

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 fourth 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 2009. We hope you'll join us for 2010 and beyond.

Dates to remember:

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

Simple rules:

Titles must be published between the close of last year's contest and the start of this year's contest Books must be published in English, or bilingual with English Only one nomination per genre per person

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Easy Readers/Short Chapter Books

Easy Readers: Dinosaur Hunt (Max Spaniel) by David Catrow Good Dog, Aggie by Lori Ries Mr. Putter & Tabby Spill the Beans by Cynthia Rylant Shampoodle (Step Into Reading) by Joan Holub Watch Me Throw the Ball! by Mo Willems

Short Chapter Books:

Alice's Shooting Star by Tim Kennemore Bad to the Bone (Down Girl and Sit) by Lucy Nolan How Oliver Olson Changed the World by Claudia Mills Mercy Watson: Something Wonky This Way Comes by Kate DiCamillo Roscoe Riley Rules #7: Never Race a Runaway Pumpkin by Katherine Applegate

Fantasy and Science Fiction

Teen/Young Adult *Candor* by Pam Bachorz *The Demon's Lexicon* by Sarah Rees Brennan *The Dust of 100 Dogs* by A.S. King *Fire* by Kristin Cashore *Lips Touch* by Laini Taylor *Sacred Scars (A Resurrection of Magic, Book 2)* by Kathleen Duey *Tiger Moon* by Antonia Michaelis

Elementary/Middle Grade:

11 Birthdays by Wendy Mass Dreamdark: Silksinger by Laini Taylor The Farwalker's Quest by Joni Sensel Odd and the Frost Giants by Neil Gaiman The Prince of Fenway Park by Julianna Baggott The Serial Garden: The Complete Armitage Family Stories by Joan Aiken Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

Graphic Novels

Teen/Young Adult:

The Dreamer: The Consequence of Nathan Hale, Part I by Lora Innes Gunnerkrigg Court: Orientation by Tom Siddell Crogan's Vengeance by Chris Schweizer Edgar Allan Poe's Tales of Death and Dementia written by Edgar Allan Poe; illustrated by Gris Grimly Outlaw: The Legend of Robin Hood written by Tony Lee; illustrated by Sam Hart and Artur Fujita

Elementary/Middle Grade:

Creepy Crawly Crime (Joey Fly, Private Eye) written by Aaron Reynolds; illustrated by Neil Numberman Adventures in Cartooning by James Sturm, Andrew Arnold, Alexis Frederick-Frost The Stonekeeper's Curse (Amulet, Book 2) by Kazu Kibuishi The Secret Science Alliance and the Copycat Crook by Eleanor Davis Frankie Pickle and the Closet of Doom by Eric Wight

Non-fiction (Middle Grade and YA)

Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Phillip Hoose The Frog Scientist written by Pamela S. Turner, photographs by Andy Comins I Can't Keep My Own Secrets: Six-Word Memoirs by Teens Famous & Obscure edited by Smith Magazine Marching For Freedom: Walk Together Children and Don't You Grow Weary by Elizabeth Partridge Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland by Sally M. Walker

Middle Grade Fiction

Captain Nobody by Dean Pitchford Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson Anything but Typical by Nora Raleigh Baskin Heart of a Shepherd by Rosanne Parry All the Broken Pieces by Ann Burg Operation Yes by Sara Lewis Holmes The Small Adventure of Popeye and Elvis by Barbara O'Connor

Young Adult Fiction

Blue Plate Special by Michelle D. Kwasney Carter Finally Gets It by Brent Crawford Cracked Up to Be by Courtney Summers How To Say Goodbye in Robot by Natalie Standiford Into the Wild Nerd Yonder by Julie Halpern North of Beautiful by Justina Chen Headley Wintergirls by Laurie Halse Anderson

Fiction Picture Books

The Curious Garden by Peter Brown The Lion & The Mouse by Jerry Pinkney Jeremy Draws a Monster by Peter McCarty The Listeners written by Gloria Whelan; illustrated by Mike Benny All the World written by Liz Garton Scanlon; illustrated by Marla Frazee The Book that Eats People written by John Perry; illustrated by Mark Fearing Silly Tilly written by Eileen Spinelli; illustrated by David Slonim

Non-fiction Picture Books

Mermaid Queen: The Spectacular True Story Of Annette Kellerman, Who Swam Her Way To Fame, Fortune & Swimsuit History! by Shana Corey The Day-Glo Brothers written by Chris Barton; illustrated by Tony Persiani Life-Size Zoo: From Tiny Rodents to Gigantic Elephants, An Actual Size Animal Encyclopedia created by Teruyuki Komiya; photos by Toyofumi Fukuda 14 Cows for America written by Carmen Agra Deedy with Wilson Kimeli Naiyomah; illus. by Thomas Gonzalez Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11 written and illustrated by Brian Floca Down, Down, Down: A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea by Steve Jenkins Faith (Global Fund for Children Books) by Maya Ajmera, Magde Nakassis, and Cynthia Pon

Poetry

African Acrostics: A Word in Edgeways written by Avis Harley; photographs by Deborah Noyes

The Bill Martin Jr. Big Book of Poetry by Bill Martin Jr. and Michael Sampson The Monsterologist: A Memoir in Rhyme by Bobbi Katz; illus. by Adam McCauley Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors written by Joyce Sidman; illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski

The Tree That Time Built: A Celebration of Nature, Science, and Imagination by Mary Ann Hoberman and Linda Winston; illustrated by Barbara Fortin

--Sarah Stevenson, Cybils Blog Editor Finding Wonderland: The WritingYA Weblog