

## NCCBA 2010 Picture Book Nominations

**Becker, Bonny. *A Visitor for Bear*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press. 2008.**

Bear's efforts to keep out visitors to his house are undermined by a very persistent mouse.

**Best, Cari. *Sally Jean, the Bicycle Queen*. NY: Farrar, Straus, & Giroux. 2006.**

When Sally Jean outgrows her beloved bicycle, Flash, she experiments with various ideas for acquiring a new, bigger one.

**Broach, Elise. *When Dinosaurs Came with Everything*. NY: Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 2007.**

Although his mother is a little worried, a young boy is delighted to discover that every shop in town is giving away real dinosaurs to their customers.

**Grey, Mini. *Traction Man Meets Turbodog*. NY: Alfred A. Knopf. 2008.**

Traction Man, an action figure, teams up with the high-tech but not-so-bright Turbodog to rescue Scrubbing Brush, his missing sidekick, from the terrible underworld of the bin.

**Helakoski, Leslie. *Woolbur*. NY: HarperCollins Children's Books. 2008.**

Woolbur, a sheep with a mind of his own, never seems to follow the flock, despite his parents' reminders about how he should behave.

**Himmelman, John. *Katie Loves Kittens*. NY: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers. 2008.**

When Sara Ann brings home three little kittens, Katie the dog's enthusiasm frightens the kittens away, until she learns that quiet patience is sometimes needed to begin a friendship.

**Jenkins, Emily. *The Little Bit Scary People*. NY: Hyperion Books for Children. 2008.**

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**Joose, Barbara M. *Wind-Wild Dog*. NY: Henry Holt & Co. 2006.**

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**Larson, Kirby. *Two Bobbies: a True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival*. NY: Walker and Company. 2008.**

Bobbi (the dog) and Bob Cat are the best of friends. When their hometown of New Orleans was struck by Hurricane Katrina, many lost everything. Bobbi and Bob Cat only survived by staying together. This is the story of their remarkable friendship.

**Rappaport, Doreen. *Abe's Honest Words: The Life of Abraham Lincoln*. NY: Hyperion Books for Children. 2008.**

Describes the life of our sixteenth president, a self-taught man whose compassion and honesty gradually earned him the trust of many Americans and eventually a seat in the highest office of the United States.

**Raven, Margot Theis. *Night Boat to Freedom*. NY: Farrar, Straus, & Giroux. 2006.**

At the request of his fellow slave Granny Judith, Christmas John risks his life to take runaways across a river from Kentucky to Ohio. Based on slave narratives recorded in the 1930s.

**Scotton, Rob. *Splat the Cat*. NY: HarperCollins Children's Books. 2008.**

A nervous Splat finds his first day at Cat School much better than he expected.

**Stauffacher, Sue. *Nothing But Trouble: The Story of Althea Gibson*. NY: Alfred A. Knopf. 2007.**

A biography of Althea Gibson, the first black tennis player to ever compete in what is now known as the U.S. Open, and in the Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, England.

**Thomas, Jan. *The Doghouse*. Orlando: Harcourt. 2008.**

Cow, Pig, Duck, and Mouse are afraid to retrieve their ball when it goes into the dog's house, but when they do go in they are pleasantly surprised.

## NCCBA 2010 Junior Book Nominations

**Bishop, Nic. *Frogs*. NY: Scholastic Non-Fiction. 2008.**

Nic Bishop's photographs show all different kinds of frogs, big ones, very tiny ones, frogs with beautiful colors of skin, and one frog you can see inside of.

**Bertholf, Bret. *The Long Gone Lonesome History of Country Music*. NY: Little, Brown and Company. 2007.**

A journey through the history of country music.

**Cabot, Meg. *Moving Day*. NY: Scholastic Press. 2008.**

Nine-year-old Allie Finkle has rules for everything and is even writing her own rule book, but her world is turned upside-down when she learns that her family is moving across town, which will mean a new house, school, best friend, and plenty of new rules.

**Creech, Sharon. *Hate That Cat*. NY: Joanna Cotler Books. 2008.**

Jack is studying poetry again in school, and he continues to write poems reflecting his understanding of famous poems and how they relate to his life.

**Davies, Nicola. *Extreme Animals: the Toughest Creatures on Earth*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press. 2006.**

Animals adapt to their surroundings for survival. Learn how they survive in conditions that humans never would. Are you ready for the competition? From the persevering emperor penguins of the South Pole to the brave bacteria inside bubbling volcanoes, from the hardy reptiles of the driest deserts to the squash-proof creatures of the deepest seabeds, animals have adapted to survive in conditions that would kill a human faster than you can say "coffin...."

**Frost, Helen. *Diamond Willow*. NY: Farrar, Straus, & Giroux. 2008.**

In a remote area of Alaska, twelve-year-old Willow helps her father with their sled dogs when she is not at school, wishing she were more popular, all the while unaware that the animals surrounding her carry the spirits of dead ancestors and friends who care for her.

**Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Found*. NY: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. 2008.**

When thirteen-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel and two opposing forces, each trying to repair the fabric of time.

**Kadahota, Cynthia. *Cracker!: the Best Dog in Vietnam*. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 2007.**

A young soldier in Vietnam bonds with his bomb-sniffing dog.

**Law, Ingrid. *Savvy*. NY: Dial Books for Young Readers. 2008.**

Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.

**Lowry, Lois. *The Willoughbys*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin. 2008.**

In this tongue-in-cheek take on classic themes in children's literature, the four Willoughby children set about to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny.

**MacLachlan, Patricia. *Edward's Eyes*. New York: Atheneum Books. 2007.**

Edward is one of a large and close family that loves baseball, music, books, and each other, and when he unexpectedly dies and his parents donate his organs, his wonderful eyes go to a perfect recipient.

**Sidman, Joyce. *This is Just to Say: Poems of Apology and Forgiveness*. NY: Houghton Mifflin Books for Children. 2007.**

When Mrs. Merz asks her sixth grade class to write poems of apology, they end up liking their poems so much that they decide to put them together into a book. Not only that, but they get the people to whom they apologized to write poems back. In haiku, pantoums, two-part poems, snippets, and rhymes, Mrs. Merz's class writes of crushes, overbearing parents, loving and losing pets, and more....