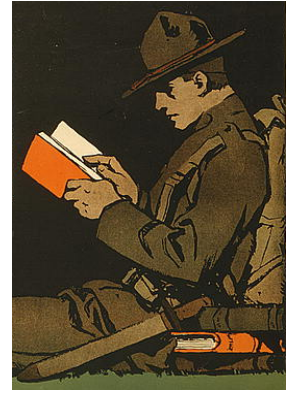




Georgia *Picture Book* Award Nominees 2023-2024



Invasion of the Unicorns by David Biedrzycki

A serious alien unicorn has infiltrated Earth as a spy for his home planet and must decide if he and his kind should invade Earth and make humans subject to their powers. RL 3.2 (Fantasy)



Knight Owl by Christopher Denise

After achieving his dream of becoming a knight, a small owl protects the castle from a hungry dragon. RL 4.6 (Fantasy)



Awake by Mags DeRoma

The story of a brave little girl facing the ultimate enemy: a spider in the corner of her bedroom. RL 2.9 (Fiction)



Yellow Dog Blues by Alice Faye Duncan

Traveling across the Mississippi Delta, Bo Willie searches blues landmarks like Dockery Farms and Beale Street for his missing dog. RL 3.2 (Fiction)



Nigel and the Moon by Antwan Eady

The story of a young Black schoolboy with big dreams of moving past his fear of judgment to share his dreams with his class during career week. RL 2.7 (Fiction)



Mina by Matthew Forsythe

Mina the mouse is very upset when her father brings home a pet "squirrel" that she is certain is a cat.. RL 2.5 (Humorous Fiction)



Wolfboy by Andy Harkness

Wolfboy is very hungry, and as he seeks rabbits he becomes growly, drooly, and more, until finally his stomach is filled, with a little help from his friends. RL 1.9 (Humorous Fiction)



Courage Hats by Kate Hoefler

Mae is a little girl, and Bear is a bear, but they are both afraid of trains and traveling to places they do not know, so they put on courage hats. Mae's has bear ears, and Bear's has people ears, and when they meet on the train going through bear country to the city, they take courage in each other's company and soon become friends. When they arrive they exchange hats, which is a lot like exchanging hearts. RL 3.0 (Humorous Fiction)



There's a Ghost in This House by Oliver Jeffers

A young girl lives in a haunted house, but she has never seen a ghost. Are they white with holes for eyes? Are they hard to see? Step inside and help the girl as she searches under the stairs, behind the sofa, and in the attic for the ghost. RL 2.6 (Fantasy)



Something's Wrong! A Bear, a Hare and Some Underwear by Jory John

Jeff the bear is sure he has forgotten something when he sets out from home, but none of the animals he meets initially inform him that he is only wearing his underwear, until he reaches his friend Anders the hare--who quickly thinks of a way to avoid embarrassing Jeff, by starting a fashion trend. RL 2.1 (Fantasy)



Over the Shop by JonArno Lawson

A lonely little girl and her grandparent need to fill the run-down apartment in their building. But taking over the quarters above their store will mean major renovations for the new occupants, and none of the potential renters can envision the possibilities of the space--until one special couple shows up. (Wordless Fiction)



Holding On by Sophia N. Lee

A young girl spends song-filled summers with her music-loving grandmother in the Philippines, but when her beloved Lola starts slipping into silence and stillness, the girl helps her grandmother hold on with music and the joyful memories the songs bring. RL 3.4 (Fiction)



Little Red and the Cat Who Loved Cake by Barbara Lehman

A fractured fairy tale retelling of Little Red Riding Hood with references to other fairy tales hidden throughout. Little Red has baked a cake with his father, and is on the way to Grandma's house to deliver it only to be trailed by a cat who loves cake. RL 5 L 840 (Wordless, Humorous Fiction)



Bathe the Cat by Alice B. McGinty

Dad has posted a list of chores for the family to do before grandma comes, including bathing the cat; but the cat does not want a bath, so she mixes up the instructions, and soon the family is mowing the floor, vacuuming the lawn, mopping the baby--and the house is in chaos. RL 1,5 (Humorous Fiction in Rhyme)



Hope at Sea: An Adventure Story by Daniel Miyares

A girl pursues her own adventures by stowing away on her father's clipper ship. RL 3.7 (Fiction)



The Legend of Gravity: A Tall Basketball Tale by Charly Palmer

Gravity is the new kid on the Hillside Projects basketball team, the Eagles. With Gravity on their side, the Eagles feel unstoppable. But when they face-off against the Flyers in the final round of Milwaukee's pick-up basketball tournament, they realize that it may take a little more than Gravity to bring them to victory. RL 4.6 (Fiction)



Kafka and the Doll by Larissa Theule

In the fall of 1923, Franz Kafka encountered a distraught little girl on a walk in the park. She'd lost her doll and was inconsolable. Kafka told her the doll wasn't lost, but instead, traveling the world and having grand adventures! And to reassure her, Kafka began delivering letters from the doll to the girl for weeks.. RL 3.2 (Fiction)



Love in the Library by Maggie Tokuda-Hall

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Tama is sent to live in a War Relocation Center in the desert. Trying not to think of the life she once had, she works in the camp's tiny library, taking solace in pages bursting with color and light, love and fairness. George waits each morning by the library door, his arms piled with books checked out the day before. And soon their friendship becomes a lifelong romance. RL 3.4 (Historical Fiction)



Gibberish by Young Vo

When Dat starts school in a country where he does not speak the language, everything around him sounds like gibberish until a new friend helps him make sense of his new world. (Fiction)



Little Witch Hazel: A Year in the Forest by Phoebe Wahl

Little Witch Hazel is a tiny witch who lives in the forest, helping creatures big and small. She's a midwife, an intrepid explorer, a hard worker and a kind friend. She rescues an orphaned egg, goes sailing on a raft, solves the mystery of a haunted stump and makes house calls to fellow forest dwellers. But when Little Witch Hazel needs help herself, will she get it in time? RL 4.6 (Folktale)

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