



Nebraska Golden Sower Award Nominee Titles 2019-2020

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Each picture book nominee worth 0.5 pts.

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2019-2020 Picture Book Nominees

Ahmed, Roda. *Mae Among the Stars*. Quiz 193638

Illustrated by Stasia Burrington. HarperCollins, 2018. ISBN 9780062651730

When Mae was a child, she dreamed of dancing in space. She imagined herself surrounded by billions of stars, floating, gliding, and discovering. She wanted to be an astronaut. Her mom told her, "If you believe it, and work hard for it, anything is possible." Mae's curiosity, intelligence, and determination, matched with her parents' encouraging words, paved the way for her incredible success at NASA as the first African American woman to travel in space.

Cummings, Troy. *Can I Be Your Dog?* Quiz 195196

Illustrated by the author. Random House for Young Readers, 2018. ISBN 0399554521

Arfy, a homeless mutt who lives in a box in an alley, writes to every person on Butternut Street about what a great pet he'd make. His letters to prospective owners share that he's house broken! He has his own squeaky bone! He can learn to live with cats! But no one wants him. Won't anyone open their heart—and home—to a lonesome dog?

Daywalt, Drew. *The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors*. Quiz 189198

Illustrated by Adam Rex. Balzer + Bray, 2017. ISBN 9780062438898

You've played the game. Now read the legend of how it all began.

Gianferrari, Maria. *Hello Goodbye Dog*. Quiz 194977

Illustrated by Patrice Barton. Roaring Brook Press, 2017. ISBN 9781626721777

For Zara's dog, Moose, nothing is more important than being with her favorite girl. So when Zara has to go to school, Moose escapes and rushes to her side. Unfortunately, dogs aren't allowed at school and Moose has to go back home. But Moose can't be held back for long. This loyal dog always finds her way back to Zara, and with a little bit of training and one great idea, the two friends find a way to be together all day long.

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Martin, Stephen W. *Charlotte and the Rock*. Quiz 188791

Illustrated by Samantha Cotterill. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2017. ISBN 9781101993897

When Charlotte receives a pet rock for her birthday, she doesn't expect it to become her best friend, and she really doesn't expect what happens next.

Reynolds, Aaron. *Creepy Pair of Underwear!* Quiz 190113

Illustrated by Peter Brown. Simon & Schuster, 2017. ISBN 9781442402980

Jasper Rabbit is NOT a little bunny anymore. He's not afraid of the dark, and he's definitely not afraid of something as silly as *underwear*. But when the lights go out, suddenly his new big rabbit underwear glows in the dark. Jasper's not scared, he's just done with creepy underwear. But after trying everything to get rid of them, they keep coming back!

Reynolds, Peter H. *The Word Collector*. Quiz 193903

Illustrated by the author. Orchard Books, 2018. ISBN 9780545865029

Jerome discovers the magic of the words all around him -- short and sweet words, two-syllable treats, and multisyllable words that sound like little songs. Words that connect, transform, and empower.

Selznick, Brian and David Serlin. *Baby Monkey, Private Eye*. Quiz 194161

Illustrated by Brian Selznick. Scholastic Press, 2018. ISBN 9781338180619

Who is Baby Monkey? He is a baby. He is a monkey. He has a job. He is Baby Monkey, Private Eye! Lost jewels? Missing pizza? Stolen spaceship? Baby Monkey can help...if he can put on his pants!

Valentine, Madeline. *I Want That Nut!* Quiz 191790

Illustrated by the author. Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2017. ISBN 9781101940372

Mouse and Chipmunk want the same thing—a big, beautiful nut! But who deserves it more? After all, Chipmunk and the Nut read together and lie in the grass and stare at the clouds. Chipmunk wants that nut! And Mouse and the Nut play tic-tac-toe and have a dance party together. Mouse *also* wants that nut! But then Squirrel comes along and claims the Nut for his own. What's a rodent to do?

Van Dusen, Chris. *Hattie and Hudson*. Quiz 195324

Illustrated by the author. Candlewick, 2017. ISBN 9780763665456

Every morning Hattie grabs her life jacket and paddles out in her canoe to discover something new on the lake, singing a little song on her way. When her singing draws up from the depths a huge mysterious beast, everyone in town is terrified — except Hattie, who looks into the creature's friendly eyes and knows that this is no monster. How can she make the frightened, hostile townspeople see that Hudson isn't scary or dangerous at all?



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2019-2020 Chapter Book Nominees

- F App** Applegate, Katherine. *Wishtree*. **Level 4.2** **3 pts.** **191418** **215 p.**
Illustrated by Charles Santoso. Feiwel & Friends, 2017. ISBN 9781250043221
Red is an oak tree and the neighborhood "wishtree" - people write their wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to Red's branches. You might say Red has seen it all, until a new family moves in. Not everyone is welcoming, and Red's experiences as a wishtree are more important than ever. **2 copies**
- F Ash** Asher, Diana Harmon. *Sidetracked*. **Level 4.4** **7 pts.** **193231** **249 p.**
Harry N. Abrams, 2017. ISBN 9781419726019
[paperback: Amulet Paperbacks, September 2018. ISBN 9781419731396]
Joseph Friedman spends most of his time avoiding school bully Charlie Kastner and hiding out in the Resource Room. But on the first day of seventh grade, two important things happen. First, his Resource Room teacher encourages him to join the school track team, and second, he meets Heather, a crazy-fast runner who isn't going to be pushed around by Charlie Kastner or anybody else. **2 copies**
- F Bar** Baratz-Logsted, Lauren. *I Love You, Michael Collins*.
Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2017. ISBN 9780374303853 **Level 5.1** **7 pts.** **190172** **230 p.**
[paperback: Square Fish, 2018. ISBN 9781250158451]
It's 1969 and the country is gearing up for men landing on the moon. Ten-year-old Mamie's class is given an assignment to write letters to the astronauts. Only Mamie writes to Michael Collins, the astronaut who will come so close but never achieve everyone else's dream of walking on the moon because he is the one who must stay with the ship. After school ends, Mamie keeps writing to Michael Collins, taking comfort in telling someone about what's going on with her family. **2 copies**
- F Buy** Buyea, Rob. *The Perfect Score*. **Level 4.7** **10 pts.** **191910** **358 p.**
Belacorte Press, 2017. ISBN 9781101938256
[paperback: Yearling, October 2018. ISBN 9781101938287]
The whole school is in a frenzy with the statewide assessment tests approaching. When one of the kids has a big idea for acing the tests, they're all in. **2 copies**

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- F Cle** Clements, Andrew. *The Losers Club*. **Level 5.5** **7 pts.** **189638** **231 p.**
 Random House, 2017. ISBN 9780399557552
 [paperback: Yearling, 2018. ISBN 9780399557583]
 Sixth grader Alec can't put a good book down. So when Principal Vance lays down the law—pay attention in class or else—Alec takes action. He can't lose all his reading time, so he starts a club that he intends to be the only member of. After all, reading isn't a team sport, and no one would want to join something called the Losers Club, right? But as more and more kids find their way to Alec's club—including his ex-friend turned bully and the girl Alec is maybe starting to like—Alec notices something. Real life might be messier than his favorite books, but it's just as interesting. **3 copies**
- F Gla** Glaser, Karina Yan. *The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street*. **Level 5.3** **7 pts.** **192111** **311 p.**
 Houghton Mifflin, 2017. ISBN 9780544876392
 [paperback: HMH Books for Young Readers, September 2018. ISBN 9781328499219]
 The Vanderbeekers have always lived in the brownstone on 141st Street. When their reclusive, curmudgeonly landlord decides not to renew their lease, the five siblings have eleven days to do whatever it takes to stay in their beloved home and convince the dreaded Beiderman just how wonderful they are. **3 copies**
- F Har** Harris, Neil Patrick. *The Magic Misfits*. **Level 4.8** **4.8** **6 pts.** **193102** **253 p.**
 Illustrated by Lissy Martin and Kyle Hinton Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2017. ISBN 9780316391825
 [paperback: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, September 2018. ISBN 9780316355575]
 Six young magicians and illusionists team up to save their small town from a crooked carnival owner and his goons. **2 copies**
- F Has** Hashimi, Nadia. *The Sky at Our Feet*. **Level 4.8** **9 pts.** **195513** **295 p.**
 HarperCollins, 2018. ISBN 9780062421937
 [paperback: HarperCollins, April 2019. ISBN 9780062421944]
 Discovering that his Afghan mother has been living illegally in the United States since his father was killed in Afghanistan, American-born Jason fears that she has been deported and runs away to New York City to seek a family member who might be able to help. **2 copies**
- F Jan** Janowitz, Jessie. *The Doughnut Fix*. **Level 4.4** **8 pts.** **194157** **298 p.**
 Sourcebooks, 2018. ISBN 9781492655411
 [paperback: Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, March 2019. ISBN 9781492671480]
 When his family moves to tiny Petersville, eleven-year-old Tris stops focusing on his perfect sister, Jeanine, by using his cooking expertise to revive a town tradition of chocolate cream doughnuts. **3 copies**
- F Sav** Savage, Melissa. *Lemons*. **Level 4.1** **9 pts.** **191013** **308 p.**
 Crown Books for Young Readers, 2017. ISBN 9781524700126
 [paperback: Yearling, 2018. ISBN 9781524700157]
 Lemonade Liberty Witt is forced to live with a grandfather she's never met after her mother passes away. Eleven-year-old Tobin Sky, the CEO of Bigfoot Detectives Inc., invites Lem to be his assistant for the summer, and they set out to capture a shot of the elusive beast on film. **2 copies**



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*** Please check with your parents before reading the YA Novels.***

2019-2020 Golden Sower Novel Nominees

Bardugo, Leigh. *Wonder Woman: Warbringer*.

Random House Books for Young Readers, 2017. ISBN 9780399549731

Diana, Princess of the Amazons, longs to prove herself to her legendary warrior sisters. But when the opportunity finally comes, she throws away her chance at glory and breaks Amazon law—risking exile—to save a mere mortal. Even worse, Alia Keralis is no ordinary girl, and with this single brave act, Diana may have doomed the world.

Carter, Ally. *Not If I Save You First*.

Scholastic Press, 2018. ISBN 9781338134148

Six years ago Maddie lived in Washington D.C. with her father, a Secret Service agent assigned to the President's family, and her best friend was Logan, the President's son. After her father was wounded in an attempted kidnapping, the two of them moved to a remote cabin in Alaska and Logan never replied to her letters. Now he has suddenly turned up on her doorstep, and she realizes that she has to save him from the winter wilderness and the men who are pursuing him.

F Con Connor, Leslie. *The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle*. **Level 2.7 8 pts. 193450 326 p.**
Katherine Tegen Books, 2018. ISBN 9780062491435

Mason Buttle can barely read or write. Fifteen months ago Mason's best friend turned up dead in the Buttle family's orchard. The investigation drags on, and Mason can't understand why Lieutenant Baird won't believe the story Mason has told about that day. **1 copy**

F Gra Gratz, Alan. *Refugee*. **Level 5.3 10 pts. 190739 338 p.**
Scholastic Press, 2017. ISBN 9780545880831

This is the story of three different children seeking refuge: Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015. **1 copy**

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Herbach, Geoff. *Hooper*.

Katherine Tegen Books, 2018. ISBN 9780062453112

Adam's basketball skills have taken him from an orphanage in Poland to a loving adoptive mother in Minnesota. But when an incident with the police threatens to break apart the bonds Adam's finally formed after a lifetime of struggle, he must make an impossible choice between his new family and the sport that's given him everything.

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Korman, Gordon. *Restart*. **Level 5.1 9 pts. 188396 243 p.**

Scholastic Press, 2017. ISBN 9781338053777

[paperback: Scholastic Press, 2018. ISBN 9781338053807]

Chase does not remember falling off the roof, and in fact he does not remember anything about himself. When he gets back to middle school he begins to learn who he was through the reactions of the other kids. However, he really is not sure he likes the Chase that is being revealed. Can he take the opportunity amnesia has provided and restart his life? **1 copy**

Lu, Marie. *Warcross*.

G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, 2017. ISBN 9780399547966

[paperback: Speak, 2018. ISBN 9780399547973]

When teenage coder Emika Chen hacks her way into the opening tournament of the Warcross Championships, she glitches herself into the game as well as a sinister plot with major consequences for the entire Warcross empire.

Nielsen, Jennifer A. *The Traitor's Game*.

Scholastic Press, 2018. ISBN 9781338045376

[paperback: Scholastic, January 2019. ISBN 9781338045383]

After three years in exile Kestra Dallisor has been summoned back to Antora by her father, right-hand man of the seemingly immortal king, Lord Endrick. But she is intercepted and kidnapped by the Coracks who want to use her to get the Olden Blade, which they believe can be used to kill the despot. Simon, one of the rebels with his own grudge against the Dallisors, is assigned to accompany her, but Kestra has her own plans and she does not intend to let anyone get in her way.

Standish, Ali. *The Ethan I Was Before*.

HarperCollins, 2017. ISBN 9780062433381

[paperback: HarperCollins, December 2018. ISBN 9780062433398]

Before: Ethan was always up for a laugh, always willing to accept a dare, always ready for a baseball game with his big brother, Roddie, or an adventure with his best friend, Kacey. Now: Ethan's family is escaping Boston for the small town of Palm Knot, Georgia. But Ethan's not sure he'll ever escape the memories of the accident that cost him everything.

Van Draanen, Wendelin. *Wild Bird*.

Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2017. ISBN 9781101940440

[paperback: Ember, January 2019. ISBN 9781101940471]

Wren Clemmens is shipped off to a wilderness therapy camp—this is what happens to kids who've gone so far off the rails their parents don't know what to do with them anymore. Eight weeks of survivalist camping in the desert. Eight weeks to turn your life around. The Wren who arrives in the Utah desert is angry and bitter and blaming everyone but herself. But angry can't put up a tent. And bitter won't start a fire. Wren's going to have to admit she needs help if she's going to survive.