



# Georgia *Picture Book* Award Nominees

2014-2015



**Journey** by Aaron Becker

Soren and his friends travel to the mythic Great Ga'Hoole Tree where they hope to find inspiration to fight the evil that dwells in the owl kingdom. RL 5.1



**On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein** by Jennifer Berne

From a boy endlessly fascinated by the wonders around him, Albert Einstein ultimately grows into a man of genius recognized the world over for profoundly illuminating our understanding of the universe. RL 4.5



**Z is for Moose** by Kelly Bingham

Moose, eager to be in an alphabet book, then disappointed when his letter passes, behaves badly until Zebra finds him a spot. RL 0.8



**Mr. Tiger Goes Wild** by Peter Brown

Bored with city life and the proper behavior it requires, Mr. Tiger has a wild idea that leads him to discover his true nature. RL 1.5



**A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin** by Jennifer Bryant

The inspiring story of a self-taught painter from humble beginnings who despite many obstacles, was ultimately able to do what he loved, and be recognized for who he was: an artist. RL 4.1



**One Cool Friend** by Toni Buzzeo

Elliot, a very proper young man, feels a kinship with the penguins at the aquarium and wants to take one home with him. RL 3.1



**The Matchbox Diary** by Paul Fleischman

A little girl learns about her great-grandfather's diary and of his journey from Italy to a new country. RL 2.8



**Oh, No!** By Candace Fleming

A series of animals falls into a deep hole, only to be saved at last by a very large rescuer. RL 1.5



**The Story of Fish and Snail** by Deborah Freedman

Every day, Snail waits for Fish to return and tell him a story but their friendship is tested when Fish asks Snail to take a leap out of their book to actually see a new pirate book in the library. RL 1.3



**The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind** by William Kamkwamba & Bryan Mealer

A boy learns to build a windmill to bring electricity to his village during a drought and famine. RL 5.3



**All the Water in the World** by George Ella Lyon

Water doesn't come. It goes. Around. An environmentally friendly song about the water cycle. L 520



**Ol' Clip-Clop: A Ghost Story** by Patricia McKissack

One October night in 1745, John Leep, a mean and stingy lawyer, sets out to evict a widow from one of his rental houses and is followed by a ghostly rider. RL 2.7



**Niño Wrestles the World** by Yuyi Morales

Lucha Libre champion Nino has no trouble fending off monstrous opponents, but when his little sisters awaken from their naps, he is in for a no-holds-barred wrestling match that will truly test his skills. N/A



**Ganesha's Sweet Tooth** by Sanjay Patel & Emily Haynes

An original story based on Hindu mythology, this book tells the story about how Ganesha's love of sweets led to a broken tusk and the writing of the epic poem, the Mahabharata. RL 3.6



**Xander's Panda Party** by Linda Sue Park

When he extends the invitation to all of the bears, complications ensue. Includes author's note on the wonders of the animal kingdom and the international effort to save pandas from extinction. RL 2.7



**The Camping Trip That Changed America: Theodore Roosevelt** by Barb Rosenstock

How a camping trip of a President and a preservationist started the National Park Service. RL 5.0



**Tiger in My Soup** by Kashmiri Sheth

Left in the care of his older sister, a boy begs her to read his favorite book but she is too absorbed in her own reading even to notice when a tiger comes to life in the steam from his soup. RL 1.5



**The Dark** by Lemony Snicket

Laszlo is afraid of the dark which lives in the same big, creaky house as him, until one night the dark pays him a visit. RL 3.1



**The Man with the Violin** by Kathy Stinson

A picture book based on the true story of Joshua Bell, the renowned violinist who famously took his instrument into the Washington D.C. subway for a free concert. RL 2.8



**Balloons over Broadway** by Melissa Sweet

A picture book biography about the puppeteer who invented the first inflatable character balloons for Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. RL 5.4



## Additional Resources

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

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