

The Cybils are a series of book awards given by children's and young adult book bloggers. The Cybils have only two criteria: literary merit and kid appeal. We don't think those two values have to collide. There are books we want kids to read and books kids can't resist. Somewhere in the middle, they meet.

Now in our ninth year, we're comprised of 100+ bloggers who write about children's and teen's books every day. We open our nominations to the public.

Maybe there's a book your child devoured under the covers with a flashlight. Another may've circulated from locker to locker. And still another never seemed to make it back to the library by its due date.

You compile the list. We take it from there.

On the back of this flyer are our shortlisted picks for the best children's and teen books for 2014. We hope you'll join us for 2015 and beyond.

# Dates to remember:

Oct. 1-15: Nominations open to the public October 16-25: Publisher submissions New Year's Day: Short lists announced St. Valentine's Day: Winners announced

# Simple rules:

Titles must be published between October 16 of last year and October 15 of this year Books must be published in English, or bilingual with English Only books published in the U.S. or Canada are eligible Only one nomination per genre per person Authors, publishers and publicists may submit their own books after the public nomination period FAQ: www.cybils.com/about-the-cybils-awards

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# 2014 Cybils Finalists

# **Book Apps**

Angus the Irritable Bull by Watermark Ltd Fiona & the Fog by William Poor Hat Monkey by Fox and Sheep GmbH How I Became a Pirate by Melinda Long, developed by Oceanhouse Media Incredible Numbers by Professor Ian Stewart, developed by Touch Press Kalley's Machine Plus Cats developed by RocketWagon Rules of Summer by Shaun Tan, developed by We Are Wheelbarrow

#### Easy Readers/Early Chapter Books

**Easy Readers:** Clara and Clem Under the Sea (Penguin Young Readers, L1) by Ethan Long Extraordinary Warren: A Super Chicken by Sarah Dillard Inch and Roly and the Sunny Day Scare (Ready-to-Reads) by Melissa Wiley My New Friend Is So Fun! (An Elephant and Piggie Book) by Mo Willems Okay, Andy! (Jump-Into-Chapters) by Maxwell Eaton Pigsticks and Harold and the Incredible Journey by Alex Milway Scholastic Reader Level 1: The Ice Cream Shop: A Steve and Wesslev reader by Jennifer E. Morris

Early Chapter Books: Dory Fantasmagory by Abby Hanlon Like Carrot Juice on a Cupcake by Julie Sternberg Lulu and the Rabbit Next Door by Hilary McKay Lulu's Mysterious Mission by Judith Viorst The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure by Doreen Cronin The Lion Who Stole My Arm by Nicola Davies Violet Mackerel's Possible Friend by Anna Branford

# **Fiction Picture Books**

Brimsby's Hats by Andrew Prahin Here Comes the Easter Cat by Deborah Underwood Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream for Me by Daniel Beaty Maple by Lori Nichols Shh! We Have a Plan by Chris Haughton The Girl and the Bicycle by Mark Pett This Is a Moose by Richard T. Morris, illustrated by Tom Licthenheld

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### Non-fiction (Elementary/MG)

Angel Island: Gateway to Gold Mountain by Russell Freedman Chasing Cheetahs by Sy Montgomery Feathers: Not Just for Flying by Melissa Stewart Handle With Care: An Unusual Butterfly Journey by Loree Griffin Burns Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation by Duncan Tonatiuh The Case of the Vanishing Little Brown Bats by Sandra Markle When Lunch Fights Back by Rebecca L. Johnson

# Poetry

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson Dear Wandering Wildebeest And Other Poems from the Water Hole by Irene Latham, illustrated by Anna Wadham Firefly July by Paul B. Janeczko Hi, Kool: A Year of Seasons by Jon J Muth Santa Clauses by Bob Raczka Voices from the March on Washington by J. Patrick Lewis and George Ella Lyon Water Rolls, Water Rises: El agua rueda, el agua sube by Pat Mora

# Middle Grade Fiction

Abby Spencer Goes to Bollywood by Varsha Bajaj All Four Stars by Tara Dairman Death by Toilet Paper by Donna Gephart Ice Dogs by Terry Lynn Johnson Nickel Bay Nick by Dean Pitchford The Crossover by Kwame Alexander The Meaning of Maggie by Megan Jean Sovern

# **Speculative Fiction**

Elementary/Middle Grade: Boys of Blur by N. D. Wilson Greenglass House by Kate Milford Nuts to You by Lynne Rae Perkins The Castle Behind Thorns by Merrie Haskell The Jupiter Pirates: Hunt for the Hydra by Jason Fry The Luck Uglies by Paul Durham The Swallow by Charis Cotter

<u>Teen/Young Adult</u>: *Death Sworn* by Leah Cypess *Glory O'Brien's History of the Future* by A.S. King Noggin by John Corey Whaley Salvage by Alexandra Duncan The Living by Matt De La Peña The Winner's Curse by Marie Rutkoski While We Run by Karen Healey

### **Graphic Novels**

Elementary/Middle Grade: Bad Machinery: The Case of the Good Boy by John Allison Bird & Squirrel on Ice by James Burks El Deafo by Cece Bell Gaijin: American Prisoner of War by Matt Faulkner Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust by Loic Dauvillier The Dumbest Idea Ever! Jimmy Gownley Ballad by Blexbolex

<u>Teen/Young Adult</u>: In Real Life by Cory Doctorow Strange Fruit, Volume I: Uncelebrated Narratives from Black History by Joel Christian Gill and Henry Louis Gates Jr. The Harlem Hellfighters by Max Brooks, illustrated by Canaan White The Shadow Hero by Gene Luen Yang and Sonny Liew Through the Woods by Emily Carroll To This Day: For the Bullied and Beautiful by Shane Koyczan

#### Non-fiction (Young Adult)

Alice + Freda Forever: A Murder in Memphis by Alexis Coe Be a Changemaker: How to Start Something That Matters by Laurie Ann Thompson Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out by Susan Kuklin Popular: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek by Maya Van Wagenen The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia by Candace Fleming The Freedom Summer Murders by Don Mitchell The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights by Steve Sheinkin

# **Young Adult Fiction**

Gabi, a Girl in Pieces by Isabel Quintero Girls Like Us by Gail Giles I'll Give You the Sun by Jandy Nelson Pointe by Brandy Colbert When I Was the Greatest by Jason Reynolds