



Children's Choices for 2009

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GRADES K-2

- BANDIT.** Karen Rostoker-Gruber. Vincent Nguyen, III. Marshall Cavendish.
BATS AT THE LIBRARY. Brian Lies. Houghton Mifflin.
COTTONBALL COLIN. Jeanne Willis. Tony Ross, III. Eerdmans.
DON'T WORRY BEAR. Greg Foley. Viking.
***THE DONUT CHEF.** Bob Staake. RHCBS/Golden Books.
DR. MEOW'S BIG EMERGENCY. Sam Lloyd. Henry Holt.
GOODNIGHT GOON: A PETRIFYING PARODY. Michael Rex. G.P. Putnam's Sons.
I'M THE BEST ARTIST IN THE OCEAN. Kevin Sherry. Dial.
***KATIE LOVES THE KITTENS.** John Himmelman. Henry Holt.
A KITTEN TALE. Eric Rohmann. RHCBS/Alfred A. Knopf.
MAYBE A BEAR ATE IT. Robie H. Harris. Michael Emberley, III. Orchard.
NO HUGS TILL SATURDAY. Julie Downing. Clarion.
***THE PIGEON WANTS A PUPPY.** Mo Willems. Disney.
PRINCESS BABY. Karen Katz. RHCBS/Schwartz & Wade.
RED TRUCK. Kersten Hamilton. Valeria Petrone, III. Viking.
SALLY AND THE PURPLE SOCKS. Lize Bechtold. Philomel.
THE SANDMAN. Ralph Fletcher. Richard Cowdrey, III. Henry Holt.
***SORT IT OUT.** Barbara Mariconda. Sherry Rogers, III. Sylvan Dell.
***THOSE DARN SQUIRRELS.** Adam Rubin. Daniel Salmieri, III. Clarion.
***T'WAS THE DAY BEFORE ZOO DAY.** Catherine Ipcizade. Ben Hodson, III. Sylvan Dell.
TWELVE TERRIBLE THINGS. Marty Kelley. Tricycle Press.
TWENTY-SIX PRINCESSES. Dave Horowitz. G.P. Putnam's Sons.
THE WAY BACK HOME. Oliver Jeffers. Philomel.
WE'RE GOING ON A LION HUNT. Margery Cuyler. Joe Mathieu, III. Marshall Cavendish.
WHAT A TRIP! Arthur Yorinks. Richard Egielski, III. Michael di Capua.
WHAT DOES MRS. CLAUS DO? Kate Wharton. Christian Slade, III. Tricycle Press.
WHERE'S MY MUMMY? Carolyn Crimi. Candlewick Press.
WHO ATE ALL THE COOKIE DOUGH? Karen Beaumont. Eugene Yelchin, III. Henry Holt.
YOU CAN'T GO TO SCHOOL NAKED! Dianne Billstrom. Don Kilpatrick III, III. G.P. Putnam's Sons.

GRADES 3-4

- *BABYMOUSE #8: PUPPY LOVE.** Jennifer L. Holm. Matthew Holm, III. Random House.
BABYMOUSE #9: MONSTER MASH. Jennifer L. Holm. Matthew Holm, III. Random House.
THE BIG LITTLE BOOK OF HAPPY SADNESS. Colin Thompson. Kane/Miller.
BOYS OF STEEL. Marc Tyler Nobleman. RHCBS/Alfred A. Knopf.
CAR SCIENCE. Richard Hammond. DK Publishing.
DR. FRANKENSTEIN'S HUMAN BODY. Richard Walker. DK Publishing.
EASY EARTH-FRIENDLY CRAFTS IN 5 STEPS. Anna Llimós. Enslow Elementary.
FLORIDA PANTHERS. William Caper. Bearport.
HOW STRONG IS IT? Ben Hillman. Scholastic Reference.
HOW TO SPEAK CAT. Sarah Whitehead. Scholastic Reference.
HOW TO SPEAK DOG. Sarah Whitehead. Scholastic Reference.
I, VIVALDI. Janice Shefelman. Tom Shefelman. Eerdmans.
KIT'S WORLD. Harriet Brown and Teri Witkowski. Walter Rane, Philip Hood, Susan McAliley, Susan Moore, and Jean-Paul Tibbles, III. American Girl.
MAGIC TREE HOUSE #40: EVE OF THE EMPEROR PENGUIN. Mary Pope Osborne. Sal Murdocca. Random House.
MANNY RAMIREZ AND THE BOSTON RED SOX. Michael Sandler. Bearport.

ONE HEN. Katie Smith Milway. Eugenie Fernandes. Kids Can Press.
***ONE MILLION THINGS.** Peter Chrisp. DK Publishing.
PARARESCUEMEN IN ACTION. Michael Sandler. Kane/Miller.
PUPPY POWER. Judy Cox. Steve Björkman, III. Holiday House.
SINGING TO THE SUN. Vivian French. Jackie Morris, III. Kane/Miller.
SIR REGINALD'S LOGBOOK. Matt Hammill. Kids Can Press.
SOUTHERN SEA OTTERS. Jeanette Leardi. Bearport.
***SPOOKY CEMETERIES.** Dinah Williams. Bearport.
STUCK IN THE MUD. Jane Clarke. Garry Parsons, III. Walker.
TITANICAT. Marty Crisp. Robert Papp, III. Sleeping Bear Press.
TOM BRADY AND THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS. Michael Sandler. Bearport.
TOY DANCE PARTY. Emily Jenkins. Paul O. Zelinsky, III. RHCBSchwartz & Wade.
TWO BOBBIES : A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival. Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery. Jean Cassels, III. Walker.
***UNDERWEAR.** Ruth Freeman Swain. John O'Brien, III. Holiday House.
***WILLOW.** Denise Brennan-Nelson and Rosemarie Brennan. Cyd Moore, III. Sleeping Bear Press.
WORST-CASE SCENARIO SURVIVAL HANDBOOK: EXTREME JR. EDITION. David Borgenicht and Justin Heimberg. Chuck Gonzales, III. Chronicle.

GRADES 5-6

***100 MOST DANGEROUS THINGS ON THE PLANET.** Anna Claybourne. Scholastic Reference.
39 CLUES. Rick Riordan. Scholastic Press.
***AMULET.** Kazu Kibuishi. Graphix.
AS IF BEING 12^{3/4} IS BAD ENOUGH, MY OTHER IS RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT! Donna Gephart. RHCBS/Delacorte.
BARNABY GRIMES: CURSE OF THE NIGHT WOLF. Paul Stewart. Chris Riddell, III. RHCBS/David Fickling.
***THE BIG FIELD.** Mike Lupica. Philomel.
BRONTE'S BOOK CLUB. Kristiana Gregory. Holiday House.
CANDY APPLE #7. Eliza Willard. Scholastic Paperbacks.
THE CROSSROADS. Chris Grabenstein. Random House.
DANCE! Apryl Lundsten. Helen Dardik, III. American Girl.
THE DIAMOND OF DARKHOLD. Jeanne Duprau. Random House.
DUEL! BURR AND HAMILON'S DEADLY WAR OF WORDS. Dennis Brindell Fradin. Larry Day, III. Walker.
GODS OF MANHATTAN. Scott Mebus. Dutton.
IT'S ONLY TEMPORARY. Sally Warner. Viking.
JIMMY'S STARS. Mary Ann Rodman. Farrar, Straus, and Giroux.
THE MAGICIAN. Michael Scott. RHCBS/Delacorte.
MY LETTER TO THE WORLD AND OTHER POEMS. Emily Dickinson. Isabelle Arsenault, III. Kids Can Press.
MY ONE HUNDRED ADVENTURES. Polly Horvath. RHCBS/Schwartz & Wade.
THE MYSTERY OF THE FOOL AND THE VANISHER. Ruth Ellwand. David Ellwand, III. Candlewick Press.
PEELED. Joan Bauer. G.P. Putnam's Sons.
PIGLING. Dan Jolley. Anne Timmons, III. Lerner.
THE SAVAGE. David Almond. Dave McKean, III. Candlewick Press.
SIR FARTSALOT HUNTS THE BOOGER. Kevin Bolger. Razorbill.
STOLEN CHILDREN. Peg Kehret. Dutton.
***SWORDS.** Ben Boos. Candlewick Press.
***THIRTEEN.** Lauren Myracle. Dutton.
A THOUSAND NEVER EVERS. RHCBS/Delacorte.
THE WILLOUGHBYS. Lois Lowry. Walter Lorraine.
WINNING WORDS. Charles R. Smith Jr. Candlewick Press.
ZORGAMAZOO. Robert Paul Weston. Razorbill.

*Books that received the highest Children's Choices Team votes

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