

BEST BOOKS OF 2010.....so far!!!!!!

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PICTURE BOOKS

3 Little Dassies by Jan Brett Putnam Publishing Co (A "Three Little Pigs" story from Namibia)
Animal Crackers Fly the Coop by Kevin O'Malley Walker Publishing Co (A "Bremen Town Musicians" full of puns!)
Back of the Bus by Aaron Reynolds and Floyd Cooper Philomel (Rosa Parks' bus ride told through the eyes of a child)
Black Jack: The Ballad of Jack Johnson by Charles R Smith Jr Roaring Brook (The FIRST black heavyweight world champion)
Bones by Steve Jenkins Scholastic (Human and animal skeletons in Jenkins' cutpaper style)
A Book About Color by Mark Gonya Henry Holt (Simple introduction to the color wheel)
A Boy Had A Mother Who Bought Him a Hat by Karla Kuskin & Kevin Hawkes Harper (Re-illustrated version of Kuskin's poem)
Calamity Jack (graphic novel) by Shannon and Dean Hale (Jack & the Beanstalk retelling; partner book to Rapunzel's Revenge)
Can I Play, too? An Elephant & Piggie Book by Mo Willems Hyperion (A NEW Elephant & Piggie!!!)
Cat the Cat, Who Is That? And Let's Say Hi to Friends Who Fly both by Mo Willems Harper (An even simpler series from Mo!)
Chalk by Bill Thomson Marshall Cavendish (Wordless book about magic chalk!!)
Chester's Masterpiece by Melanie Watt Kids Can Press (Chester the cat takes over the author role on his newest book)
The Chicken Thief by Beatrice Rodriguez Enchanted Lion Press (Wordless book about Fox's relationship with Chicken!!)
City Dog, Country Frog by Mo Willems and Jon Muth Hyperion (Touching look at friendship and loss...Caldecott Alert!!!)
Clever Jack Takes the Cake by Candace Fleming Schwartz and Wade (Folktale about the power of a story to enchant)
Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night by Joyce Kilmer Houghton Mifflin (Poetry of the night)
A Dignity of Dragons: Collective Nouns for Magical Beasts by Jacqueline K Ogburn (Wordplay..."a cresting of seahorses")
Doug-Dennis And the Flyaway Fib by Darren Farrell Dial (Fibs gone wrong....quirky sense of humor!!! Check back cover...)
The Easter Egg by Jan Brett Putnam (How many kinds of Easter eggs are there in the world?)
The Exceptionally Extraordinarily Ordinary First Day of School by Albert Lorenz Abrams (Murals work magic at this school)
The Extraordinary Mark Twain (According to Susy) by Barbara Kerley Scholastic (13-year-old writes about her dad!)
Food Chain by M P Robertson Frances Lincoln Books (A riotous look at the food chain in the ocean)
Gumption! by Elise Broach and Richard Egielski Atheneum (On a safari to find the Zimbobo Mountain Gorilla!!)
Here Comes the Garbage Barge by Jonah Winter Schwartz & Wade Books (True story about an unwanted load of garbage)
How Rocket Learned to Read by Tad Hills Schwartz & Wade Books (A dog and his books!)
How to Clean a Hippopotamus: A Look at Unusual Animal Partnerships by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page Houghton Mifflin
The Humblebee Hunter: Inspired by the life & Experiments of Charles Darwin & His Children by Deborah Hopkinson Disney
The Junkyard Wonders by Patricia Polacco Philomel (A special class of kids learns to appreciate themselves and their talents)
Life-Size Aquarium by Teruyuki Komiya Seven Footer Kids Press (Amazing photos of sea creatures, actual size!!!)
Ling and Ting: Not Exactly the Same! By Grace Lin Little Brown (Twins are not duplicates of each other!)
Mama, Is It Summer Yet? By Nikki McClure Abrams (Terrific cut-paper art celebrates the season!)
Mama Miti: Wangari Maathai and the Trees of Kenya by Donna Jo Napoli & Kadir Nelson Simon&Schuster
Meanwhile: Pick Any Path... 3856 STORY POSSIBILITIES BY Jason Shiga Amulet Books (Choose your own Adventure X 1000)
Mirror, Mirror by Marilyn Singer Dutton (Fairy tale poetry that "mirrors" point-of-view! Caldecott Alert!!!)
Miss Brooks Loves Books! (and I Don't!) by Barbara Bottner & Michael Emberley Knopf (But what about "wart" books???)
Miss Little's Gift by Douglas Wood Candlewick Press (Wood learns to read from a caring teacher)
Moon Bear by Brenda Z Guiberson & Ed Young Holt (The unusual moon bear is profiled in poetry patterns)
More Life-Size Zoo by Teruyuki Komiya Seven Footer Kids Press (Wonderful photos of animals, taken actual size!!)
Mr Putney's Talking Dog by Jon Agee Scholastic ("Punny" look at Mr Putney's pets.....)
My Best Friend is as Sharp as a Pencil by Hanoch Piven Schwartz & Wade (Piven's collages illustrate his friends at school)
My Garden by Kevin Henkes Greenwillow (A girl imagines a fantasy garden with all her favorite things in it)
My Heart is Like a Zoo by Michael Hall Greenwillow (Heart-shaped animals encourage imaginative art)
Nobody by Liz Rosenberg & Julie Downing Roaring Brook (An imaginary friend suggests all kinds of mischief)
Not All Princesses Dress in Pink by Jane Yolen and Heidi E Y Stemple Simon&Schuster (These are REAL girls!!!)
Oh, No! (Or How My Science Project Destroyed the World) by Mac Barnett & Dan Santat Disney Hyperion
Orangutans Are Ticklish by Steve Grubman Schwartz & Wade (The strength of this book is its wonderful photos!!)
A Paddling of Ducks: Animals in Groups from A to Z by Marjorie Blain Parker & Joseph Kelly Kids Can Press
Palazzo Inverso by D B Johnson Houghton Mifflin (An Escher-like world frames this mystical story)
Pigs to the Rescue by John Himmelman Henry Holt (What havoc they cause in this very funny book!)
The Pirate's Guide to First Grade by James Preller Feiwel & Friends (Shiver me timbers...first grade can be BIG fun!!)
The Purple Kangaroo by Michael Ian Black and Peter Brown Simon&Schuster (Can I get you to think about a purple kangaroo?)
The Quiet Book by Deborah Underwood & Renata Liwska Houghton Mifflin (Different kinds of "quiet")

Ruth and the Green Book by Calvin Alexander Ramsey & Floyd Cooper Carolrhoda Books (1950s Blacks can't travel just anywhere!! Historical fiction about the real "Green Book" that helped them on their way!)

The Sandwich Swap by Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah & Tricia Tusa Disney Hyperion (Multicultural look at lunch!!)

Scanimation: Star Wars by Rufus Butler Seder Workman (The scanimation technique applied to the famous movies)

Shake, Rattle and Turn that Noise Down: How Elvis Shook up Music, Me and Mom by Mark Stamaty Knopf SUPER 50s STORY!

Sharing the Seasons: A Book of Poems by Lee Bennett Hopkins & David Diaz McElderry Books

Shark vs Train by Chris Barton & Tom Lichtenheld Little Brown (Which is the strongest...and most clever....and winningest!?)

A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Phillip & Erin Stead Roaring Brook (When the zookeeper gets sick, who takes care of him?)

Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down by Andrea Davis Pinkney & Brian Pinkney Little Brown (The Greensboro 4)

Superman: The Story of the Man of Steel by Rolph Cosentino Whitman (A simple intro to the classic superhero)

Tell the Truth, B B Wolf by Judy Sierra Knopf (Can the Big Bad Wolf EVER tell the truth???)

Ten-Gallon Bart Beats the Heat by Susan Stevens Crummel & Dorothy Donohue Marshall Cavendish (Folklore re-telling)

The Three Little Pigs: An Architectural Tale by Steven Guarnaccia Abrams (Frank Lloyd Wright is a pig's vision of home???)

Ubiquitous: Celebrating Nature's Survivors by Joyce Sidman Houghton Mifflin (More poetry about the natural world)

A Very Fairy Princess by Julie Andrews and Emma Walton Hamilton Little Brown (A feminist version of "princess")

Wonder Horse: The True Story of the World's Smartest Horse by Emily Arnold McCully Henry Holt

Zen Ghosts by Jon Muth Scholastic (Another in Muth's series about Zen principles)

WATCH FOR THESE NEW PICTURE BOOK TITLES THIS FALL.....

13 Words by Lemony Snicket (September)

Art and Max by David Weisner October

Betsy Red Hoodie by Gail Carson Levine & Scott Nash September

The Boss Baby by Marla Frazee August

Children Make Terrible Pets by Peter Brown (September)

Guyku: A Year of Haiku for Boys by Bob Raczka & Peter H Reynolds

Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra Stein August

It's a Book by Lane Smith August

It's Christmas, David! By David Shannon (September)

Knufflebunny Free by Mo Willems October

Legend of the Golden Snail by Graeme Base October

Madlenka, Soccer Star by Peter Sis October

My Mommy Hung the Moon by Jamie Lee Curtis & Laura Cornell September

Olivia Goes to Venice by Ian Falconer September

Once Upon a Royal Superbaby by Kevin O'Malley, Carol Heyer, and Scott Gotto (sequel to Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude)

We Are in A Book by Mo Willems August (An "Elephant and Piggy" book)

Wild Alphabet by Dan Green September (Pop up)

ELEMENTARY READERS (Grades 2-5)

Animal Rescue Team: Gator on the Loose! By Sue Stauffacher Knopf (Animal dilemmas at the Pet Rescue Vet!!) series

Benjamin Pratt and the Keepers of the School series by Andrew Clements Atheneum (Can he protect his school???)

Book one: We the Children (Book two, Fear Itself in September)

Best Friends Forever: A World War II Scrapbook by Beverly Patt Marshall Cavendish (Friends separated by Japanese Internment keep in touch throughout the war...scrapbook format)

Big Nate in a Class by Himself by Lincoln Pierce (also Big Nate Strikes Again, November) Harper (Wimpy Kid for younger kids)

The Billionaire's Curse by Richard Newsome Walden Pond Press (His aunt's death makes him a billionaire...with a mystery to solve before he can relax with the \$\$\$\$\$)

The Books of Elsewhere: The Shadows by Jacqueline West Dial (Book one in a new fantasy series)

Calvin Coconut: Dog Heaven by Graham Salisbury Wendy Lamb Books (Series about a quirky kid on the Big Island in Hawaii)

Countdown by Deborah Wiles Scholastic (Older readers) (New series & format; lots of info about the Cold War & the 1950s)

Crunch by Leslit Connor Katharine Tegan Books (What happens when the national fuel problem comes to a head?)

Doodlebug: a Novel in Doodles by Karen Romano Young Feiwel & Friends (Exactly what the subtitle says!)

The Dreamer by Pam Munoz Ryan and Peter Sis Scholastic (Beautiful tribute to Pablo Neruda's childhood) Older Readers

Finally by Wendy Mass (partner book to 11 Birthdays) Scholastic (Another book about the power of birthdays!)

Griff Carver, Hallway Patrol by Jim Krieg Razorbill (What a position of power!! What's really going on in this model school?)

The Incurable Children of Ashton Place...The Mysterious Howling by Maryrose Wood Balzer & Bray (Feral children in a Victorian country try the patience of their governess)

Just Desserts by Hallie Durand Atheneum (2nd book in a series about Dessert, who wants to control her siblings!!)
Justin Case: School, Drool, and other Daily Disasters by Rachel Vail & Matthew Cordell Feiwel & Friends (3rd grade worries)
Lawn Boy Returns by Gary Paulsen Random House/Walter Lamb Books (sequel to "Lawn Boy"....getting even richer!!)
Masters of Disasters by Gary Paulsen Random House (Hysterical book about 3 boys who plan "Adventures")
Middle World by J & P Voelkel Egmont (Central American mythology for fans of "The Lightning Thief"...Older Readers)
My Life as a Book by Janet Tashjian Henry Holt (A reluctant reader finds out the importance of stories in his life)
A Nest for Celeste: A Story About Art, Inspiration, and the Meaning of Home by Henry Cole Katharine Tegan (John Audobon, his apprentice and a mouse named Celeste...in a beautiful package by Henry Cole!!)
The Night Fairy by Laura Amy Schlitz Candlewick (Beautiful little book about a fairy who heals herself)
Ninth Ward by Jewell Parker Rhodes Little Brown (Hurricane Katrina's effect on one 12 year old girl..powerful!)
The Popularity Papers: Research For the Social Improvement and General Betterment of
Lydia Goldblatt and Julie Graham-Chang by Amy Ignatow Amulet Books (2 girls journal about Middle School)
Ranger's Apprentice #7, #8, and #9 by John Flanagan (February, April, September) Philomel (Medieval CIA) Older readers
The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan (NEW series about Egyptian mythology) Disney Hyperion (Older Readers)
Sixty-Eight Rooms by Marianne Malone Random House (Art Institute of Chicago miniature rooms hold mystery)
Spaceheadz Book #1 by Jon Scieszka (Book Two in December) Simon&Schuster (SAVE THE WORLD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)
The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger Amulet (Fortune telling in origami.....Older Readers)
Talent Show by Dan Gutman Simon&Schuster (Kids' talents save a town after a tornado hits!!)
Theodore Boone, Kid Lawyer by John Grisham Dutton (OK, this lawyer's only 13....will appeal to Grisham fans)
Word After Word After Word by Patricia MaLachlan Katherine Tegan Books (Writer in the school...Newbery Alert)

WATCH FOR THESE TITLES FOR ELEMENTARY READERS COMING THIS FALL.....

39 Clues Book Ten by Margaret Peterson Haddix (August) Scholastic
The Adventures of OOG and Gluck by Dav Pilkey (NEW series) August
Bink and Golly by Kate DiCamillo & Allison McGhee (September)
Bad Kitty vs Uncle Arthur by Nick Bruel (September)
Candymakers by Wendy Mass October
Clementine, Friend of the Week by Sara Pennypacker and Marla Frazee September
The Danger Box by Blue Balliett September
Diary of a Wimpy Kid #5 by Jeff Kinney (November)
The Fabled Fifth Graders of Aesop Elementary School by Candace Fleming (August)
Guys Read: Funny Business Edited by Jon Scieszka (September)
The Heroes of Olympus: The Lost Hero by Rick Riordan (October)
Jack Black and the Imagine Nation by Matt Myklusch (August)
The Missing series: Sabotaged by Margaret Peterson Haddix August (Book 3 in the series)
No Such Things As Dragons by Philip Reeve (September)
The Odious Ogre by Norton Juster and Jules Fiefer (September)
Scumble by Ingrid Law (sequel to Savvy) August
Stink-O-Pedia Volume 2 by Megan McDonald (August)
The Search for Wondla by Tony DiTerlizzi (October) New Series!!
Storm Runners #1: Wind new series by Roland Smith (October)
The Unsinkable Walter Bean by Aaron Renier (graphic novel) September

OLDER READERS (Grades 6 up)

The 13th Reality Book Three: The Blade of Shattered Hope by James Dasher (Read Books 1 & 2 first!!!)
After Ever After (sequel to Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie) by Jordan Sonnenblick
The Agency: A Mary Quinn Mystery "A Spy in the House" by Y S Lee
Amy and Roger's Epic Detour by Morgan Matson
As Easy As Falling off the Face of the Earth by Lynne Rae Perkins
Bamboo People by Mitali Perkins
The Cardturners by Louis Sachar
Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce
The Dangerous Days of Daniel X, Watch the Skies Daniel X, Demons and Druids Daniel X by James Patterson
Dirt Road Home by Watt Key
Fever Crumb by Philip Reeve Prequel to Hungry City Chronicles
The Grimm Legacy by Polly Shulman
How I, Nicky Flynn, Finally Get a Life (and a Dog) by Art Corriveau

Keeper by Kathy Appelt
Linger by Maggie Stiefvater (sequel to Shiver)
One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams Garcia
Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper Newbery Alert!!!
The River by Mary Jane Beaufrand LOCAL AUTHOR!!!!
The Seventh Level by Jody Feldman
Spilling Ink: A Young Writer's Handbook by Anne Mazer and Ellen Potter
Sweet, Hereafter (the final book in the Heaven Trilogy) by Angela Johnson
Shakespeare Makes the Playoffs (sequel to Shakespeare Bats Cleanup) by Ron Koertge
The Sky is Everywhere by Jandy Nelson
This World We Live In by Susan Beth Pfeffer (Partner book to The Dead and The Gone and Life As We Knew It)
Trackers by Patrick Carman
White Cat by Holly Black
Will Grayson, Will Grayson by John Green & David Levithan
Woods Runner by Gary Paulsen
Worldshaker by Richard Harland
The Year of Goodbyes by Debbie Levy Hyperion (Holocaust memoir...)

WATCH FOR THESE TITLES FOR YOUNG ADULTS COMING THIS FALL.....

Annexed by Sharon Doger (October) Peter's story from Diary of Anne Frank
Archvillain by Barry Lyga (October)
Behemoth by Scott Westerfeld (October) Sequel to Leviathan
The Clockwork Three by Matthew Kirby October
Fallout by Ellen Hopkins (Last of the trilogy beginning with Crank and Glass) September
Forge by Laurie Halse Anderson (October) (sequel to Chains)
Framed by Gordon Korman (September) Companion book to Swindle & Zoobreak
The Gift (sequel to Witch & Wizard) by James Patterson December
Half Brother by Kenneth Oppel (September)
Havoc: There's No Going Back (sequel to Malice) by Chris Wooding (October)
Hero by Mike Lupica November
I am Number Four by Pittacus Lore August
Matched by Ally Condie October
Mockingjay by Suzanne Collins (August) LAST BOOK IN THE "HUNGER GAMES" TRILOGY...EVENT OF THE YEAR!!!!
Plain Kate by Erin Bow (September)
Revolution by Jennifer Donnelly October
Saphique by Catherine Fisher (December) Sequel to Incarceron
The Scorch Trials (sequel to The Maze) by James Dasher (October)
Skeleton Creek: Investigations by Patrick Carman September (3rd in a series, "Skeleton Creek" and "Ghost in the Machine")
Three Quarters Dead by Richard Peck (October)
Touch Blue by Cynthia Lord (August)
Zombies vs Unicorns by Justine Larbelestier and Holly Black (September)

