

2019-2020 SSYRA Jr.
Annotated Book List



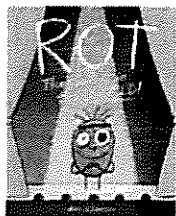
The Princess and The Pit Stop by Tom Angelberger, illustrated by Dan Santat
During a pit stop, the princess discovers she is in last place of her fairy tale race. Not one to give up, her revved up racing skills have her passing characters like the tortoise and the hare and all the wicked witches. Can she come from behind and win?



Melia and Jo by Billy Aronson, illustrated by Jennifer Oxley
Melia's scientific creations just aren't quite right. Then she meets Jo, her new friend with an artistic spirit. First, Melia thinks Jo is too creative to be her inventing partner, but when you add the arts to sciences, something magical happens!



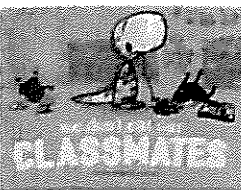
The Very Impatient Caterpillar by Ross Burach.
With a nod to a certain classic picture book, the magical process of metamorphosis is explored from the point-of-view of a hilariously clueless caterpillar who literally just can't wait to be a butterfly!



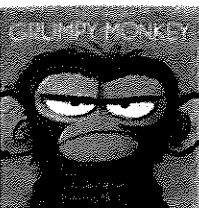
Rot: The Cutest in the World by Ben Clanton
For a mutant potato, Rot has so much self-confidence that he enters "The Cutest In The World Contest." Then he meets the other contestants who are all adorable. When Rot decides he should just be himself, his inner beauty shines...but is it enough for the judges?



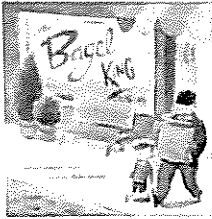
Inky the Octopus by Erin Guendelsberger, illustrated by David Leonard
Based on a true story, an aquarium octopus dreams of being free to live in the sea. With rhyming text and bright, colorful illustrations, you'll root for Inky to escape to the ocean!



We Don't Eat Our Classmates by Ryan T. Higgins
It's the first day of school for Penelope Rex, and she can't wait to meet her classmates. But it's hard to make human friends when they're so darn delicious! That is, until Penelope gets a taste of her own medicine and finds she may not be at the top of the food chain after all.



Grumpy Monkey by Suzanne Lang, illustrated by Max Lang
After Jim Panzee wakes up on the wrong side of the tree, nothing seems right. His jungle friends suggest he is grumpy and try to help him cheer up, which just makes things worse. In the end, Jim and friends discover it is okay to feel all the feelings you have.



***The Bagel King* by Andrew Larsen, illustrated by Sandy Nichols**

Eli could count on Zaida to bring bagels over every Sunday morning. But one Sunday, Zaida didn't come. This meant Eli had no bagels. And neither did Zaida's friends, who had been receiving their own weekly deliveries from Zaida. Will they all go hungry for bagels on Sunday? Or is there something Eli can do?



***The Little Red Fort* by Brenda Maier, illustrated by Sonia Sanchez**

Ruby's mind is always full of ideas. One day, she finds some old boards and decides to build something. She invites her brothers to help, but they just laugh and tell her she doesn't know how to build. When she creates a dazzling fort that they all want to play in, it is Ruby who has the last laugh.



***Neck & Neck* by Elise Parsley**

Leopold the giraffe is a star at the zoo until one day he sees a Leopold balloon and becomes jealous of the attention it steals from him. He thinks of clever ways to get rid of these inflated imposters, but his guilt overwhelms him when a little boy loses his balloon.



Independent Readers

***Good Rosie!* By Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Harry Bliss.**

Rosie is a shy and lonely dog. When George, her owner tries to help her make friends at the dog park, Rosie does not care for the dogs she meets. But when she comes to the rescue of a roughed up pup, she rethinks the possibility of friendship.



***Stealing the Sword* by Wendy Mass, illustrated by Oriol Vidal**

After Chase and Ava find an old suitcase filled with strange objects. After touching one, they find themselves jumping back in time to King Arthur's castle! They meet the king's wizard Merlin and soon discover they have an important job to do: they must save the king!



***The Great Cheese Robbery* by Chris Mould**

Arrrr! Get ready for the pocket pirates, tiny pirates whose cat is stolen by evil mice. In order to get their cat back, they must get some cheese from the freezing Fridge. Can they survive the cold and save their feline friend?



***The New Kid* by A.I. Newton, illustrated by Anjan Sarkar**

It's not easy to be the new kid at school, especially when you're an alien. Luckily, Zeke fits right in, and makes new friends except for Harris. Harris knows a lot about aliens and is going to prove to everyone that Zeke is not who he says he is.



***Mia Mayhem is a Superhero!* By Kara West, illustrated by Leeza Hernandez**

Mia is a normal eight year old girl until she discovers that she is a superhero! But can she learn to balance her regular life and keep her identity a secret, all while learning to be a superhero?



Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books 2019-2020 List for Grades 3-5



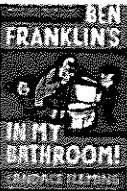
***The Ambrose Deception* by Emily Ecton**

Three students are chosen seemingly at random to participate in a scavenger hunt with a ten thousand dollar prize. Is Melissa a forger? Or an entrepreneur? Is Bondi a con man? Or a hard worker? And is Wilf a thief? Or filled with adventure? These three children race around Chicago trying to solve their clues first. But there is much more than meets the eye. This scavenger hunt, and all of the people associated with it, are more than meets the eye.



***Annie's Life in Lists* by Kristin Mahoney**

Fifth grader, Annie thinks it's all her fault when her parents decide to move their family from Brooklyn, NY to Clover Gap, population 8,432 and so does her brother! Annie blames her amazing memory on the move and hides her ability from her new friends. Then Annie discovers a secret hidden among papers in the attic. What really brought her family to Clover Gap and will they ever be able to call it home?



***Ben Franklin's in my Bathroom!* by Candace Fleming**

When Ben Franklin accidentally gets transported to the 21st century, he can't get enough of all the modern inventions like indoor plumbing. Will Nolan and Olive be able to figure out how to return him to his own time before anyone finds out? A great combination of history and humor that everyone will enjoy.



***The Bicycle Spy* by Yona Zeldis McDonough**

Marcel dreams of competing in the Tour De France, even though the race has been canceled for the last two years due to the German occupation of France. While riding his bicycle to make deliveries for his parents bakery, he discovers a secret that will change his world. Will Marcel use his bicycle racing skills, and be brave enough to help his family with the resistance movement and save his friend and her family from serious danger?



***Bob* by Wendy Mass & Rebecca Stead**

It's been five years since Livy last opened the door to the bedroom closet, but Bob, a small green being wearing a chicken suit, has been patiently waiting for her to return and help him figure out his identity and where he belongs. After all, a promise is a promise.



***Cosmic Commandos* by Christopher Ellopoulos**

Jeremy and Justin are identical twins, but the only thing they have in common is their looks. One morning Jeremy finds a decoder ring at the bottom of the cereal box; he is not very impressed. Little does he know, the ring actually grants the owner a wish. Jeremy suddenly finds himself inside his favorite video game. He will have to battle all the villains to win. Jeremy has never beat the final level of the game. Justin has really good ideas and tries to help. Jeremy is not used to listening to his brother. Will Jeremy be able to get the help he needs to save his town?



***Dragon with a Chocolate Heart* by Stephanie Burgis**

Aventurine is a feisty young dragon who tries to go on adventures/huntings with her family, but they keep telling her she is too young and not ready. She disagrees and is going to prove it! This spunky dragon gets tricked into drinking hot chocolate and then transforms into a human girl. Her desire for chocolate takes her on a whole new adventure into the human world!

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Enginerds by Jarrett Lerner

Beware of the Robots...they want your comestibles! Ken and his friends, a group who call themselves the Enginerds, face off against the biggest problem they've ever faced...or created. With some surplus chopsticks, a timely news report, and some ingenuity, the Enginerds face off against the robots in an epic battle to save their town, and possibly, the world.



Ghost Attack by David Lubar

Lex gets to spend some time with his cousin, Sarah at their grandparents' new home, and the adventures begin with a RASH! They realize he is allergic to ghosts and tries to stay away from them. No success, the ghost needs him to help solve a mystery!



Sled Dog School by Terry Lynn Johnson

Matt is great with sled dogs, but terrible at math. Will his extra credit project of setting up a sled dog school be enough to dig him out of trouble or will he get buried even deeper in trouble?



Stella Diaz Has Something to Say by Angela Dominguez

Stella Diaz, a marine animal lover, starts a new school year with her best friend in another class. Stella sometimes gets nervous talking in front of people because she accidentally speaks Spanish instead of English and pronounces words wrong. Will Stella be able to overcome her fears of making new friends and speaking in front of the whole class? Find out in Stella Diaz Has Something to Say!



Superstar by Mandy Davis

Lester, who has autism spectrum disorder (but doesn't know it), was always homeschooled. But now his mom has to get a job so he is starting fifth grade in a public school for the first time in his life, where he is faced with the challenges of making friends, fending off bullies and dealing with his intolerance for loud noises and schedule changes. Then space loving Lester learns about the school science fair and things start looking up!



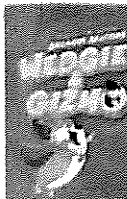
Survival Tails: The Titanic by Katrina Charman

Mutt, the dog, follows his owner to the RMS Titanic. Once there, he sneaks aboard the ship in search for Alice, his best friend. With the help of a rat, the captain's cat and some adorable kittens, Mutt must find Alice before the unthinkable happens. When the ship hits an iceberg, the animals have to hurry to find their owners before the ship sinks.



Tumble & Blue by Cassie Beasley

Who doesn't want to be lucky? Or a hero? But for every up there is a down, and that is how the fates run in the families of Blue Montgomery and Tumble Wilson, thanks to their greedy ancestors. Today, as the blood moon draws near, their unfortunate descendants are returning to face Munch (the mystical golden alligator) and find new fates. Tumble and Blue could have as good a shot as any of the other ill-fated relatives, if the legend proves true.



Wedgie & Gizmo by Suzanne Selfors

What do you get when you mix a bouncy, excitable super hero dog with an evil genius guinea pig? Hilarious adventures! Wedgie is a non-stop barking protector dog, who loves everyone—even the furry potato! Gizmo is the evil genius guinea pig out to take over the world, once he defeats his nemesis Gizmo. Will Gizmo make it to Peru and lead the guinea pig take-over?