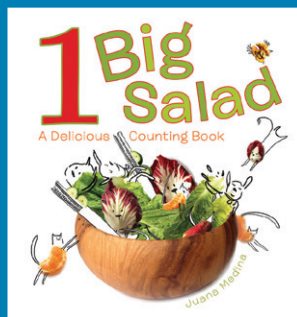
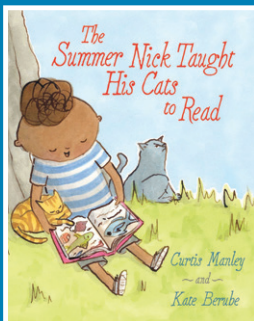
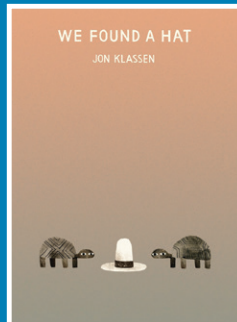
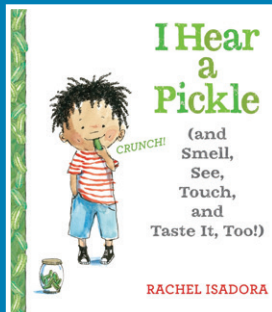
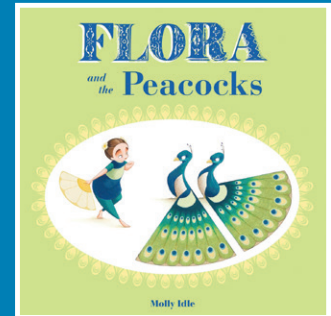
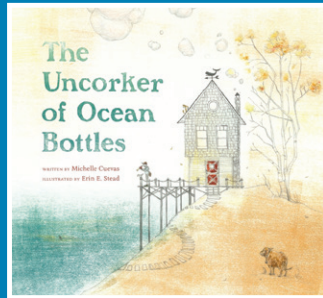
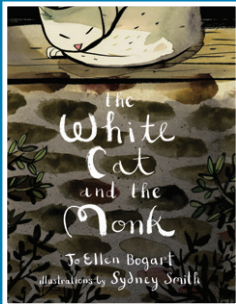




# The Big List

## School Library Journal's Best Books 2016

Illustration by Christian Robinson



### Picture Books

#### **The White Cat and the Monk**

By Jo Ellen Bogart, illus. by Sydney Smith  
GROUNDWOOD

#### **The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles**

By Michelle Cuevas, illus. by Erin E. Stead  
DIAL

#### **Owl Sees Owl**

By Laura Godwin, illus. by Rob Dunlavey  
RANDOM/SCHWARTZ & WADE

#### **Flora and the Peacocks**

By Molly Idle, illus. by author  
CHRONICLE

#### **I Hear a Pickle: and Smell, See, Touch, & Taste It, Too!**

By Rachel Isadora, illus. by author  
PENGUIN/NANCY PAULSEN BKS.

#### **We Found a Hat**

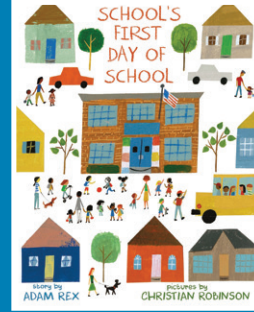
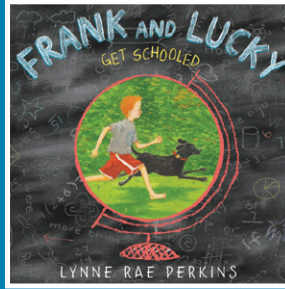
By Jon Klassen, illus. by author.  
CANDLEWICK

#### **The Summer Nick Taught His Cats to Read**

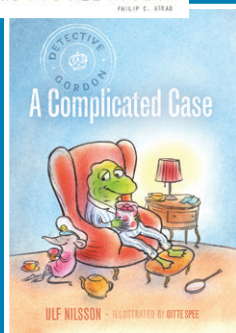
By Curtis Manley, illus. by Kate Berube  
S. & S./PAULA WISEMAN BKS.

#### **1 Big Salad: A Delicious Counting Book**

By Juana Medina, illus. by author  
VIKING



l, but he couldn't find even a  
**This is not a picture book!**  
 ricked. He yelled and then l  
 landed flat on the ground. A  
 had done. He picked the book  
 he was trying to figure out  
 of it. "What's that?" he ask  
 ans. "It's a picture book," he  
 ed to explain. "It's a book ab  
 ipping through the pages. "W  
 ds he didn't know the mean  
 If he went on, he'd be after da  
 Sergio Ruzzier



**Rudas: Niño's Horrendous Hermanitas**  
 By Yuyi Morales, illus. by author  
 ROARING BROOK/NEAL PORTER BKS.

**Frank and Lucky Get Schooled**  
 By Lynne Rae Perkins, illus. by author  
 GREENWILLOW

**School's First Day of School**  
 By Adam Rex, illus. by Christian Robinson  
 ROARING BROOK/NEAL PORTER BKS.

**This Is Not a Picture Book!**  
 Sergio Ruzzier, illus. by author  
 CHRONICLE

**Little Penguins**  
 By Cynthia Rylant, illus. by Christian Robinson  
 RANDOM/SCHWARTZ & WADE

**The Journey**  
 By Francesca Sanna, illus. by author  
 FLYING EYE

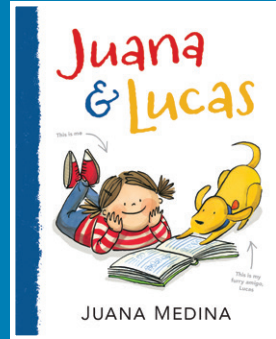
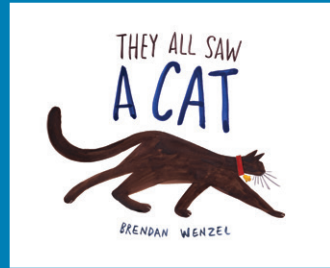
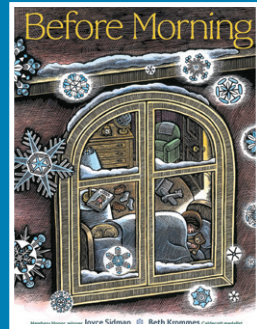
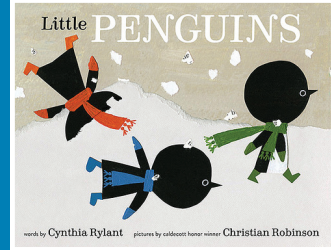
**Before Morning**  
 By Joyce Sidman, illus. by Beth Krommes  
 HMH

**Ideas Are All Around**  
 By Philip C. Stead, illus. by author  
 ROARING BROOK/NEAL PORTER BKS

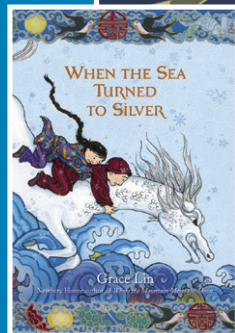
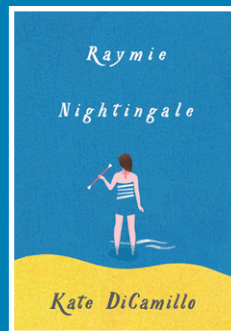
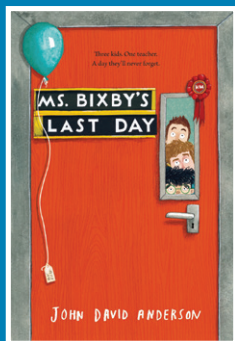
**They All Saw a Cat**  
 By Brendan Wenzel, illus. by author  
 CHRONICLE

**Chapter Books**  
**Juana and Lucas**  
 By Juana Medina, illus. by author  
 CANDLEWICK

**A Complicated Case (Detective Gordon)**  
 By Ulf Nilsson, illus. by Gitte Spee  
 GECKO







## Middle Grade

### Ms. Bixby's Last Day

By John David Anderson  
HARPER/WALDEN POND

### The Girl Who Drank the Moon

By Kelly Barnhill  
ALGONQUIN

### The Wild Robot

By Peter Brown, illus. by author  
LITTLE, BROWN

### Raymie Nightingale

By Kate DiCamillo  
CANDLEWICK

### Makoons

By Louise Erdrich, illus. by author  
HARPERCOLLINS

### The Inquisitor's Tale

By Adam Gidwitz, illus. by Hatem Aly  
DUTTON

### Garvey's Choice

By Nikki Grimes  
BOYDS MILLS/WORDSONG

### The Land of Forgotten Girls

By Erin Entrada Kelly  
GREENWILLOW

### When the Sea Turned to Silver

By Grace Lin, illus. by author  
LITTLE, BROWN

### The Best Man

By Richard Peck  
DIAL

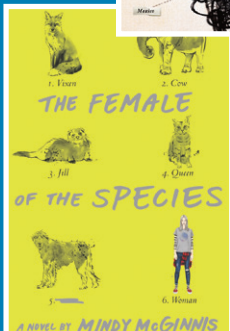
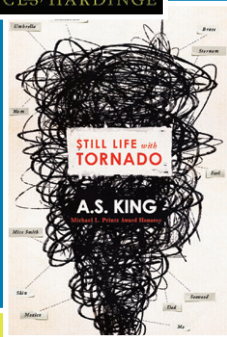
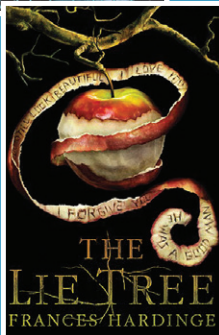
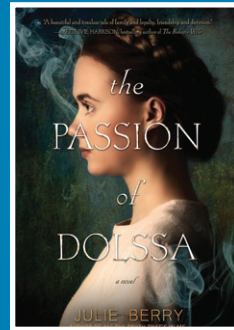
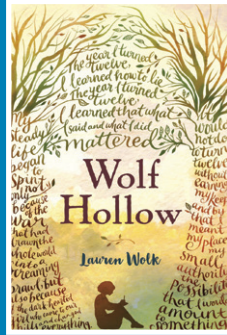
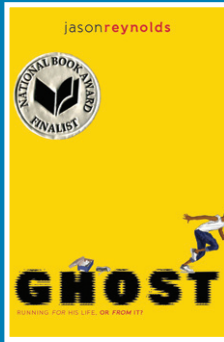
### Pax

By Sara Pennypacker, illus. by Jon Klassen  
HARPERCOLLINS/BALZER + BRAY

### As Brave As You

By Jason Reynolds  
ATHENEUM/CAITLYN DLOUHY BKS.





**Ghost (Track)**

By Jason Reynolds

ATHENEUM/CAITLYN DLOUHY BKS.

**Wolf Hollow**

By Lauren Wolf

DUTTON

**YA**

**Ashes (The Seeds of America Trilogy)**

By Laurie Halse Anderson

ATHENEUM/CAITLYN DLOUHY BKS.

**The Passion of Dolssa**

By Julie Berry

VIKING

**The Reader (Sea of Ink and Gold)**

By Traci Chee

PUTNAM

**The Great American Whatever**

By Tim Federle

S. & S.

**The Lie Tree**

By Frances Hardinge

ABRAMS/AMULET

**We Are the Ants**

By Shaun David Hutchinson

S. & S./SIMON PULSE

**Still Life With Tornado**

By A.S. King

DUTTON

**Character, Driven: A Novel**

By David Lubar

TOR TEEN

**Female of the Species**

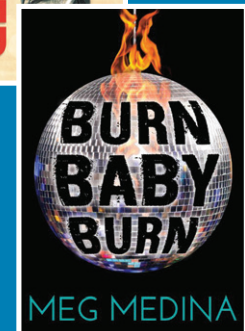
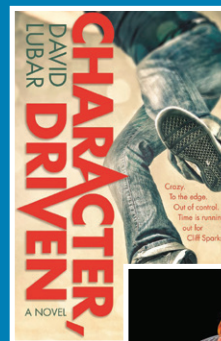
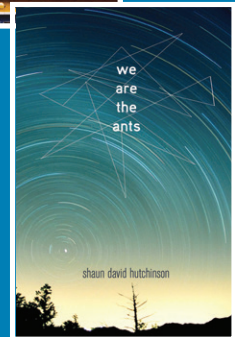
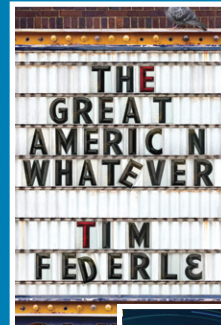
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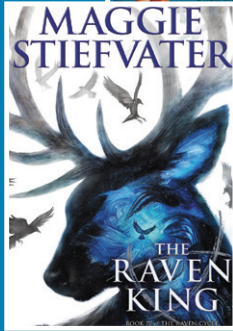
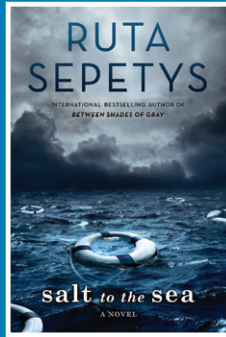
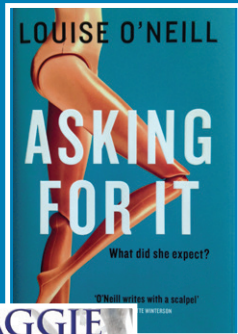
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By Meg Medina

CANDLEWICK







**Asking For It**

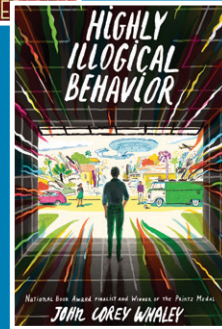
By Louise O'Neill  
QUERCUS

**Salt to the Sea**

By Ruta Sepetys  
PHILOMEL

**Scythe (Arc of a Scythe)**

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S. & S.

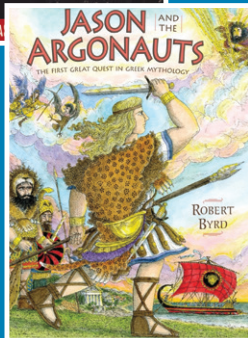
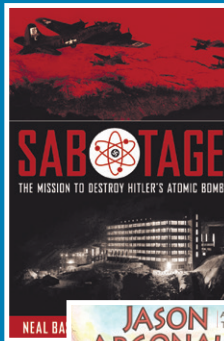


**The Raven King (The Raven Cycle, Book 4)**

By Maggie Stiefvater  
SCHOLASTIC

**Highly Illogical Behavior**

By John Corey Whaley  
DIAL



**Nonfiction**

**Sabotage: The Mission to Destroy Hitler's Atomic Bomb**

By Neal Bascomb  
SCHOLASTIC/ARTHUR A. LEVINE BKS.

**Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life by Ashley Bryan**

By Ashley Bryan, illus. by author  
ATHENEUM/CAITLYN DLOUHY BKS.

**Jason and the Argonauts**

By Robert Byrd, illus. by author  
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**When Green Becomes Tomatoes: Poems for All Seasons**

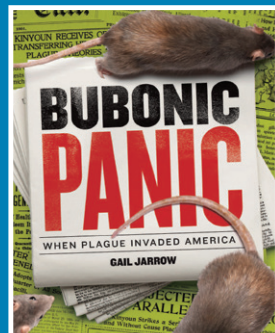
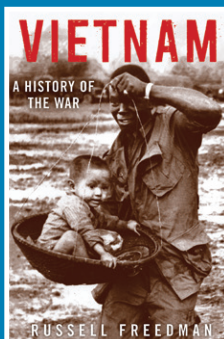
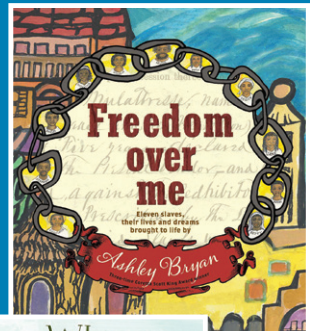
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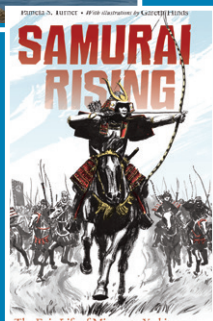
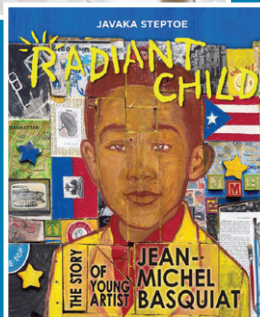
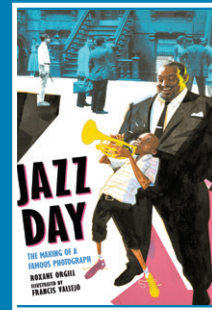
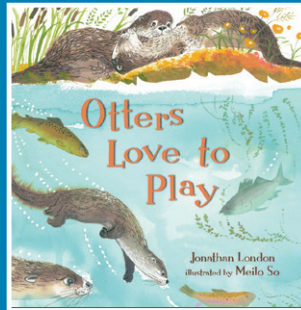
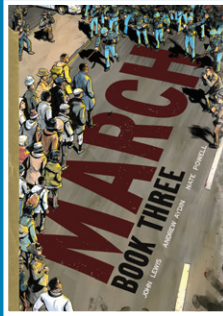
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By Russell Freedman  
HOLIDAY HOUSE

**Bubonic Panic: When Plague Invaded America**

By Gail Jarrow  
BOYDS MILLS/CALKINS CREEK





**March: Book Three**  
By John Lewis & Andrew Aydin,  
illus. by Nate Powell  
TOP SHELF

**Otters Love to Play**  
By Jonathan London, illus. by Meilo So  
CANDLEWICK

**The Borden Murders: Lizzie Borden & the Trial of the Century**  
By Sarah Miller  
RANDOM/SCHWARTZ & WADE

**Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph**  
By Roxane Orgil, illus. by Francis Vallejo  
CANDLEWICK

**Best in Snow**  
April Pulley Sayre, illus. by author  
S. & S./BEACH LANE

**Echo Echo: Reverso Poems About Greek Myths**  
By Marilyn Singer, illus. by Josée Masse  
DIAL

**Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat**  
By Javaka Steptoe, illus. by author  
LITTLE, BROWN

**Some Writer: The Story of E.B. White**  
By Melissa Sweet, illus. by author.  
HMH

**The Tragic Tale of the Greek Auk**  
By Jan Thornhill, illus. by author  
GROUNDWOOD

**The Princess and the Warrior: A Tale of Two Volcanoes**  
By Duncan Tonatiuh  
ABRAMS

**Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune**  
By Pamela Turner, illus. by Gareth Hinds  
CHARLESBRIDGE

**Freedom in Congo Square**  
By Carole Boston Weatherford, illus. by R. Gregory Christie  
LITTLE BEE

