



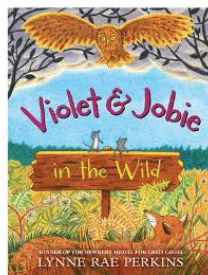
**Swim Team** by Johnnie Christmas  
 Helped by Etta, an elderly former swim team captain, Bree might actually be able to make it through the dreaded elective she's stuck with—Swim 101.  
 Realistic/Graphic Gr. 4+

**Thirst** by Varsha Bajaj  
 When Minni witnesses thieves stealing water—a precious commodity in her poor Mumbai neighborhood—her eyes are opened to both social inequality and the danger she is in.  
 Realistic Fiction Gr. 5+



**The Tryout** by Christina Soontornvat  
 Christina and Megan badly want to fit in, and cheerleading seems like a good way to do that. But can the girls survive the pressure of tryouts?  
 Memoir/Graphic Gr. 4+

**Violet & Jobie in the Wild** by Lynne Rae Perkins  
 Comfortable in their human home until being unexpectedly trapped and released into the wild, sibling mice Violet & Jobie must learn to survive—and fast!  
 Realistic/Animal Gr. 4



**We Were the Fire, Birmingham 1963** by Shelia P. Moses  
 In a deeply segregated city, Rufus realizes that he and his friends can do something to help bring about change.  
 Historical Fiction Gr. 5+



# Winner of the Great Stone Face Award 2023

## Allergic

by Megan Wagner Lloyd  
 and Michelle Mee Nutter



## Past Winners

- Ground Zero, by Alan Gratz
- Wildfire, by Rodman Philbrick
- New Kid, by Jerry Craft
- The Trail, by Meika Hashimoto
- Ghosts, by Raina Telgemeier
- Roller Girl, by Victoria Jamieson

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# Great Stone Face

Children's Book Award

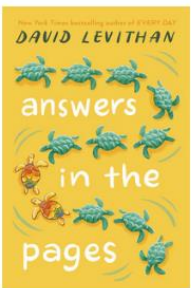
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### Answers in the Pages

by David Levithan

When Donovan's mom tries to get a book banned from his school, he decides he must stand up for what he thinks is right.

Realistic Fiction Gr. 4 & 5

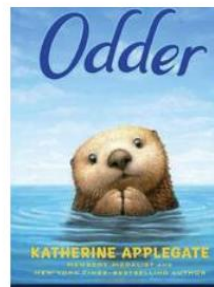


### The Impossible Destiny of Cutie Grackle

by Shawn K. Stout

A flock of ravens and an age old curse plague Cutie. With the ravens' help, can she break the curse before it comes for her?

Magical Realism Gr 5+



### Odder

by Katherine Applegate

Odder, a playful sea otter, is a great storyteller and a fearless daredevil until an encounter with a great white shark changes her life.

Realistic/Animal/Verse Gr. 4

### Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?

by Leslie Connor

Aurora has always looked out for her best friend Frenchie--who is autistic and nonverbal--until Frenchie goes missing.

Realistic Fiction Gr. 5+

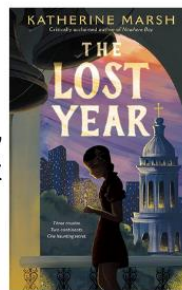


### The Lost Year

by Katherine Marsh

When his 100-year-old GG moves in at the start of Covid lockdowns, Matthew uncovers a family secret going back to the Ukranian famine of the 1930's.

Historical Fiction Gr 5+



### The Ogress and the Orphans

by Kelly Barnhill

Can a group of orphans and a kindly ogress reveal the true villain in their midst and save their once lovely town from further division and ruin?

Fantasy Gr. 5+

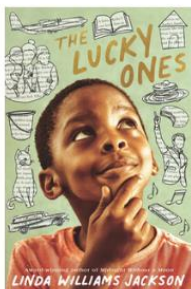


### Duet

by Elise Broach

Mirabelle, piano-loving goldfinch, is intrigued by a boy who makes beautiful music. Their friendship leads to adventure and mystery.

Realistic/Mystery Gr. 4 & 5

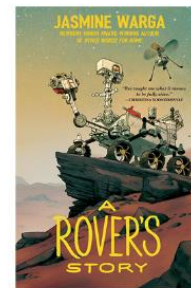


### The Lucky Ones

by Linda Williams Jackson

In 1967 Mississippi, Ellis Earl has big dreams, and an exciting opportunity, but can he overcome poverty and racial violence to grab it?

Historical Fiction Gr 5+



### A Rover's Story

by Jasmine Warga

A Mars rover experiences unexpectedly human feelings as he embarks on a very dangerous journey.

Science Fiction Gr. 5

### A Duet for Home

by Karina Yan Glaser

When June and Tyrell meet at a homeless shelter, they discover a shared love of classical music and unite to oppose a new housing policy.

Realistic Fiction Gr. 5+



### The Midnight Children

by Dan Gemeinhart

Ravani sees seven mysterious children arrive in Slaughterville in the middle of the night. Who are they and where are the adults?

Realistic Fiction Gr. 6



### The Secret Letters

by Margaret Peterson Haddix

A shoebox full of old letters leads two children to solve a mystery from the 1970s that tests their new-found friendship.

Mystery Gr. 5+



### Garvey in the Dark

by Nikki Grimes

When people begin to get sick and schools and shops close, Garvey must go into lockdown. Is it possible to find hope and happiness in this new reality?

Realistic/Verse Gr. 4 & 5

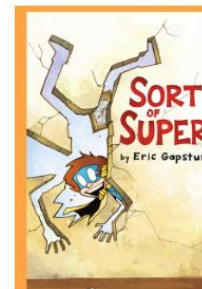


### New Dragon City

by Mari Mancusi

Noah is one of the last humans in the ruins of NYC after the dragon apocalypse, but a chance encounter reveals a possible path to survival for both species.

Sci-fi/Fantasy Gr. 5+



### Sort of Super

by Eric Gapstur  
Keeping the secret that he has amazing superpowers is not easy, but with his genius little sister's help, Wyatt is still able to battle the bad guys!

Sci-fi/Graphic Gr. 4+