam

"Thao" seems like a simple enough name. Only four letters-all of them belonging to many other names! And yet Thao had been called everything from "Tail" to "Theo" to "Towel." At one point, completely fed up, she decided it was time to try another name. Something "easy." Something like "Jennifer." But trying to be someone else only works for so long. (Fiction)

When Langston Dances by Kaija Langley

Inspired by watching a performance of the Alvin Ailey Dance Company, a young black boy longs to dance and enrolls in ballet school. (Fiction)

Grandpa Grumps by Katrina Moore

When Daisy's grandfather, or Yeh-Yeh, visits from China, she does everything she can think of to make him smile and finally finds a way. (Fiction)

Bright Star by Yuyi Morales

A nurturing voice reassures the lonely and afraid in difficult times. In English with some Spanish phrases. (Fiction)

My First Day by Phung Nguyen Quang

The rainy season has come to the Mekong Delta, and An, a young Vietnamese boy, sets out alone in a wooden boat wearing a little backpack and armed only with a single oar. Although daunted by the dark unknown, An realizes that he is not alone and continues to paddle. He knows it will all be worth it when he reaches his destination. RL 3.1 (Fiction)

Chez Bob by Bob Shea

A lazy alligator comes up with a plan to lure his prey by opening up a restaurant for birds--until he realizes that birds are even better as friends. (Fiction)

Nina: A Story of Nina Simone by Traci N. Todd

A picture book biography of Nina Simone, an acclaimed singer whose music gave voice to the struggle for racial equality during the Civil Rights Movement.. RL 5.2 (Biography)

Wishes by Muon Thi Van

In this spare, poetic picture book based on author Muon Van's family history and told through a series of wishes, a family packs up everything they own and embarks on a perilous oceanic voyage toward a better life. (Historical Fiction)

The Blue House by Phoebe Wahl

Both Leo and his father are angry and sad when their landlord says their old house will be torn down, but soon they find a way to make their new house feel like home. RL 3.0 (Fiction)

R-E-S-P-C-E-C-T by Carole Boston Weatherford

Aretha Franklin was born to sing. The daughter of a pastor and a gospel singer, her musical talent was clear from her earliest days in her father's Detroit church. Aretha sang with a soaring voice that spanned more than three octaves. Her incredible talent and string of hit songs earned her the title "the Queen of Soul." RL 4.0 (Biography)

Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre by Carole Boston Weatherford

This book provides a powerful look at the 1921 Tulsa race massacre, one of the worst incidents of racial violence in our nation's history. RL 5.8 (Nonfiction)

Inside Cat by Brendan Wenzel

Told in rhyming text, Inside Cat views the world through many windows, watching the birds, squirrels, and people go by--but when the door opens it discovers a whole new view. (Fiction)

Additional Resources:

Georgia Children's Book Awards
<http://gcba.coe.uga.edu/>

Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl
<http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/hrrb/>