

# Georgia *Picture Book* Award Nominees



2015-2016



## **Sam and Dave Dig a Hole** by Mac Barnett

Sam and Dave are determined to find something spectacular by digging a hole until they encounter it. RL 1.9, L 310 (Humorous Fiction)



## **Breaking News: Bear Alert** by David Biedrzycki

In this story (told in the form of a television broadcast), bears emerge from hibernation demanding to be fed. RL 2.8, L 400 (Humorous Fiction)



## **My Teacher is a Monster (No, I Am Not)** by Peter Brown

Bobby thinks his teacher, Ms. Kirby, is horrible, but when he sees her outside of school and they spend a day in the park together, he discovers she might not be so bad after all. RL 1.7, L 310 (Fiction)



## **The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus** by Jen Bryant

An interesting portrayal of Peter Mark Roget and the creation of the thesaurus. RL 4.1, L 590 (Nonfiction)



## **Draw!** by Raúl Colón

In this wordless picture book, a boy who is confined to his room fills his sketch pad with lions and elephants, then imagines himself on a safari. (Fiction)



## **Elizabeth, Queen of the Sea** by Lynne Cox

The incredible story of Elizabeth, a real-life elephant seal who made her home in the Avon River in the city of Christchurch, New Zealand. RL 4.5, L 900 (Nonfiction)



## **Grandfather Gandhi** by Arun Ghandi

Arun visits his grandfather, Mahatma Gandhi, and wonders if he has the patience, temperament, and character to make him proud in this uniquely personal tale. RL 3.7, L 600 (Biography)



## **Tree Lady: The Story of How One Tree-Loving Woman Changed a City Forever**

by Joseph H. Hopkins

The moving true story of Kate Sessions, who helped San Diego grow from a dry desert town into a lush, leafy city known for its gorgeous parks and gardens. RL 4.8, L 760 (Biography)



## **All Different Now** by Angela Johnson

In 1865, members of a family start their day as slaves, working in a Texas cotton field, and end it celebrating their freedom on what came to be known as Juneteenth. RL 3.1, L 550 (Historical Fiction)



## **Invisible Boy** by Trudy Ludwig

Brian has always felt invisible at school, but when a new student, Justin, arrives, everything changes. RL 2.8, L 680 (Realistic Fiction)



**Sophie's Squash** by Pat Miller

A young girl befriends a squash. RL 2.8, L550 (Fiction)



**Hi, Koo! A Year of Seasons** by John Muth

Koo, Stillwater's delightful panda nephew, challenges young readers to stretch their minds and imaginations with twenty-six original haiku poems about the four seasons. RI 2.3, L425 (Poetry)



**Sparky!** by Jennifer Offill

A child takes a sloth named Sparky as a pet. RL 3, L 520 (Fiction)



**Carnivores** by Aaron Reynolds

Lion, Great White Shark, and Timberwolf are troubled by their bad reputations with the other animals, but as Great Horned Owl reminds them, they are carnivores and eating meat is just what they do. RL 3.4, L 600 (Humorous Fiction)



**Blizzard!** by John Rocco

After a massive blizzard, a boy becomes a hero when he manages to walk to the local store and bring supplies back to his neighborhood which has been snowed in for days. Based on the author's childhood experience. RL 3, L 550 (Fiction)



**Little Melba and Her Big Trombone** Lee by Katheryn Russell-Brown

A biography of African American musician Melba Doretta Liston, a virtuoso musician who played the trombone and composed and arranged music for many of the great jazz musicians of the twentieth century. RL 4.7, L 720 (Biography)



**Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation**  
by Duncan Tonatiuh

Years before the landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling *Brown v. Board of Education*, Sylvia Mendez, an eight-year-old girl of Mexican and Puerto Rican heritage, played an instrumental role in *Mendez v. Westminster*, the landmark desegregation case of 1946 in California. RL 5.1, L 870 (Historical Fiction)



**Stella's Starliner** by Rosemary Wells

A little girl is teased about her silver trailer home, but she never loses sight of life's true gifts. RL 2.9, L 530 (Realistic Fiction)



**I'm My Own Dog** by David Stein

Dog lovers will revel in the humorous role-reversal as this dog teaches his human all the skills he needs to be a faithful companion. RL 1.5, L 220 (Humorous Fiction)



**Henri's Scissors** by Jeanette Winter

Step into the colorful world of Henri Matisse and his magnificent paper cut-outs. RL 3.2, L 780 (Biography)

## Additional Resources

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

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

