

KEYSTONE TO READING BOOK AWARD LISTS

2008-2009

Annotated Primary List

Badger's Fancy Meal, by Keiko Kasza

Badger is tired of apples, roots and worms and wants some fancier foods. His attempts to capture the animals he needs for his new dishes don't work out. But these animals enjoy Badger's apples, roots and worms.

Do Unto Otters: A Book About Manners, by Laurie Keller

Mr. Rabbit is concerned about getting along with his new neighbors, the Otters. Mr. Owl suggests an old saying, "Do unto otters as you would have otters do unto you." That's just what Mr. Rabbit does!

Dogs and Cats, by Steve Jenkins

Read front to back about cats, then flip the book over and read front to back about dogs. The information is appealing to students of all ages.

Duck at the Door, by Jackie Urbanovic

Max decides not to fly south with his flock, but finds the winter to be too cold. Irene invites him to stay with her "family" but when spring arrives they are happy to see this "larger-than-life" houseguest leave!

Guess What is Growing Inside This Egg, by Mia Posada

The wonderful illustrations provide clues for readers to try and guess what is growing inside the eggs.

Henry's Freedom Box, by Ellen Levine

Henry Brown, a slave in Virginia, wants to escape. With the help of abolitionists, Henry mails himself in a crate to William Johnson, Arch Street, Philadelphia. This is a fictionalized account of a remarkably true event.

A Kiss Goodbye, by Audrey Penn

Chester Raccoon (from *The Kissing Hand*) has to move and he's not happy. Mother tells Chester their new home may be even better than their old one.

Melissa Parkington's Beautiful, Beautiful Hair, by Pat Brisson

Melissa has beautiful, long, dark, shiny hair but wants to be special for something other than her hair. She sees a sign in the beauty parlor window about donating hair for children who need wigs. Melissa does something not only special but spectacular!

The Perfect Nest, by Catherine Friend

Jack, the cat, is hungry and wants the perfect omelet. He builds the perfect nest to entice the perfect chicken, then the perfect duck, then the perfect goose. Instead of getting an omelet, Jack ends up as mother to the "babies" who hatch.

Slugs in Love, by Susan Pearson

Marylou and Herbie keep missing each other's love poems. Finally, they meet and it's true love.

Someday, by Eileen Spinelli

Goldie dreams about what she will become *someday* and what she does *today*. For example, she dreams about being an Olympic gymnast on one page and practices cartwheels on the next. With outstanding illustrations and text, this story is perfect for finding comparisons and contrasts.

Will You Read to Me? by Denys Cazet

Hamlet loves to read and write, not like the other pigs in the sty. This is an excellent story about being different even in your own family.

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Annotated Intermediate List

Casey Back at Bat, Dan Gutman

Thayer's classic poem has a new twist ~ Casey hits that fly ball sending it on a wild adventure! Baseball fans will cheer!

Champ, Marcia Thornton

Champ, a show dog, is injured and can't win in the dog show circuit anymore. Thanks to Riley and friends, Champ becomes a star in another show ring.

Comets, Stars, the Moon and Mars, Douglas Florian

Forian's poetry and paintings describe the planets, stars and more with humor and detail that should be read aloud.

The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School, Candace Fleming

Spend the school year with Mr. Jupiter's 4th grade class whose reputation does precede them. Each chapter ends with a moral.

Iron Thunder, the Battle Between the Monitor and the Merrimac, Avi

Thirteen-year-old Tom Carroll finds himself working to prepare the Monitor for battle. As assistant to Captain Ericsson, the ship's inventor, he learns how the ship is built and the Navy's plans. Confederate spies try to get the information from Tom, but his friends help him do the right thing.

The John Hancock Club, Louise Borden

Sean is worried that third grade will be harder than second especially since students learn cursive writing. His teacher's handwriting club includes instruction about John Hancock, the Revolutionary War and cursive writing.

The Legend of the Cape May Diamond, Trinka Hakes Noble

It takes 2000 years for the small pebbles in the Delaware River to make their way to the Delaware Bay and Cape May. These quartz stones are known as diamonds. Ms. Noble's story tells the journey and legend of these diamonds.

***The Man Who Named the Clouds*, Julie Hannah**

Luke Howard (born 1772) was always interested in the clouds and weather. As a young man he joined the Askesian Society, a group that met monthly, to research and share information. Luke's research on naming cloud types is still used today.

***Punished*, David Lubar**

Logan and his buddy Benedict are supposed to be doing research in the library but instead they are fooling around. Logan runs head-on into a gentleman who "punishes" Logan. Every time Logan speaks, puns come out. Really bad puns that get him into trouble! To get "cured" Logan must find seven oxymorons, seven anagrams, and seven palindromes.

***The Trailblazing Life of Daniel Boone, How Early Americans Took to the Road*, Cheryl Harness**

Young readers will love following the life of Daniel Boone and his adventures hunting, fighting and forging new frontiers.