



## School Library Journal's Best Books of 2007



*School Library Journal's* editors selected these books from the 4500 titles reviewed in SLJ this year. The complete article, with annotations for each title can be found in the December, 2007 Issue.

- Alexie, Sherman. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. Ill. Ellen Forney. Little, Brown. Gr. 7-10. (New).
- Applegate, Katherine. *Home of the Brave*. Feiwel & Friends. Gr. 5-7. (New).
- Banks, Kate. *Fox*. Ill. Georg Hallensleben. Farrar/Frances Foster. Pre-Gr. 1. (E/B218f).
- Barakat, Ibtisam. *Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood*. Farrar/Melanie Kroupa. Gr. 7+. (921/B224t).
- Bishop, Nic. *Nic Bishop Spiders*. Scholastic. Gr. 3-5. (New).
- Bunting, Eve. *Hurry! Hurry!* Ill. Jeff Mack. Harcourt. Pre-Gr. 1. (E/B942hu).
- Carey, Janet Lee. *Dragon's Keep*. Harcourt. Gr. 6-10. (F/C274dr).
- Carle, Eric. *Artist to Artist: 23 Major Illustrators Talk to Children About Their Art*. Philomel. Gr. 4+. (New).
- Carroll, Lewis. *Jabberwocky*. Ill. Christopher Myers. Hyperion/Jump at the Sun. Gr. 4+. (New).
- Clements, Andrew. *No Talking*. Ill. Mark Elliott. S & S. Gr. 3-6. (F/C274dr).
- Coffelt, Nancy. *Fred Stays with Me!* Ill. Tricia Tusa. Little, Brown. K-Gr. 3. (E/C674f).
- Cowell, Cressida. *That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown*. Ill. Neal Layton. Pre-Gr. 2. (E/C874th).
- Crisler, Curtis L. *Tough Boy Sonatas*. Ill. Floyd Cooper. Boyds Mills/Wordsong. Gr. 8 Up. (New).
- Curtis, Christopher Paul. *Elijah of Buxton*. Scholastic. Gr. 4-8. (New).
- Freedman, Russell. *Who Was First?: Discovering the Americas*. Clarion. Gr. 5-9. (New).
- Gantos, Jack. *I Am Not Joey Pigza*. Farrar. Gr. 5-8. (F/G211i).
- Gore, Al. *An Inconvenient Truth: The Crisis of Global Warming*. Adapt. Jane O'Connor. Viking. Gr. 5-8. (363.73/G666i).
- Grandits, John. *Blue Lipstick: Concrete Poems*. Clarion. Gr. 5-9. (811/G753b).
- Gravett, Emily. *Orange Pear Apple Bear*. S & S. Pre-Gr. 1. (E/G776o).
- Hale, Shannon. *Book of a Thousand Days*. Bloomsbury. Gr. 5-9. (New).
- Henkes Kevin. *A Good Day*. HarperCollins/Greenwillow. PreS. (E/H513gd).
- Hornby, Nick. *Slam*. Putnam. Gr. 9 Up. (New).
- Jenkins, Steve. *Dogs and Cats*. Houghton. K-Gr. 5. (636.7/J52d).
- Jinks, Catherine. *Evil Genius*. Harcourt. Gr. 7+. (F/J61e).
- Jocelyn, Marthe. *How It Happened in Peach Hill*. Random/Wendy Lamb. Gr. 5-9. (F/J63h).
- Johnston, Tony. *Bone by Bone by Bone*. Roaring Brook. Gr. 6+. (New).
- Jonell, Lynne. *Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat*. Ill. Jonathan Bean. Holt. Gr. 3-5. (New).
- Kephart, Beth. *Undercover*. HarperFestival/Laura Geringer. Gr. 9 Up. (New).
- Kostick, Conor. *Epic*. Viking. Gr. 8 Up. (F/K86e).
- Kulka, Joe. *Wolf's Coming!* Carolrhoda. Pre-Gr. 1. (811/K96w).
- Lewin, Ted. *At Gleason's Gym*. Roaring Brook/A Neal Porter Bk. K-Gr. 5. (796.83/L672a).
- Madison, Alan. *Velma Gratch and the Way Cool Butterfly*. Ill. Kevin Hawkes. Random/Schwartz&Wade. Pre-Gr. 3. (New).
- Murphy, Jim. *The Real Benedict Arnold*. Clarion. Gr. 7+. (New).
- Myers, Walter Dean. *What They Found: Love on 145th Street*. Random/Wendy Lamb. Gr. 9+ (New).
- O'Connor, Barbara. *How to Steal a Dog*. Farrar/Frances Foster. Gr. 3-7. (F/O18h).
- Peet, Mal. *Tamar*. Candlewick. Gr. 8+ (F/P375t).
- Pennypacker, Sara. *The Talented Clementine*. Ill. Marla Frazee. Hyperion. Gr. 2-5. (F/P416t).
- Perkins, Lynne Rae. *Pictures from Our Vacation*. HarperCollins/Greenwillow. 2007. Gr. 1-4. (E/P449p).
- Pinkney, Jerry, retel. *Little Red Riding Hood*. Little, Brown. K-Gr. 3. (New).
- Resau, Laura. *Red Glass*. Delacorte. Gr. 8+. (New).
- Rex, Adam. *The True Meaning of Smekday*. Hyperion. Gr. 4-8. (New).
- RUMFORD, James, retel. *Beowulf: A Hero's Tale Retold*. Houghton. Gr. 5-8. (398.2/R936b).
- SCHLITZ, Laura Amy. *Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village*. Ill. Robert Byrd. Candlewick. Gr. 4-8. (New).
- St. James. *Freak Show*. Dutton. Gr. 9+. (F/S143f).
- Sharenow, Robert. *My Mother the Cheerleader*. HarperCollins/Laura Geringer. Gr. 8-10. (F/S531mc).
- Sidman, Joyce. *This Is Just to Say: Poems of Apology and Forgiveness*. Ill. Pamela Zagarenski. Houghton. Gr. 4-7. (782.42/S698).
- Sís, Peter. *The Wall: Growing Up behind the Iron Curtain*. Farrar/Frances Foster. Gr. 4+. (943.704/S622w).
- Spinelli, Eileen. *Heat Wave*. Ill. Betsy Lewin. Harcourt. K-Gr. 3. (E/S757he).
- Stein, David Ezra. *Leaves*. Putnam. Pre-K. (New).
- Stewart, Trenton Lee. *The Mysterious Benedict Society*. Ill. Carson Ellis. Little, Brown/Megan Tingley. Gr. 5-9. (F/S852m).
- Tan, Shaun. *The Arrival*. Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine. Gr. 5+. (New).
- Tarshis, Lauren. *Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree*. Dial. Gr. 5-7. (F/T193e).
- Thompson, Kate. *The New Policeman*. HarperCollins/Greenwillow. Gr. 7-10. (F/T473n).
- Walker, Alice. *Why War Is Never a Good Idea*. Ill. Stefano Vitale. HarperCollins. Gr. 3 Up. (New).
- Wells, Rosemary. *Red Moon at Sharpsburg*. Viking. Gr. 7+. (F/W455re).
- Willems, Mo. *Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity*. Hyperion. Pre-Gr. 1. (New).
- Willems, Mo. *There Is a Bird on Your Head!* Hyperion. K-Gr. 2. (New).
- Williams, Marcia, retel. *Chaucer's Canterbury Tales*. Candlewick. Gr. 4-8. (821/C496ch).