

# SUMMER READING LISTS

## AWARD WINNING BOOKS

(2<sup>nd</sup> Grade reading level)

**Abbie in stitches by Cotton – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007** - Abbie, a girl growing up in western New York in the early 1800s, would much rather read than stitch, but her fingers begin to fly when she comes up with just the right picture and words to embroider on her sampler.

**Adele and Simon by McClintock – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 –** When Adele walks her little brother Simon home from school he loses one more thing at every stop: his drawing of a cat at the grocer's shop, his books at the park, his crayons at the art museum, and more.

**Ballerino Nate by Bradley – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007** - After seeing a ballet performance, Nate decides he wants to learn ballet but he has doubts when his brother Ben tells him that only girls can be ballerinas.

**Bessie Smith and the night riders by Stauffacher - c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007-** African-American blues singer Bessie Smith single-handedly scares off Ku Klux Klan members who are trying to disrupt her show one hot July night in Concord, North Carolina.

**Cowboy Slim by Danneberg – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007** - Untalented at riding, roping, and cracking a whip, Slim the cowboy calms a stampeding herd of cattle with his poetry.

**Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: partners by Silverman – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007** - Cocoa the horse herds the cows with Cowgirl Kate, helps her practice her roping skills, and wishes he could wear boots instead of horsehoes.

**Daddy goose treasury, The by French – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007** - Daddy Goose, a relative of Mother Goose, makes up stories about her classic nursery rhymes, sharing his versions of twelve tales.

**Dirk Bones and the mystery of the haunted house by Cushman – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007**

**Happy birthday, Jamela! by Daly - c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 –** Jamela wants sparkly "princess shoes" to go with her new birthday dress, but Mama makes her buy practical school shoes instead.

**Hundred penny box, The by Mathis – 1986, c1975 – Newbery Award Winner in 1976** - Michael's love for his great-great-aunt who lives with them leads him to intercede with his mother, who wants to toss out all her old things.

**I lost my tooth in Africa by Diakite – 2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 –** While visiting her father's family in Mali, a young girl loses a tooth, places it under a calabash, and receives a hen and a rooster from the African Tooth Fairy.

**If you were a parrot by Rawson – 2006 -- On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 -**  
Colorful illustrations and simple text imagine what it would be like to be a parrot, and contains parrot facts and a five-page educational supplement.

**Invasion of the pig sisters by Wheeler - c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007**  
Best friends, Fitch the Wolf and Chip the Pig have great plans to meet at the playground; however, Chip's three little sisters show up and threaten to foul up the works.

**Julio's magic by Dorros – c2005 - America's Award for Children's Literature -** A young artist discovers the power of friendship when he helps his mentor win a prestigious wood-carving contest.

**Learning to fly by Meschenmoser - c2005 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 –**  
A contemporary fable about a penguin who is told by other birds that he can't fly, and the efforts of a man who helped give him the confidence to try.

**Letters from a desperate dog by Christelow - c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 -** Feeling misunderstood and unappreciated by her owner, Emma the dog asks for advice from the local canine advice columnist.

**Lon Po Po by Young – c1989 - Caldecott winner in 1990 -** Three sisters staying home alone are endangered by a hungry wolf who is disguised as their grandmother.

**Mama, I'll give you the world by Schotter – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 -** At Walter's World of Beauty, Luisa's secret plans are underway to create a very special birthday celebration for her hard-working, single mother who is employed there as a stylist.

**Mercy Watson goes for a ride by DiCamillo – 2006 – Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Book –**  
**On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 -** Mr. Watson's usual Saturday drive in his Cadillac with his favorite pig, Mercy, turns into an adventure when an unexpected passenger shows up in the back seat and Mercy finds herself behind the wheel.

**My father's shop by Ichikawa – 2006, c2004 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 –** A young boy ventures out of his father's carpet shop into the marketplace--under a carpet that makes him look like a rooster--where he learns about the languages of the tourists and brings his father new customers in the process.

**My Mei Mei by Young – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 -** Speaking in the voice of his eldest daughter, Antonia, Young tells his family's tender, personal adoption story of traveling to China to bring home a Mei Mei, or younger sister, for Antonia.

**My mom's wedding by Bunting – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 -** Seven-year-old Pinkie has mixed feelings about her divorced mother's wedding especially when she learns that her beloved father will be an attending guest.

**New girl – and me, The by Robbins – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 –**  
Two girls become friends they help each other "feel at home" even when they are in school.

**Officer Buckle and Gloria by Rathmann – c1995 - Caldecott winner in 1996 -** The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips, until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches.

**On the go with Mr. and Mrs. Green by Baker – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007** - Mr. and Mrs. Green, a loving alligator couple, practice magic tricks, bake cookies, and dream up new inventions.

**One green apple by Bunting – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007** - While on a school field trip to an orchard to make cider, a young Muslim immigrant gains self-confidence when the green apple she picks perfectly complements the other students' red apples.

**Owl moon by Yolen – c1987 - Caldecott winner in 1988** - On a winter's night under a full moon, a father and daughter trek into the woods to see the great horned owl.

**Pirate mom by Underwood – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007** - When a hypnotist convinces Pete's mother that she is a pirate, Pete tries to find a way to turn her back into a regular parent.

**Rafi and Rosi : Carnival! by Delacre, Lulu - c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007** - Two Latin American tree frogs, mischievous Rafi and his younger sister Rosi, enjoy the events of Puerto Rico's Carnival season.

**Roasted peanuts by Egan – 2006 – On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007** - Sam the horse gets picked to be on the local baseball team, but his best friend Jackson the cat, doesn't make the team.

**Sam Bennett's new shoes by Thermes - c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007** - Sam is excited about getting new shoes, and as he grows into the shoes he becomes old enough to help his father on the farm, hoping to become a farmer himself one day.

**Secret lunch special by Catalanotto – 2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 –** Second-grader Emily's memorable day includes a new school bus, a forgotten lunch bag, a special cafeteria meal, and a new friendship.

**Small beauties: the journey of Darcy Heart O'Hara by Woodruff – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007** - A young Irish girl who neglects her chores to observe the beauties of nature and everyday life, shares "family memories" with her homesick parents and siblings after the O'Haras are forced to emigrate to America in the 1840s.

**SuperHero ABC by McLeod – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007-** Humorously-named superheroes such as Goo Girl and The Volcano represent the letters of the alphabet from A to Z.

**Ten-gallon Bart by Crummel – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 –** On the day he is supposed to retire as sheriff of Dog City, Ten-Gallon Bart learns that Billy the Kid--the roughest, toughest, gruffest goat in the country--is on his way into town.

**Uptown by Collier – 2003, c2000 – Coretta S. King winner in 2001** - A tour of the sights of Harlem, including the Metro-North Train, brownstones, shopping on 125th Street, a barber shop, summer basketball, the Boy's Choir, and sunset over the Harlem River.

**Very best bed, The by Raye – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007** - A squirrel with his store of seeds and nuts hunts for a cozy bed but he must search high and low for a spot that is not already occupied by other animals.

**Whoosh went the wind! by Derby – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 - A boy tries to convince his teacher that the reason he is late for school is that, over and over, he had to undo the damage being caused by the wind, from tearing laundry off the line to blowing away street signs.**

**World's greatest elephant, The by Helfer – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 - The true story of the circus elephant Modoc who bonded with an orphan in a circus in Germany. When Modoc is sold to a cruel owner, they run away to America, nearly drowning in the ocean, and become stars in the Ringling Brothers Circus.**

**Young man's dance, A by Knowlton – 2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 – Grandma Ronnie's grandson has a hard time adjusting to her needing a wheelchair, living in a nursing home, and not recognizing him when he comes to visit her, but the two find common ground in dancing.**

## **OTHER GREAT BOOKS TO READ** (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade reading level)

**Boxcar children, The – by Warner – c1977 - Four orphans, two boys and two girls, set up house-keeping in an old boxcar.**

**Fox in socks by Seuss – 1993 - A collection of easy-to-read tongue twisters.**

**Frog and Toad book series by Lobel - various tales recount the adventures of two best friends—Frog and Toad.**

**Key to the treasure by Parish – 1980, c1966 - Three youngsters use a code to retrieve a treasure hidden on their grandfather's farm.**

**Lion to guard us, A by Bulla – 1989, c1981 - Left on their own in London, three impoverished children draw upon all their resources to stay together and make their way to the Virginia colony in search of their father.**

**More Mr. and Mrs. Green by Baker – c2004 - Mr. and Mrs. Green, two alligators, spend time together fishing, painting, and going to the park.**

**My big lie by Crosby – c1999 - Little Bill gets in big trouble when he tells a fib to explain why he has come home late for dinner.**

**Rosa Parks by Schaefer – c2002 - A brief biography of the Alabama black woman whose refusal to give up her seat on a bus helped establish the civil rights movement.**

**Snaggle Doodles by Giff - c1985 - Ms. Rooney tells the class they are to work together in groups to make inventions; but Linda Lorca, the bossy leader of Emily Arrow's group, can't get anyone to cooperate. Will the group learn to work together in time?**