



**SHOW ME  
READERS  
MASTER LIST  
1994 - 2008**

Children's Services Office  
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**SHOW ME READERS AWARD**

## **The Purpose**

The Show Me Readers Award promotes literature, literacy, and reading in Missouri elementary schools for grades 1 through 3, and recognizes authors and illustrators of books that are favorites of Missouri children in these grades.

## **A Brief History**

The Show Me Readers Award is a children's choice award selected by early elementary school children of Missouri. A list of ten quality titles is presented as nominees for the children to read. Students may begin reading as soon as the list is published in March. The following March, students in grades one through three will vote for the book they like best. The tally will be sent to the Missouri Association of School Librarians Office.

## SHOW ME READERS AWARD WINNERS

- 2007    **ARROWHAWK**  
          Lola Schaefer (JE)
- 2006    **BAD BOYS**  
          Marge Palatini (JE)
- 2005    **EPOSSUMONDAS**  
          Colleen Salley (JE)
- 2004    **FROG PRINCIPAL**  
          Stephanie Calmenson (JE)
- 2003    **GO HOME, THE TRUE STORY OF JAMES THE CAT**  
          Libby Phillips Meggs (J)
- 2002    **HOOWAY FOR WADNEY WAT**  
          Helen Lester (JE)
- 2001    **RAISING DRAGONS**  
          Jerdine Nolen (JE)
- 2000    **VERDI**  
          Janell Cannon (JE)
- 1999    **DUKE THE DAIRY DELIGHT DOG**  
          Lisa Campbell Ernst (JE)
- 1998    **HEART OF A TIGER**  
          Marsha Arnold, illus. Jamichael Henterly (JE)
- 1997    **MY ROTTEN REDHEADED OLDER BROTHER**  
          Patricia Polacco (JE)
- 1996    **SOAP, SOAP, DON'T FORGET THE SOAP**  
          Tom Birdseye, illus. Andrew Glass (JE)
- 1995    **SUKEY AND THE MERMAID**  
          Robert San Souci, illus. Brian Pinkney (J398.21, SA582S)

## SHOW ME READERS MASTER LIST OF NOMINEES 1994 – 2008

Adler, David, illus. Terry Widener

BABE AND I (JE) 2001-02

“Being a team is important, whether its baseball, selling papers, or being a family.”

Alexander, Lloyd, illus. Trina Schart Hyman

THE FORTUNE-TELLERS (JE) 1994-95

“Set in Cameroon by the illustrator, this tale tells of possibilities--you will be rich if you can earn money, you will live as long as you can breathe--and how they can make your fortune.”

Anderson, Laurie

THANK YOU SARAH (JE) 2004-2005

“Sarah Hale wrote “Mary had a Little Lamb”. She also spearheaded a letter writing campaign to get Thanksgiving declared a national holiday.”

Armstrong, Jennifer

MAGNUS AT THE FIRE (JE) 2007-2008

“When the Broadway Firehouse acquires a motorized fire engine, Magnus the fire horse is not ready to retire.”

Arnold, Marsha, illus. Jamichael Henterly WINNER 1998

HEART OF A TIGER (JE) 1997-98

“Number Four wants to be named for the tiger but doesn’t know how to earn such a strong name.”

Arnold, Marsha, illus. Brad Sneed

PUMPKIN RUNNER (JE) 2000-01

“Pumpkins are the secret ingredient to successful ranching in the outback for Joshua Summerhayes.”

Auch, Mary Jane

PRINCESS AND THE PIZZA (JE) 2004-2005

“Who needs a picky prince when you develop a really tasty dinner treat?”

Auch, Mary Jane

SOUPERCHICKEN (JE) 2005-2006

“Henrietta’s reading skills literally keep her aunts out of the soup.”

Bateman, Teresa, illus. Rosanne Litzinger

LEPRECHAUN GOLD (JE) 2000-01

“When Donald refuses the gold a leprechaun offers, the leprechaun finds another way to reward him.”

Birdseye, Tom, illus. Andrew Glass      WINNER   1996  
SOAP, SOAP, DON'T FORGET THE SOAP (JE)   1995-96  
"Young Plug forgot everything until his mother sent him for soap."

Birtha, Becky  
GRANDMAMA'S PRIDE (JE)      2007-2008  
"Two young girls visiting their Grandmama down South are affected by discrimination for the first time."

Boase, Susan  
LUCKY BOY (JE)      2004-2005  
"An unloved dog finds a new home with an lonely old man."

Bildner, Phil  
SHOELESS JOE AND BLACK BETSY (JE)   2004-2005  
"Black Betsy was ballplayer Joe's special bat and with her he could really hit."

Calmenson, Stephanie  
FROG PRINCIPAL (JE)   2003-2004  
"After the principal of P.S. 88 is turned into a frog by a bumbling magician, the frog bargains for the chance to act as principal until Mr. Bundy returns from his 'family emergency.'"

Cannon, Janell      WINNER   2000  
VERDI (JE)      1999-2000  
"Verdi, a young yellow python doesn't want to become a staid green old fuddy duddy."

Carlson, Laurie, illus. Holly Meade  
BOSS OF THE PLAINS (J338.76874 C197)   2000-01  
"The hat that won the West...a history of the Stetson hat and it's creator."

Carville, James  
LU AND THE SWAMP GHOST (JE)      2006-07  
Hearing from her mama that "you are never poor if you have a loving family and one good friend," Lu sets out to make a friend of what she believes is a swamp ghost.

Cocca-Leffler, Maryann  
MR. TANEN'S TIES (JE)      2001-02  
"School principal Mr. Tanen's colorful, interesting ties spark more than enthusiasm among his students as he discovers when he is ordered not to wear them."

Chandra, Deborah  
GEORGE WASHINGTON'S TEETH (J973.41092 W277C) 2005-2006  
"A rollicking rhyme portrays George Washington's lifelong struggle with bad teeth. A timeline taken from diary entries and other nonfiction sources follows."

Crimi, Carolyn

HENRY AND THE BUCCANEER BUNNIES (JE) 2007-2008

“Captain Barnacle Black Ear, baddest of the Buccaneer Bunnies, is ashamed of his book-loving son, Henry, until the day a great storm approaches.”

Cronin, Doreen

DIARY OF A WORM (JE) 2005-2006

“A young worm’s diary entries point out the pros and cons of being a worm, such as no trips to the dentist and limited Hokey Pokey dancing.”

Demi

ONE GRAIN OF RICE (JE) 1999-2000

“A mathematical folktale in which a clever young woman saves her people from hunger by asking for only one grain of rice.”

de Paola, Tomie

TOM (JE) 1995-96

“Young Tommy shares fun and tricks with his grandfather as well as a name.”

DiPucchio, Kelly

BED HOGS (JE) 2006-07

Squished and squeezed, Little Runt manages to make some sleeping space in the family sty in Sooeey, South Dakota.

DiSalvo-Ryan, Dyanne

DOG LIKE JACK (JE) 2001-02

“After a full, happy life, an old dog Jack dies, leaving many memories behind.”

DiSalvo-Ryan, Dyanne

CASTLE ON VIOLA STREET (JE) 2003-2004

“A hardworking family gets their own house at last by joining a community program that restores old houses.”

DiTerlizzi, Tony

TED (JE) 2003-2004

“A young boy manages to get his busy father’s attention with the help of a special imaginary friend.”

Ehrlich, Amy, illus. Steven Kellogg

PARENTS IN THE PIGPEN, PIGS IN THE TUB (JE) 1995-96

“The family and the farm animals change places with funny results.”

Erdrich, Louise, illus. Jim LaMarche

GRANDMOTHER'S PIGEON (JE) 1998-99

"An 'interesting' grandmother, an old nest with eggs and a stuffed pigeon are all parts of the magic."

Ernst, Lisa Campbell

BUBBA AND TRIXIE (JE) 1999-2000

"Bubba, the caterpillar and Trixie, the ladybug are good friends even after Bubba changes."

Ernst, Lisa Campbell WINNER 1999

DUKE, THE DAIRY DELIGHT DOG (JE) 1998-99

"Duke was a traveling stray until he spies the giant ice cream cone sign and knows he is home."

Ernst, Lisa Campbell

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD: A NEWFANGLED PRAIRIE TALE (JE) 1997-98

"Some wolves are slow learners."

Ernst, Lisa

STELLA LOUELLA'S RUNAWAY BOOK (JE) 2000-01

"Stella's book is so good, everyone wants to read it. But if she doesn't return it to the library soon, she's in big trouble."

Ernst, Lisa Campbell

WALTER'S TAIL (JE) 1994-95

"When Mrs. Tully's dog Walter wags his tail, look out. But what can be a curse, can also be a blessing."

Farris, Christine

MY BROTHER MARTIN: A SISTER REMEMBERS (JB K585FA) 2005-2006

"Martin Luther King Jr.'s early life retold by his older sister Christine."

Fleming, Candace

BOXES FOR KATJE (JE) 2005-2006

"Friendship and generosity bloom after Katje, in war torn Holland, receives a gift box and letter from a young girl in Indiana."

Florian, Douglas

BEAST FEAST (JE) 1996-97

"Animal and bug poems in an interesting format."

Gibbons, Faye, illus. Ted Rand

MOUNTAIN WEDDING (JE) 1998-99

"A swarm of honey bees create a sweet end to a blending of families."



Hall, Bruce

HENRY AND THE KITE DRAGON (JE) 2006-07

In New York City's China Town, someone is ruining the beautiful kites made by Grandfather. Can the children stop the destruction?

Harris, Jim

THREE LITTLE DINOSAURS (JE) 2001-02

"The three little dinosaurs have their hands full when the mighty T-Rex comes knocking at their doors."

Haseley, Dennis

STORY FOR BEAR (JE) 2004-2005

"A curious bear finds delight and comfort when a woman living in the woods reads to him."

Henkes, Kevin

LILLY'S PURPLE PLASTIC PURSE (JE) 1998-99

"Young student Lilly loves school and wants to be a teacher until her musical purse is confiscated as disruptive."

Hess, Karen, illus. Nancy Carpenter

LESTER'S DOG (JE) 1995-96

"Braving Lester's mean dog, a boy saves a kitten."

Hinkes, Enid

POLICE CAT (JE) 2007-2008

"Noodles the cat takes his responsibilities very seriously, keeping the police station and neighborhood safe and free from rats, but he is not an official member of the police department until after he performs a heroic rescue."

Hoffman, Mary, illus. Caroline Binch

BOUNDLESS GRACE (JE) 1997-98

"Grace visits her father in Africa and has a hard time first liking her new family there and then leaving them."

Hong, Lily Toy

TWO OF EVERYTHING (JE) 1995-96

"The poor and elderly Haktaks find a brass pot that doubles everything put in it."

Hopkins, Jackie

THREE ARMADILLIES TUFF (JE) 2004-2005

"A fractured fairy tale featuring three fun-loving armadillos and a hungry coyote."

Hopkinson, Deborah

APPLES TO OREGON (JE) 2006-07

Subtitled: "being the (slightly) true narrative of how a brave pioneer father brought apples, peaches, pears, plums, grapes and cherries (and children) across the Plains."

Hopkinson, Deborah, paintings by James Ransome

SWEET CLARA AND THE FREEDOM QUILT (JE) 1995-96

"Seamstress slave Clara uses scraps to create a map quilt to freedom."

Isaacs, Ann, illus. Paul Zelinsky

SWAMP ANGEL (JE) 1996-97

"Illustrated by Paul Zelinsky who won a Caldecott honor for this American tall tale of a bear wrestling girl."

Johnston, Tony, illus. Mark Teague

IGUANA BROTHERS (JE) 1997-98

"Dom and Tom are two brothers with some big questions."

Johnston, Tony, illus. Elsa Kleven

MAGIC MAGUEY (JE) 1998-99

"The Maguey provides more than shade and clothing for the families in the Pueblo."

Johnston, Tony

TALE OF RABBIT AND COYOTE (JE) 1996-97

"Classic tricksters with a Mexican flair."

Joose, Barbara, illus. Jon Van Zyle

LEWIS & PAPA (JE) 2000-01

"Lewis and his father take a wagon load of trade goods on the Santa Fe Trail. And on the trip, Lewis finds out what it really means to 'be strong like Papa'."

Kennedy, Fran

PICKLE PATCH BATHTUB (JE) 2006-07

It's up to Donna Delle to get a new bathtub when she outgrows the family wash tub. Based on a true story.

Kimmel, Eric

ANANSI AND THE TALKING MELON (JE) 1996-97

"Anansi, trapped in a ripe melon, tricks elephant, rhino, warthog and the king."

Krensky, Stephen

SHOOTING FOR THE MOON (JE) 2003-2004

"The amazing life and times of sharpshooter Annie Oakley."

Krull, Kathleen, illus. David Diaz

WILMA UNLIMITED: HOW WILMA RUDOLPH BECAME (J796.42092 K939) 1998-99  
“A strong character and supportive family helped Wilma become the world’s fastest woman.”

Lester, Helen, illus. Lynn Munsinger

HOOWAY FOR WADNEY WAT (JE) 2001-02  
“Poor Rodney! He can’t say the letter ‘r’ and what’s worse...he’s a rodent... wodent.”

Lester, Julius

JOHN HENRY (J398.2 L567J) 1996-97  
“Beautifully illustrated version of the African-American hero tale about a steel driving man.”

Levine, Gail

BETSY WHO CRIED WOLF (JE) 2004-2005  
“Betsy takes her Shepherd’s Oath seriously but discovers other ways to keep the sheep safe.”

Levitin, Sonia, illus. Cat Bowman Smith

BOOM TOWN (JE) 2000-01  
“The growth of a western town develops around a young pie baker.”

Levitin, Sonia, illus. Cat Bowman Smith

NINE FOR CALIFORNIA (JE) 1998-99  
“Amanda and her four siblings and Mama join three other passengers in a stagecoach bound for California.”

London, Jonathan, illus. Louise Voce

WHAT NEWT COULD DO FOR TURTLE (JE) 1998-99  
“Turtle is so helpful that Newt worries he can never return the favors.”

Long, Melinda

HOW I BECAME A PIRATE (JE) 2005-2006  
“Jeremy enjoys his time as a pirate but has important things to do on land.”

Martin, Bill, Jr., illus. Barry Root

OLD DEVIL WIND (JE) 1995-96  
“A cumulative tale of a ghost, a stool, a broom and more in a haunted house.”

Martin, Jacqueline, illus. Mary Azarian

SNOWFLAKE BENTLEY (JB B4463M) 2000-01  
“Picture biography of the man who pioneered photographing snowflakes.”

McCully, Emily

CROSSING THE NEW BRIDGE (JE) 1996-97  
“To avoid a curse the mayor has to find the happiest person to cross the new bridge.”

McCully, Emily

MIRETTE ON THE HIGH WIRE (JE) 1994-95

"Mirette admires the sad Bellini and convinces him to teach her to walk the tight rope. Her skill may be able to save him."

McCully, Emily

STARRING MIRETTE & BELLINI (JE) 1999-2000

"Mirette teams with Bellini to walk wires all over the world and then to save him in Russia."

McKissack, Patricia, illus. Floyd Cooper

MA DEAR'S APRONS (JE) 1999-2000

"David Earl always knew what day it was by which apron his hard working mother was wearing."

McKissack, Patricia

GOING' SOMEPLACE SPECIAL (JE) 2003-2004

"In segregated 1950s Nashville, a young African American girl braves a series of indignities and obstacles to get to one of the few integrated places in town: the public library."

McPhail, David

EDWARD AND THE PIRATES (JE) 1999-2000

"Avid reader David really gets into his books, especially if they contain pirates."

McPhail, David

THE TEDDY BEAR (JE) 2004-2005

"The story of a friend who is lost and found and lost and found again."

Meddaugh, Susan

CINDERELLA'S RAT (JE) 1999-2000

"A young rat's life changes dramatically when Cinderella's fairy godmother changes him into a coachman."

Millman, Isaac

MOSES GOES TO A CONCERT (JE) 2000-01

"Moses with his class of deaf students attends a concert and meets a deaf musician."

Mills, Claudia

ZIGGY'S BLUE RIBBON DAY (JE) 2007-2008

"Ziggy does not do well on the school track and field day events, but he feels much better after his classmates recognize his drawing talent."

Newman, Leslea

BEST CAT IN THE WORLD (JE) 2006-07

It's hard when you lose the best cat in the world. Can there ever be a replacement?

Nolen, Jerdine, illus. Elise Primavera WINNER 2001

RAISING DRAGONS (JE) 2000-01

"Some farmers raise crops and some farmer's daughters raise dragons."

Nye, Naomi

SITTI'S SECRETS (JE) 1996-97

"A girl visits her Middle Eastern grandmother and returns to write the president to work for peace."

Palatini, Margie WINNER 2006

BAD BOYS (JE) 2005-2006

"Two wolves try to get close to the girls (sheep), only to discover they are smarter than they look."

Palatini, Margie

THREE SILLY BILLIES (JE) 2007-2008

"Three billy goats, unable to cross a bridge because they cannot pay the toll, form a car pool with the Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood, and Jack of beanstalk fame to get past the rude troll."

Pilkey, Dav

WHEN CATS DREAM (JE) 1994-95

"Most folks think cats live quiet, orderly lives, but when cats dream---look out!"

Pinkney, Andrea Davis

FISHING DAY (JE) 2005-2006

"Two sets of fishermen, one successful, one not, come together when young Reenie shares some fishing tips with Peter."

Pinkney, Gloria Jean, illus. Jerry Pinkney

BACK HOME (JE) 1994-95

"Eight-year-old Ernestine feels right at home when she visits her aunt and uncle on the family farm. If only cousin Jack wouldn't tease so."

Pinkney, Gloria Jean

SUNDAY OUTING (JE) 1996-97

"Prequel to BACK HOME, how Ernestine got to take the train trip to North Carolina."

Polacco, Patricia

AUNT CHIP AND THE GREAT TRIPLE CREEK DAM AFFAIR (JE) 1998-99

"Television takes over Triple Creek and almost ruins it before the children, through learning to read, turn things around."

Polacco, Patricia

THE BEE TREE (JE) 1995-96

"An ever increasing number of people help Grandfather chase a bee to its hive."

Polacco, Patricia

CHICKEN SUNDAY (JE) 1994-95

"Three children work together to get a special Easter hat for their gramma."

Polacco, Patricia

JOHN PHILIP DUCK (JE) 2006-07

Based on the Peabody Hotel ducks, this story tells how the tradition got started in a Memphis hotel.

Polacco, Patricia

MY OL' MAN (JE) 1997-98

"Memories of a summer, a yarn-spinning father and a special rock."

Polacco, Patricia WINNER 1997

MY ROTTEN REDHEADED OLDER BROTHER (JE) 1996-97

"Pat's older brother Richard is the bane of her existence."

Polacco, Patricia

WELCOME COMFORT (JE) 2001-02

"Lonely Welcome doesn't believe in Santa Claus, especially when his only friend disappears every Christmas."

Prelutsky, Jack, illus. Peter Sis

THE DRAGONS ARE SINGING TONIGHT (J811.54 P915D) 1995-96

"Wonderful dragon poems with great illustrations."

Primavera, Elise

AUNTIE CLAUS (JE) 2001-02

"Young Sophie learns the number one rule for Christmas from her Auntie Claus."

Rathmann, Peggy

OFFICER BUCKLE AND GLORIA (JE) 1997-98

“Police dog Gloria upstages safety speaker Officer Buckle and he is not amused.”

Raven, Margot

MERCEDES AND THE CHOCOLATE PILOT (JE) 2004-2005

“Mercedes so wants one of the chocolate candy bundles parachuted down over Berlin that she writes to pilot asking for one.”

Root, Phyllis, illus. David Parkins

AUNT NANCY AND COUSIN LAZYBONES (JE) 2000-01

“Cousin Lazybones gets outsmarted by Aunt Nancy.”

Rostoker-Gruber, Karen

ROOSTER CAN'T COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO (JE) 2006-07

Rooster has a sore throat and can't wake the sleeping farmer. He needs help – fast!

Rylant, Cynthia, illus. Sucie Stevenson

HENRY AND MUDGE AND THE LONG WEEKEND (JE) 1994-95

“On a boring, rainy weekend, Henry's mother finds something for the family to do.”

Salley, Coleen WINNER 2005

EPOSSUMONDAS (JE) 2004-2005

“Epossumondas may be his mother's sweet patootie but he doesn't have the sense he was born with.”

Salley, Coleen

WHY EPOSSUMONDAS HAS NO HAIR ON HIS TAIL (JE) 2006-07

Epossumondas' mama knows why his tail is pink, naked and funny looking and it's quite a story!

San Souci, Robert, illus. Jerry Pinkney

HIRED HAND (J398.2 SA54H) 1999-2000

“An African American folktale set in 1700's Virginia in which a gifted, hard working hired hand reforms Young Sam with a bit of sawdust, water and blood.”

San Souci, Robert, illus. Brian Pinkney WINNER 1995

SUKEY AND THE MERMAID (J398.21 SA582S) 1994-95

“Although mistreated by her stepfather, Sukey finds she can not leave land and live underseas with Mama Jo, her mermaid friend.”

Sanderson, Ruth

PAPA GATTO; AN ITALIAN FAIRY TALE (JE) 1997-98

“Papa Gatto seeks the perfect nanny for his motherless kittens.”

Schaefer, Lola                      WINNER 2007

ARROWHAWK (JE)    2006-07

A young red-tailed hawk, injured by a poacher's arrow, is rescued, rehabilitated and released back into the wild.

Schertle, Alice

DOWN THE ROAD (JE)    1997-98

"Young Hetty is finally old enough to make a solo trip to the store only to be sidetracked on the way home."

Schnitzlein, Danny

MONSTER WHO ATE MY PEAS (JE)    2003-2004

"A young boy agrees to give a disgusting monster first his soccer ball, then his bike in return for eating the boy's peas, but when the monster asks for his puppy, the boy makes a surprising discovery."

Schroeder, Alan, illus. Jerry Pinkney

MINTY, A STORY OF YOUNG HARRIET TUBMAN (JB T79SC)    1998-99

"A beautifully illustrated biography of the woman who became a legendary conductor on the Underground Railroad."

Silverman, Erica

DON'T FIDGET A FEATHER (JE)    1996-97

"Duck and Gander dare each other into a freeze contest, then a fox comes along."

Silverman, Erica, pictures by Susan Gaber

RAISEL'S RIDDLE (JE)    2001-02

"Instead of a glass slipper, Raisel uses a riddle to connect with her 'prince'."

Soto, Gary, illus. Ed Martinez

TOO MANY TAMALES (JE)    1995-96

"Wearing her mother's ring, Maria helps make the holiday tamales--then she discovers the ring is missing!"

Stevens, Janet

AND THE DISH RAN AWAY WITH THE SPOON (JE)    2003-2004

"When Dish and Spoon run away, their nursery rhyme friends, Cat, Cow, and Dog set out to rescue them in time for the next evening's reading of their rhyme."

Stevens, Janet

COOK-A-DOODLE-DOO (JE)    2001-02

"In this Little Red Hen sequel, Big Brown Rooster makes strawberry shortcake with a little help from his friends, iguana, potbellied pig and tortoise."



Stevens, Janet

JACKALOPE (JE) 2005-2006

“An armadillo narrates the story of the creation of the Jackalope.”

Stevens, Janet

TOPS AND BOTTOMS (JE) 1997-98

“Clever hare strikes a deal with lazy bear and gets his fortune back on track.”

Stevens, Janet & Susan Stevens Crummel

GREAT FUZZ FRENZY (JE) 2007-2008

“When a tennis ball lands in a prairie-dog town, the residents find that their new-found frenzy for fuzz creates a fiasco.”

Stewart, Sarah, illus. David Small

GARDENER (JE) 1999-2000

“Lydia, sent to help her uncle in his city bakery, just can’t keep from growing things.”

Stewig, John

KING MIDAS (J398.22 ST49) 2001-02

“Awash in golden light, this is a retelling of the classic tale of the king who gets what he wishes for.”

Stroud, Bettye

PATCHWORK PATH: A QUILT MAP TO FREEDOM (JE) 2007-2008

“A fictionalized account of a fascinating oral history, THE PATCHWORK PATH tells the story of a brave father and his young daughter, who escaped a life of slavery and made the dangerous journey to freedom.”

Tunnell, Michael, illus. Ted Rand

MAILING MAY (JE) 1999-2000

“Passenger fares are much higher than livestock fares so May gets shipped as a baby chick.”

Uhlberg, Myron

DAD, JACKIE, AND ME (JE) 2007-2008

“In Brooklyn, New York, in 1947, a boy learns about discrimination and tolerance as he and his deaf father share their enthusiasm over baseball and the Dodgers’ first baseman, Jackie Robinson.”

Van Allsburg, Chris

WIDOW’S BROOM (JE) 1994-95

“A poor hard working widow is repaid for her kindness with a magic broom but has to think fast to save it from jealous neighbors.”

Wiles, Debbie

FREEDOM SUMMER (JE) 2003-2004

"In 1964, Joe is pleased that a new law will allow his best friend John Henry, who is colored, to share the town pool and other public places with him, but he is dismayed to find that prejudice still exists."

Willey, Margaret

CLEVER BEATRICE (JE) 2003-2004

"A small but clever young girl outwits a rich giant and wins all his gold."

Winter, Jonah

ROBERTO CLEMENTE: THE PRIDE OF THE PITTSBURGH  
PIRATES (JNF) 2007-2008

"A biography of Roberto Clemente that tells about his years playing for the Pittsburgh Pirates."

Wolff, Patricia

TOLL-BRIDGE TROLL (JE) 1997-98

"Trigg has to trick a troll to get to school safely."

Woodson, Jacqueline

THE OTHER SIDE (JE) 2003-2004

"Two girls, one white and one black, gradually get to know each other as they sit on the fence that divides their town."

Wright, Betty Ren

BLIZZARD (JE) 2005-2006

"When a blizzard sweeps in on the plains Billy's cousins can't come for his birthday, but he still has guests."

Young, Ed

SEVEN BLIND MICE (JE) 1994-95

"Updated version of 'the Blind Men and the Elephant' tale teaches colors, days of the week, ordinal numbers and the moral that 'wisdom comes from seeing the whole'."