

## Dorothy Canfield Fisher Children's Book Award

### Master List 2014 – 2015

<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>PUBLISHER</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Black, Holly	<i>Doll Bones</i>	Margaret K. McElderry	5 up
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Flora &amp; Ulysses</i>	Candlewick	4 up
Federle, Tim	<i>Better Nate Than Ever</i>	Simon & Schuster	5 up
Fleming, David	<i>Saturday Boy</i>	Viking Juvenile	6 up
Frost, Helen	<i>Salt: A Story of Friendship in a Time of War</i>	FSG	5 up
Gewirtz, Adina Rishe	<i>Zebra Forest</i>	Candlewick	6 up
Goldblatt, Mark	<i>Twerp</i>	Random House	6 up
Grabenstein, Chris	<i>Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library</i>	Random House	5 up
Greenberg, Jan & Sandra Jordan	<i>The Mad Potter: George E. Ohr, Eccentric Genius</i>	Roaring Brook Press	5 up
Harrington, Karen	<i>Sure Signs of Crazy</i>	Little, Brown	6 up
Hasak-Lowy, Todd	<i>33 Minutes...Until Morgan Sturtz Kicks My Butt</i>	Aladdin	5 up
Hopkinson, Deborah	<i>The Great Trouble: A Mystery of London, the Blue Death, and a Boy Called Eel</i>	Knopf	5 up
Kadohata, Cynthia	<i>The Thing About Luck</i>	Atheneum	5 up
Kurtz, Chris	<i>The Adventures of a South Pole Pig</i>	Harcourt	4 up
LaValley, Josanne	<i>The Vine Basket</i>	Clarion Books	6 up
Leyson, Leon	<i>Boy on the Wooden Box</i>	Atheneum	6 up
Marino, Nan	<i>Hiding Out at the Pancake Palace</i>	Roaring Brook Press	5 up
McNeal, Tom	<i>Far Far Away</i>	Knopf	7 up
Ottaviani, Jim	<i>Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Birute Galdikas</i>	First Second	5 up
Peck, Richard	<i>The Mouse With the Question Mark Tail</i>	Dial	4 up
Pileggi, Leah	<i>Prisoner 88</i>	Charlesbridge	5 up
Sloan, Holly Goldberg	<i>Counting by 7s</i>	Dial	6 up
Stone, Tanya Lee	<i>Courage Has No Color</i>	Candlewick	6 up
Sullivan, Tara	<i>Golden Boy</i>	Putnam Juvenile	7 up
Swanson, James	<i>"The President Has Been Shot!": The Assassination of John F. Kennedy</i>	Scholastic	6 up
Timberlake, Amy	<i>One Came Home</i>	Knopf	5 up
Urban, Linda	<i>The Center of Everything</i>	HMH Books for Young Readers	4 up
Vande Velde, Vivian	<i>Frogged</i>	Harcourt	4 up
Vawter, Vince	<i>Paperboy</i>	Random House	5 up
Williams-Garcia, Rita	<i>P.S. Be Eleven</i>	Amistad/HarperCollins	5 up

These books, to be read during the 2014-2015 school year, comprise the master list for the award to be made in 2015. The master list titles have been selected to satisfy the reading interests of children in grades 4-8. **Please note grade level before ordering the books.** The grades listed should be regarded more as maturity levels than reading levels.

## MASTERLIST OF ANNOTATIONS

- Black, Holly. *Doll Bones*. Margaret K. McElderry. \$16.99. ISBN 978-1-4169-6398-1. Zach, Alice, and Poppy, friends from a Pennsylvania middle school who have long enjoyed acting out imaginary adventures with dolls and action figures, embark on a real-life quest to Ohio to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl.
- DiCamillo, Kate. *Flora & Ulysses*. Candlewick. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0-7636-6040-6. Rescuing a squirrel after an accident involving a vacuum cleaner, comic-reading cynic Flora Belle Buckman is amazed when the squirrel, Ulysses, demonstrates astonishing powers of strength and flight after being revived.
- Federle, Tim. *Better Nate Than Ever*. Simon & Schuster. \$16.99. ISBN 978-1-4424-4689-2. An eighth-grader who dreams of performing in a Broadway musical concocts a plan to run away to New York and audition for the role of Elliot in the musical version of "E.T."
- Fleming, David. *Saturday Boy*. Viking Juvenile. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-6707-8551-3. Every school day seems to bring more trouble to eleven-year-old Derek, whose former best friend bullies him, while at home he deals with the long absence of his father, a Blackhawk helicopter pilot, and his mother's sudden moodiness.
- Frost, Helen. *Salt: A Story of Friendship in a Time of War*. FSG. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0-3743-6387-1. Twelve-year-olds Anikwa, of the Miami village of Kekionga, and James, of the trading post outside Fort Wayne, find their friendship threatened by the rising fear and tension brought by the War of 1812.
- Gewirtz, Adina Rishe. *Zebra Forest*. Candlewick. \$15.99. ISBN 978-0-7636-6041-3. When eleven-year-old Annie first started lying to her social worker, she had been taught by an expert: Gran. She told Annie and her little brother, Rew, the one thing they know about their father: that he was killed in a fight with an angry man who was sent away. Annie tells stories, as she and Rew laze under the birches and oaks of Zebra Forest -- stories about their father the pirate, or pilot, or secret agent.
- Goldblatt, Mark. *Twerp*. Random House. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-375-97142-6. In Queens, New York, in 1969, twelve-year-old Julian Twerski writes a journal for his English teacher in which he explores his friendships and how they are affected by girls, a new student who may be as fast as Julian, and especially an incident of bullying.
- Grabenstein, Chris. *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*. Random House. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-3758-7089-7. Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students, but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.
- Greenberg, Jan & Sandra Jordan. *The Mad Potter: George E. Ohr, Eccentric Genius*. Roaring Brook Press. \$17.99. ISBN 978-1-5964-3810-1. Illustrated with evocative historical photographs and over fifty color reproductions of his ceramics, *The Mad Potter* tells the extraordinary story of an eccentric American maverick who was determined to make his mark and who never stopped believing that even the unlikeliest dreams can come true.

- Harrington, Karen. *Sure Signs of Crazy*. Little, Brown. \$17. ISBN 978-0-3162-1058-4. Twelve-year-old Sarah writes letters to her hero, *To Kill a Mockingbird's* Atticus Finch, for help understanding her mentally ill mother, her first real crush, and life in her small Texas town, all in one summer.
- Hasak-Lowy, Todd. *33 Minutes...Until Morgan Sturtz Kicks My Butt*. Aladdin. \$16.99. ISBN 978-1-4424-4500-0. An epic lunch period leads to a fateful showdown as small, skinny seventh-grader Sam's former best friend--now a popular athlete--promises to beat Sam up at recess in exactly thirty-three minutes.
- Hopkinson, Deborah. *The Great Trouble: A Mystery of London, the Blue Death, and a Boy Called Eel*. Knopf. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-3758-4818-6. Eel, an orphan, and his best friend Florrie must help Dr. John Snow prove that cholera is spread through water, and not poisonous air, when an epidemic sweeps across their London neighborhood in 1854.
- Kadohata, Cynthia. *The Thing About Luck*. Atheneum. \$16.99. ISBN 978-1-4169-1882-0. Just when twelve-year-old Summer thinks nothing else can possibly go wrong in a year of bad luck, an emergency takes her parents to Japan, leaving Summer to care for her little brother while helping her cranky grandmother cook and do laundry for harvest workers.
- Kurtz, Chris. *The Adventures of a South Pole Pig*. Harcourt. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-5476-3455-5. Flora the pig ditches the sedentary life on the farm for an adventure in Antarctica, where she escapes the knife and lives her dream of pulling a sled with a team of dogs.
- LaValley, Josanne. *The Vine Basket*. Clarion Books. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-5478-4801-3. Life has been hard for fourteen-year-old Mehrigul, a member of the Uyghur tribal group scorned by the Chinese communist regime, so when an American offers to buy all the baskets she can make in three weeks, Mehrigul strives for a better future for herself and her family despite her father's opposition.
- Leyson, Leon. *Boy on the Wooden Box*. Atheneum. \$16.99. ISBN 978-1-4424-9781-8. The only memoir published by a former Schindler's List child, this captures the innocence of a ten-year-old boy forced to experience the unthinkable.
- Marino, Nan. *Hiding Out at the Pancake Palace*. Roaring Brook Press. \$16.99. ISBN 978-1-5964-3753-1. When musical prodigy Elvis Ruby completely freezes up on television, he is forced to hide out in the Pinelands of New Jersey and try to find his way back to the music once again with the help of a new friend.
- McNeal, Tom. *Far Far Away*. Knopf. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0-3758-4972-5. When Jeremy Johnson Johnson's strange ability to speak to the ghost of Jacob Grimm draws the interest of his classmate Ginger Boltinghouse, the two find themselves at the center of a series of disappearances in their town.
- Ottaviani, Jim. *Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Birute Galdikas*. First Second. \$19.99. ISBN 978-1-5964-3865-1. An interesting and sometimes humorous look in graphic format at the lives of three of the most important scientists of the twentieth century.

- Peck, Richard. *The Mouse With the Question Mark Tail*. Dial. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-8037-3838-6. A very small mouse of unknown origins runs away from school in the Royal Mews of Buckingham Palace shortly before the celebration of Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee, celebrating her sixty years on the British throne.
- Pileggi, Leah. *Prisoner 88*. Charlesbridge. \$16.95. ISBN 978-1-5808-9560-6. In 1885, ten-year-old Jake is sent to prison for killing a man who threatened his father, and struggles to survive the harsh realities of prison life in the Idaho Territory. Based on a true story.
- Sloan, Holly Goldberg. *Counting by 7s*. Dial. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-8037-3855-3. Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.
- Stone, Tanya Lee. *Courage Has No Color*. Candlewick. \$24.99. ISBN 978-0-7636-5117-6. Examines the role of African-Americans in the military through the history of the Triple Nickles, America's first black paratroopers.
- Sullivan, Tara. *Golden Boy*. Putnam Juvenile. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-3991-6112-4. A Tanzanian albino boy finds himself the ultimate outsider, hunted because of the color of his skin.
- Swanson, James. *"The President Has Been Shot!": The Assassination of John F. Kennedy*. Scholastic. \$18.99. ISBN 978-0-5454-9007-8. Recounts the 35th president's assassination and details key events. Includes informative back matter and archival photographs.
- Timberlake, Amy. *One Came Home*. Knopf. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-3758-6925-9. In 1871 Wisconsin, thirteen-year-old Georgia sets out to find her sister Agatha, presumed dead when remains are found wearing the dress she was last seen in, and before the end of the year gains fame as a sharpshooter and foiler of counterfeiters.
- Urban, Linda. *The Center of Everything*. HMH Books for Young Readers. \$15.99. ISBN 978-0-5477-6348-4. For Ruby Pepperdine, the center of everything is on the rooftop of Pepperdine Motors, stargazing from the circle of her grandmother Gigi's hug. That's how everything is supposed to be--until it goes spinning out of control. But Ruby has one last hope. It all depends on what happens on Bunning Day, when the entire town will hear her read her winning essay. And it all depends on her twelfth birthday wish-- unless she messes that up too.
- Vande Velde, Vivian. *Frogged*. Harcourt. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-5479-4215-5. When almost-thirteen-year-old Princess Imogene is turned into a frog, she puts into practice lessons from the book, *The Art of Being a Princess*, as she tries to become her less-than-perfect self again.
- Vawter, Vince. *Paperboy*. Random House. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-3857-4244-3. When an eleven-year-old boy takes over a friend's newspaper route in July, 1959, in Memphis, his debilitating stutter makes for a memorable month.
- Williams-Garcia, Rita. *P.S. Be Eleven*. Amistad/HarperCollins. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-0619-3862-7. The Gaither sisters are back in Brooklyn, where changes large and small come to their household as they grow up during the turbulent 1960s.

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