

**The Monarch Award:
Illinois' K-3 Children's Choice Award
2005 Master List**

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- Allen, Debbie. **Dancing in the Wings**; illus. by Kadir Nelson. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2000.
Sassy tries out for a summer dance festival in Washington, D.C., despite the other girls' taunts that she is much too tall and her feet are too big. Hc 0803725019 Pbk 0142501417
- Bagert, Brod. **Giant Children: Poems**; illus. by Tedd Arnold. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2002.
Presents more than twenty humorous poems, with playful illustrations, that examine life from a child's point of view; features such titles as "Stinky Boys," "Dinosaur Canary," and "There's a Goblin in My Throat." Hc 0803725566
- Bridges, Shirin Yim. **Ruby's Wish**; illus. by Sophie Blackall. Chronicle Books, 2002.
In China, at a time when few girls are taught to read or write, Ruby dreams of going to the university with her brothers and male cousins. Hc 0374356386
- Casanova, Mary. **One-Dog Canoe**; illus. by Ard Hoyt. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2003.
A girl and her dog set out in their canoe one morning, only to be insistently joined by a series of animals, large and small. Hc 0374356386
- Child, Lauren. **I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato**; illus. by author. Candlewick Press, 2000.
A fussy eater decides to sample the carrots after her brother convinces her that they are really orange twiglets from Jupiter. Hc 0763611883 Pbk 0763621803
- Creech, Sharon. **A Fine, Fine School**; illus. by Harry Bliss. HarperCollins Publisher, 2001.
When a principal loves his school so much that he wants the children to attend classes every day of the year, it's up to his students to show him free time is a good thing, too. Hc 006027736X, 0060277378 Pbk 0060007281
- Cronin, Doreen. **Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type**; illus. by Betsy Lewin. Simon & Schuster, 2000.
When Farmer Brown's cows find a typewriter in the barn they start making demands, and go on strike when the farmer refuses to give them what they want. Hc 0689832133
- Davies, Nicola. **One Tiny Turtle**; illus. by Jane Chapman. Candlewick Press, 2001.
The story of a tiny sea turtle who swims out to sea, then returns after a few years to the beach where she was born to lay her eggs before returning to the sea. Includes many facts about sea turtles. Includes index. Hc 0763615498
- dePaola, Tomie. **26 Fairmount Avenue**; illus. by author. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1999.
Children's author-illustrator Tomie De Paola describes his experiences at home and in school in 1938, when he was a boy. Hc 039923246X
- Fleming, Candace. **Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!** illus. by G. Brian Karas. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2002.
After planting the garden he has dreamed of for years, Mr. McGreely tries to find a way to keep some persistent bunnies from eating all his vegetables. Hc 0689831528

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- Hurwitz, Johanna. **Pee Wee's Tale**; illus. by Patience Brewster. SeaStar Books, 2000.
When his owner's parents let him go in Central Park, a young guinea pig learns to survive in the natural world with the help of a "park-wise" squirrel. Hc 1587170272
- LaMarche, Jim. **The Raft**; illus. by the author. HarperCollins, 2000.
Reluctant Nicky spends a wonderful summer with artistic Grandma who introduces him to the joy of rafting down the river near her home and watching (and drawing) the animals along the banks. Hc 0688139779; 0688139787 Pbk 0064438562
- Lester, Helen. **Hooway for Wodney Wat**. illus. by Lynn Munsinger. Houghton Mifflin, 1999.
All his classmates make fun of Rodney because he can't pronounce his name, but it is Rodney's speech impediment that drives away the class bully. Hc 0395923921 Pbk 061821612X
- Long, Melinda. **How I Became a Pirate**; illus. by David Shannon. Harcourt, 2003.
Jeremy Jacob joins Braid Beard and his pirate crew and finds out about pirate language, pirate manners, and other aspects of their life. Hc 0152018484
- Paolilli, Paul. **Silver Seeds: A Book of Nature Poems**; illus. by Steve Johnson. Viking, 2001.
A collection of simple, acrostic poems having to do with nature. Hc 0670889415
- Pope, Mary Osborne. **Tonight on the Titanic**; illus. by Sal Murdocca. Random House, 1999.
The magic tree house transports Jack and Annie to the deck of the Titanic to find the mysterious gift that will free a small dog from a magic spell. Hc 0679990631 Pbk 0679890637
- Rappaport, Doreen. **Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**; illus. by Bryan Collier. Hyperion Books for Children, 2001.
Includes bibliographical references (p. 34). Looks at the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, explaining his work to bring about a peaceful end to segregation. Hc 0786807148, 078682591X
- Ryan, Pam Muñoz. **Mice and Beans**; illus. by Joe Cepeda. Random House, 2000.
In this rhythmic cumulative tale Rosa Maria spends the week getting ready for her granddaughter's birthday party and trying to avoid attracting mice--unaware that the mice in her walls are preparing for a party of their own. Hc 0439183030
- Schwartz, David M. **If You Hopped Like a Frog**; illus. by James Warhola. Scholastic Press, 1999.
Introduces the concept of ratio by comparing what humans would be able to do if they had bodies like different animals. Hc 0590098578
- Shannon, David. **David Gets in Trouble**; illus. by the author. Blue Sky Press, 2002.
When David gets in trouble, he has excuses right up until bedtime, when he realizes he really is sorry. Hc 0439050227