



Georgia *Picture Book* Award Nominees

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Trombone Shorty by Tony Andrews

The story of Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews, who hails from the Treme neighborhood in New Orleans' 6th Ward. By the time he reached six, this prodigy was playing trumpet and trombone in a jazz band led by his older brother. RL 4.2, L 840 (Autobiography)



Seeds of Freedom: The Peaceful Integration of Huntville, Alabama by Hester Bass

A little-known story of the civil rights movement, in which black and white citizens in one Alabama city worked together nonviolently to end segregation. RL 4.6, L 830 (Historical Fiction)



Yard Sale by Eve Bunting

When a family has to leave their house and move to a small apartment, it's hard to let go of things, but having one another is what counts. RL 2.3 (Realistic Fiction)



Enormous Smallness: A Story of E.E. Cummings by Matthew Burgess

The poet E.E. Cumming's life is presented in a way that will have readers identifying with the young Estlin, as well as playing with words and asking questions. The books also presents some of Cumming's most wonderful poems. RL 5.2, L 970 (Biography/Poetry)



Gaston by Kelly DiPucchio

A proper bulldog raised in a poodle family and a tough poodle raised in a bulldog family meet one day in the park. RL 2.8, L 500 (Humorous Fiction)



Wolfie the Bunny by Ame Dyckman

When her parents find a baby wolf on their doorstep and decide to raise him as their own, Dot is certain he will eat them all up until a surprising encounter with a bear brings them closer together. RL 1.8 (Fantasy)



Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music by Margarita Engle

This story follows a girl in the 1920s as she strives to become a drummer, despite being continually reminded that only boys play the drums, and that there has never been a female drummer in Cuba. RL 4.2, (Historical Fiction)



The Farmer and the Clown by Marla Frazee

A wordless picture book in which a farmer rescues a baby clown who has bounced off the circus train, and reunites him with his clown family. (Fiction)



Sidewalk Flowers by JonArno Lawson

In this wordless picture book, a little girl collects wildflowers while her distracted father pays her little attention. Each flower becomes a gift, and whether the gift is noticed or ignored, both giver and recipient are transformed by their encounter. (Fiction)



Pool by Jihyeon Lee

Two shy children meet at a noisy pool and dive beneath the crowd into a magical undersea land, where they explore a fantastical landscape and meet various creatures. (Fantasy)



Float by Daniel Miyares

A wordless picture book about a boy who loses his paper boat in the rain. (Fiction)



My Pen by Christopher Myers

An artist celebrates the many things he can do with a simple pen, and encourages the reader to do the same. (Fiction)



If You Plant a Seed by Kadir Nelson

While planting seeds in their garden, two animals learn the value of kindness. (Fantasy)



P. Zonka Lays and Egg by Julie Paschkis

All of the chickens in the farmyard lay eggs regularly, all except for P. Zonka, that is. She's too busy looking at the colors of the world around her. The other chickens think P. Zonka's just lazy, until she lays the most beautiful egg they've ever seen.
RL 2.6, L 500 (Fantasy)



Tricky Vic: the Impossibly True Story of the Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower

by Greg Pizzoli

The true story of one of Europe's most notorious con artists. RL 7, L 1230 (Biography)



The Bear Ate Your Sandwich by Julia Sarcone-Roach

When a sandwich goes missing, it seems that a bear is the unlikely culprit. RL 2.5, L 490 (Humorous Fiction)



28 Days: Moments in Black History That Changed the World by Charles R. Smith Jr.

A picture book look at many of the men and women who revolutionized life for African Americans throughout history.
RL 6.6, L 1080 (Biography)



Swan: The Life and Dance of Anna Pavlova by Laurel Snyder

One night, young Anna's mother takes her to the ballet, and everything is changed. So begins the journey of a girl who will one day grow up to be the most famous prima ballerina of all time. RL 2.5, L 380 (Biography)



Emmanuel's Dream by Laurie Ann Thompson

The true story of a boy born in Ghana with one deformed leg, who overcame adversity to become an advocate for those with disabilities. RL 4.4, L 770 (Biography)



In a Village by the Sea by Muon Van

Moving from the wild world to the snugness of home and back out again, Village by the Sea tells the story of longing for the comforts of home. (Fiction)



Additional Resources

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

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