

MONARCH AWARD

Criteria for books nominated for the 2014 Monarch Award:

1. The nominator must have read the book.
2. The book must have literary merit.
3. The book must be interesting and appealing to students in grades K-3.
4. The book must have an appropriate reading level for K-3.
5. The book must be in print at the time of nomination.
6. The book must have a copyright date within the last five years: 2008-2012.
7. The book may be non-fiction or fiction.
8. A nominated book may NOT be a textbook, holiday book, anthology, translation, reprint, toy, board, puzzle, pop-up or formula fiction.
9. An author on the current Master List may not appear on the next year's list.
10. A book in a series may be nominated, but the series may not appear on two consecutive lists. If a series title wins the award, other books in the series may not be included on future lists for a period of four years.
11. Only one title per author is allowed per list. If multiple titles by the same author are nominated, the committee will choose the title that is the best title for the list.
12. A winning author may not appear on a Master List for four years.
13. The author and/or illustrator must be living at the time of selection for the Master List.

Directions for Nominations:

1. Nominations must be submitted online at the ISLMA website, www.islma.org/monarch.htm.
2. Include author, title, publisher, and copyright date for each nomination.
3. Each book should be categorized as a picture book, easy reader, or chapter book.
4. **Deadline for submissions is September 15, 2012.**