

Best New Books 2006-2007

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BEST NEW PICTURE BOOKS

One Green Apple by Even Bunting, ill. by Ted Lewin (2006)
Flotsam by David Wiesner (2006)
Clever Ali by Nancy Farmer, ill. by Gail De Marcken (2006)
Something About Hensley's by Patricia Polacco (2006)
Pictures from Our Vacation by Lynne Rae Perkins (2007)
Max's Words by Kate Banks, ill. by Boris Kulikov (2006)
The Incredible Eating Book by Oliver Jeffers (2006)
17 Things I'm Not Allowed to Do Anymore by Jenny Offill, ill by Nancy Carpenter (2007)
Samsara Dog by Helen Manos, ill by Julie Vivas (2007)
Velma Gratch & the Way Cool Butterfly by Alan Madison, ill by Kevin Hawkes (2007)
Where the Giant Sleeps by Mem Fox, ill by Vladimir Radunsky (2007)
Ziba Came on a Boat by Liz Lofthouse, ill by Robert Ingpen (2007)

BEST FANTASY/SCIENCE FICTION

The Prophet of Yonwood (Book of Ember) by Jeanne DuPrau (2006)
Artemis Fowl: The Lost Colony by Eoin Colfer (2006)
Gossamer by Lois Lowry (2006)
Peter and the Shadow Thieves (2007) and *Peter and the Secret of Rundoon* (2007) by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson
Bella at Midnight by Diane Stanley (2006)
Peter Pan in Scarlet by Geraldine McCaughrean (2006)
Beka Cooper (Terrier) by Tamora Pierce (2006)
Jack Plank Tells Tales by Natalie Babbitt (2007)
Fairest by Gail Carson Levine (2006)
Book of a Thousand Days by Shannon Hale (2007)

BEST NON FICTION

Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship Told by Isabella Hatkoff, Craig Hatkoff and Dr. Paula Kahumbu, photographs by Peter Greste (2006)
Knut: How One Little Polar bear Captivate the World (2007) Told by Juliana, Isabella, and Craig Hatkoff and Dr. Gerald Uhlich (2007)
Dogs and Cats by Steve Jenkins (2007)
The Snow Baby: The Artic Childhood of Admiral Robert E. Peary's Daring Daughter by Katherine Kirkpatrick (2007)

BEST NEW FICTION (NOVELS)

No Talking by Andrew Clements (2007)
Rules by Cynthia Lord (2006)
Maude March on the Run by Audrey Couloubis (2007)
Small Steps by Louis Sachar (2006)
Way Down Deep by Ruth White (2007)
Kimchi & Calamari by Rose Kent (2007)

Bhangra Babes by Narinder Dhama (2006) series
Vive La Paris by Esmé Raji Codell (2006)
The Summerhouse Time by Eileen Spinelli, illustrated by Joanne Lew-Vriethoff (2007)
Piper Reed: Navy Brat by Kimberly Willis Holt (2007)
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo (2006)
The Higher Power of Lucky by Susan Patron (2006)
The Mother-Daughter Book Club by Heather Vogel Frederick (2007)
The Aurora County All-Stars by Deborah Wiles (2007)
Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis (2007)
Beanball by Gene Fehler (Feb. 2008)
I Am Not Joey Pigza by Jack Gantos (2007)
Elephant Run by Roland Smith (2007)
Edward's Eyes by Patricia MacLachlan (2007)
The One O'Clock Chop by Ralph Fletcher (Spring, 2008)

BEST HISTORICAL FICTION AND BIOGRAPHIES (PICTURE BOOKS)

John, Paul, George and Ben by Lane Smith (2006)
Theodore by Frank Keating, paintings by Mike Wimmer (2006)
The Cat with the Yellow Star: Coming of Age in Terezin by Susan Goldman Rubin with Ela Weissinger (2006)
Through Georgia's Eyes by Rachel Rodriguez (2006)
Paths to Peace: People Who Changed the World by Jane Breskin Zalben (2006)
One Thousand Tracings: Healing the Wounds of World War II by Lita Judge (2007)
Different Like Coco by Elizabeth Matthews (2007)
The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain by Peter Sis (2007)

BEST UNTOLD TALES (PICTURE BOOKS) OR OTHER VIEWPOINTS

Owen and Mzee: Language of Friendship by Isabella Hatkoff, Craig Hatkoff and Paula Kahumbu (2007)
The World's Greatest Elephant by Ralph Helfer, illustrated by Ted Lewin (2006)
Marvelous Mattie by Emily Arnold McCully (2006)
Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller by Sarah Miller (2007)

BEST UNTOLD TALES OR OTHER VIEWPOINTS (NOVELS)

Enter Three Witches by Caroline Cooney (2007)
My Mother, The Cheerleader by Robert Sharenow (2007)
Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam by Cynthia Kadohata (2007)
Salome by Beatrice Gormley (2007)
Loving Will Shakespeare by Carolyn Meyer (2006)
Duchessina: A Novel of Catherine de' Medici by Carolyn Meyer (2007)

BEST HISTORICAL FICTION (including contemporary issues in other countries)

Crossing the Wire by Will Hobbs (2006)
La Línea by Ann Jaramillo (2006)
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak (2006)
The Queen's Soprano by Carol Dines (2006)

Bread and Roses, Too by Katherine Paterson (2007)
The Green Glass Sea by Ellen Klages (2006)
Counting on Grace by Elizabeth Winthrop (2006)
Hattie Big Sky by Kirby Larson (Newbery honor 2006)
The Killing Sea: A Novel about the Tsunami that Stunned the World by Richard Lewis (2006)
London Calling by Edward Bloor (2006)
The Invention of Hug Cabret by Brian Selznick (2007)
Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood by Ibtisam Barakat (2007)
Copper Sun by Sharon Draper (2007)
Red Moon at Sharpsburg by Rosemary Wells (2007)
Anahita's Woven Riddle by Meghan Nuttall Sayres (2006)
Revolution is Not a Dinner Party: A Novel by Ying Chang Compestine (2007)
Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis (2007)
House of Djinn by Suzanne Fisher Staples (Spring, 2008)

BEST POETRY

Yellow Elephant: A Bright Bestiary by Julie Larios, illustrated by Julie Paschkis (2006)
Zany Zoo by William Wise, illustrated by Lynn Munsinger (2006)
Wing Nuts: Screwy Haiku by Paul Janeczko & J. Patrick Lewis, III by Tricia Tusa (2006)
Fusek Peters, III by Polly Dunbar (2007)
Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars by Douglas Florian (2007)
Here's a Little Poem: A Very First Book of Poetry collected by Jane Yolen and Andrew
Tummy Girl by Roseanne Thong, III by Sam Williams (2007)
This is Just to Say: Poems of Apology and Forgiveness by Joyce Sidman, III Pamela Zagarenski (2007)

BEST YOUNG ADULT NOVEL

Just Listen by Sarah Dessen (2006)
Pieces of Georgia by Jen Bryant (2006)
Crunch Time by Mariah Fredericks (2006)
Shug by Jenny Han (2006)
Things Hoped For by Andrew Clements (2006)
The Rules for Hearts by Sara Ryan (2007)
Ask Me No Questions by Marina Budhos (2006)
The Nature of Jade by Deb Caletti (2007)
Side Effects by Amy Goldman Koss (2006)
Killing Miss Kitty and Other Sins by Marion Dan Bauer (2007)
An Abundance of Katherines by John Greene (2006)
Dairy Queen (2006) and *The Off Season* (2007) by Catherine Gilbert Murdock
The Taker by J. M. Steele (2006)
Eggs by Jerry Spinelli (2007)
The Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt (2007)
Notes from the Midnight Driver by Jordan Sonnenblick (2006)
Deadline by Chris Crutcher (2007)
Accidents of Nature by Harriet McBryde Johnson (2006)

Reaching for the Sun by Tracie Vaughn Zimmer (poetry) (2007)
Peak by Roland Smith (2007)
Schooled by Gordon Korman (2007)
Parrotfish by Ellen Wittlinger (2007)
Someone Like Summer by M.E. Kerr (2007)
Twisted by Laurie Halse Anderson (2007)
Feathers by Jacqueline Woodson (2007)
I'll Ask You Three Times, Are You OK? by Naomi Shihab Nye (2007)
Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac by Gabrielle Zevin (2007)
Naomi & Ely's No Kiss List by Rachel Cohn & David Levithan (2007)
Red Glass by Laura Resau (2007)
Love, Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli (2007)
Taken by Edward Bloor (2007)

BEST ADULT BOOKS

We Are All Welcome Here by Elizabeth Berg (2006)
The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid by Bill Bryson (2006)
Daniel Isn't Talking by Marti Leimbach (2006)
The Inheritance of Loss by Kiran Desai (2006)
Gentlemen and Players by Joanne Harris (2006)
The Blood of Flowers by Anita Amirrezvani (2007)
A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier by Ishmael Beah (2007)
Dream When You're Feeling Blue by Elizabeth Berg (2007)
The Last Summer (of You and Me) by Ann Brashares (2007)
Empress by Shan Sa (2006)
If Today Be Sweet by Thrity Umrigar (2007)
Then We Came to the End by Joshua Ferris (2007)
Everything I Needed to Know About Being A Girl I Learned from Judy Blume, Edited by Jennifer O'Connell (2007)
A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini (2007)
Girls of Riyadh by Rajaa Alsanea (2007)
The Last Empress (2007) by Anchee Min
Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See (2006)
Leaving Microsoft to Change the World by John Wood (2006)
Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson & David Oliver Relin (2006)
Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert (2006)