

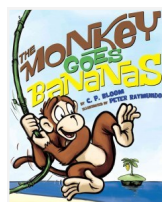
Mister Bud Wears the Cone by Carter Goodrich

In this third adventure of two canine friends, Carter Goodrich continues to portray doggy emotions with verve and humor, and he cleverly portrays a relatable tale of misplaced shame and the love that surpasses it. This

next addition is an adventure Booklist called, "a treat for dog lovers young and old."

The Monkey Goes Bananas by C. P. Bloom

A determined monkey spies a banana tree across the water. What happens next is an inventive romp, as the resourceful monkey attempts to grab a snack, with some hilarious consequences. Full of energy and strong visual storytelling, this practically wordless picture book will entice reluctant readers. Fast-paced, delicious fun that's sure to leave young readers hungry for another read.



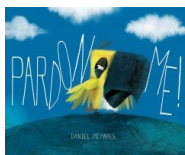
My Teacher is a Monster! (No, I am Not.) by Peter Brown

Bobby's teacher, Ms. Kirby, is so mean that she is a monster. She screams and yells and even takes away recess. Bobby tries to forget about her when he's not at school by going to the park until one day, something terrible happens, Ms. Kirby is at the park! He is afraid of her, so he has to be polite. After he saves her hat, he learns that she is actually not as bad as she seems.



One Big Pair of Underwear by Laura Gehl

What's one thing that two bears, three yaks, four goats, and six cats have in common? They hate to share. But look out—here comes a pack of twenty pigs ready to prove that sharing makes everything twice as fun! This seriously silly picture book with artwork by the *New York Times* bestselling illustrator of *Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site* irresistibly combines the concepts of counting and sharing.

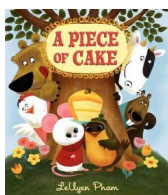


Pardon Me by Daniel Miyares

It's a beautiful, sunny day in the swamp when a little yellow bird settles down on a rock—only to be interrupted as first a heron, then a frog, then a turtle ask to sit on the rock with him. As each animal says "pardon me," the little bird's replies get grumpier. When a fox comes by, the bird finally loses his cool. But it just so happens that fox showed up for a reason, and the little bird's outburst leads to a surprise ending you'll want to read again and again.

Peanut Butter & Cupcake by Terry Border

In a story that pairs silliness with poignancy, and friendship with anthropomorphic food, Terry Border, the photography mastermind behind the Bent Objects project, makes a triumphant entrance into the children's book world. Complete with a rhyming refrain, this is sure to be a favorite read-aloud--and laugh-aloud.

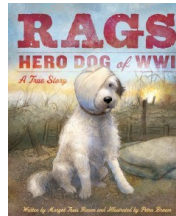


A Piece of Cake by LeUyen Pham

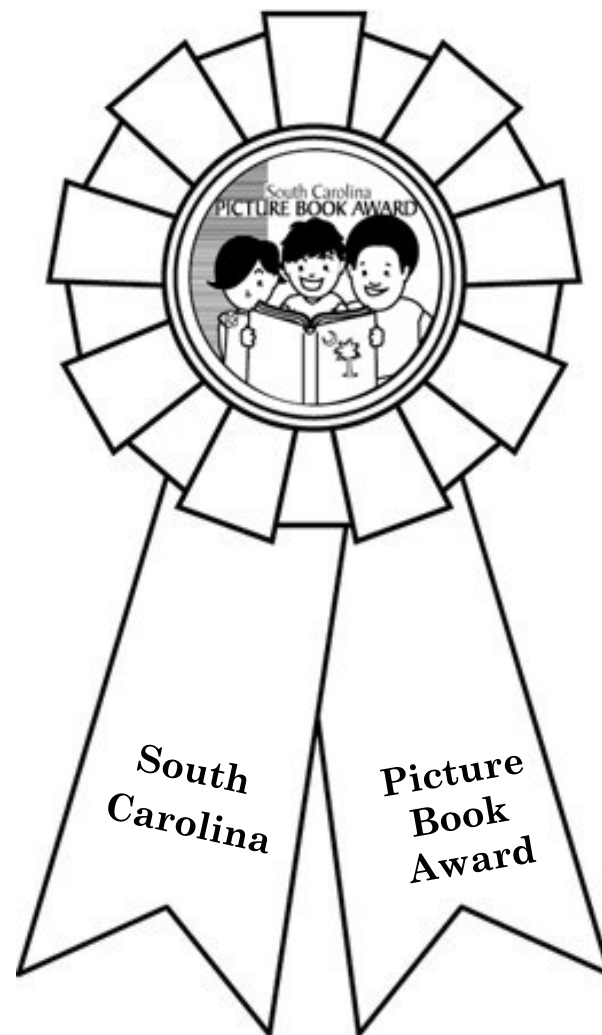
Mouse has baked a special treat for Little Bird's birthday! But delivering it isn't easy—not when everyone he meets along the way offers to trade something for a piece of cake. . . . In *A Piece of Cake*, LeUyen Pham puts a unique spin on a classic tale. Kids will love the unexpected and hilarious turn the story takes. Its strong picture support, story elements (including setting, character, and plot development), and identification of a problem and solution make this a strong Common Core title.

Rags: Hero Dog of WWI by Margot Theis Raven

Private James Donovan adopted a stray dog he found in Paris during World War I and named him Rags. Rags accompanied him to the battlefield, where the little dog made himself useful delivering messages and boosting morale amongst the soldiers. When both Rags and Donovan were wounded during a fierce battle, the faithful canine refused to leave his friend's side.

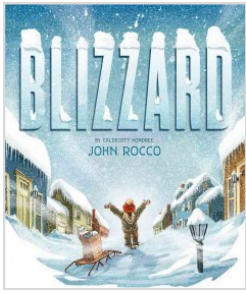


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Nominees

All media specialists should review all titles and add them to their collection only if the titles meet the criteria established by District Board Policy and Library Media Center Policy & Procedure guidelines. We recommend that others interested in purchasing these titles read reviews and scan materials to determine the appropriateness for their intended readers.

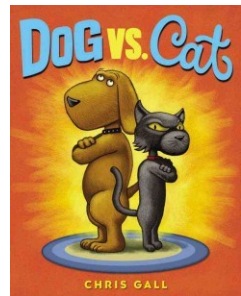


Blizzard by John Rocco

After a massive blizzard, a boy becomes a hero when he manages to walk to the local store and bring supplies back to his neighborhood, which has been snowed in for days. Based on the author's childhood experience.

Breaking News: Bear Alert by David Biedrzycki

Two bears awoken from hibernation and go to town – literally. During their visit, they eat at a diner, dress up at a department store, and stop a couple of bank robbers, all while mistaking the townspeople’s terror for friendliness.



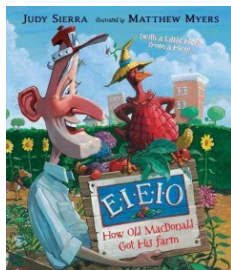
Dog vs. Cat by Chris Gall

Dog and Cat do not get along. But when they're forced to share a room, they agree to be on their best behavior...until Dog won't stop *sniffing*. Cat won't stop *primping*. Dog won't stop *howling*. Cat won't stop *scratching*. And when it comes to the litter-box...sharing is *not* an option!

E-I-E-I-O: How Old MacDonald Got His Farm (With a Little Help from a Hen)

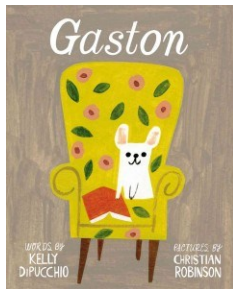
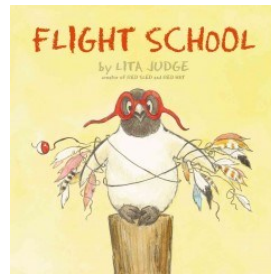
By Judy Sierra

There’s mud, garbage, horse poop, and worms! Sierra’s spirited verse, paired with Myers’s exuberant illustrations, yields a fresh take on a children’s classic, making this a perfect story for armchair gardeners and devoted locavores of all sizes.



Flight School by Lita Judge

Although little Penguin has the soul of an eagle, his body wasn’t built to soar. But Penguin has an irrepressible spirit, and he adamantly follows his dreams to flip, flap, fly! Even if he needs a little help with the technical parts, this penguin is ready to live on the wind.



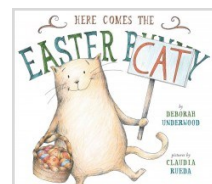
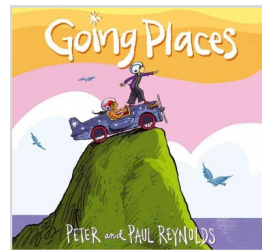
Gaston by Kelly DiPucchio

This is the story of four puppies: Fi-Fi, Foo-Foo, Ooh-La-La, and Gaston. Gaston works the hardest at his lessons on how to be a proper pooch. He sips – *never slobbers!* He yips – *never yaps!* And he walks with grace – *never races!* Gaston fits right in with his poodle sisters.

Or does he? A charming story about belonging.

Going Places by Peter and Paul Reynolds

A go-cart contest inspires imagination to take flight in this picture book by identical twin brothers Peter and Paul Reynolds. Each kid is given the same kit to build a go-cart, but Maya makes hers *very* different. A celebration of differences and thinking outside the box.

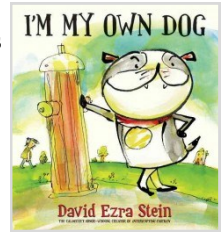


Here Comes the Easter Cat by Deborah Underwood

Cat wants to know why Easter Bunny gets all the love. So he puts on his sparkly suit, jumps on his motorcycle, and roars off into the night. But it turns out delivering Easter eggs is hard work. And it doesn’t leave much time for naps (of which Cat has taken five...no, *seven*). So when a pooped-out Easter Bunny shows up, *and* with a treat for Cat, what will Cat do?

I'm My Own Dog by David Ezra Stein

A dog without a human companion fetches his own slippers and curls up at his own feet but cannot reach a certain itchy spot in the middle of his back, compelling him to leash a poor lonely human who follows him home and loyally offer a helpful scratch. Delightful tale about a dog with a very friendly pet human.



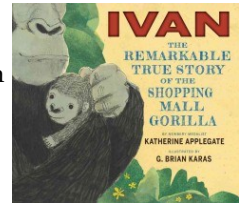
It's an Orange Aardvark! by Michael Hall



This very funny picture book features die-cut holes on almost every page, suspenseful page turns, a wonderful surprise ending, and an introduction to a rainbow of colors. *It's an Orange Aardvark!* is a tour de force for Michael Hall, the acclaimed and bestselling creator of *My Heart Is Like a Zoo*, *Perfect Square*, and *Cat Tale*.

Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla by Katherine Applegate

This evocative, accessible picture book tells the true story of Ivan, who lived alone in a small cage in a shopping mall for almost 30 years before he was finally relocated to the gorilla habitat at ZooAtlanta, and who inspired the author's Newbery-winning novel, *The One and Only Ivan*. Back matter includes photographs of Ivan.



Kid Sheriff and the Terrible Toads by Bob Shea



Drywater Gulch has a problem with some outlaw toads. They steal, hoot, and holler and cause all kinds of mayhem. Just when the town is sure that nothing or no one can solve the toad problem, along comes a hero. His name is Ryan, he is seven, and he rides into town on a tortoise. Ryan knows little about toads but a lot about dinosaurs and he uses what he knows to trick those ornery toads.