

BES Tiger Tracks**ICE CREAM may only be purchased on Friday during break time**

2009 Notable Books for Young Readers

- Becker, Bonny.** *A Visitor for Bear.* The simple backdrop of bear's forest home sets the stage for a visit from the persistent and irritating mouse who insists the two will become friends.
- Bee, William.** *Beware of the Frog* Living alone in the forest, Old Mrs. Collywobbles needs protection from the Greedy Goblin, the Smelly Troll, and the Giant Hungry Ogre. Her pet frog jumps out of folklore to come to her rescue and give Mrs. Collywobbles more than she anticipated.
- Campbell, Sarah C.** *Wolfsnail: A Backyard Predator* Magnified photographs and informative text provide a nonfiction look at the carnivorous wolfsnail trapping and devouring its victim. This science book will amaze and attract readers. (2009 Geisel Honor Book)
- Davis, Eleanor.** *Stinky* Stinky, the swamp monster, is at first determined to rid his beloved "muddy, slimy, smelly swamp" of Nick, only to realize that this dreaded "kid" is not the appallingly clean intruder he supposes him to be.
- Dorros, Arthur.** *Papá and Me* Lively artwork tells the el (Honor Book) story of a father and son who spend a special day together in the city—singing, cooking, going to the park and the beach, riding the bus, and telling stories, culminated by a visit with Papá's parents. (2009 Belpré Illustrator Honor)
- Fleming, Denise.** *Buster Goes to Cowboy Camp* After a week at Cowboy Camp for Dogs, Buster's homesickness evaporates as he joyfully joins the controlled canine chaos of camp activities. Fleming's richly colored multimedia art details the camp's layout and the animals' constant motion.
- Frazer, Marla.** *A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever* With lively, detailed, subtly retro cartoons, Frazer gently pokes fun at adult expectations and captures the unbounded joy of two friends experiencing a parent-free summer adventure. (2009 Caldecott Honor Book)
- George, Jean Craighead.** *Goose and Duck.* Goose imprints on the boy who finds his egg, Duck imprints on goose, and both follow the boy around until fall when they figure out who they are and join their fellows flying south.
- Graham, Bob.** *How to Heal a Broken Wing* On a busy city street, young Will stops for an injured pigeon. Soft watercolor panels depict the family's care of the bird and its subsequent release into the sky over the city.
- Grant, Judyann Ackerman.** *Chicken Said, "Cluck!"* Earl and Pearl shoo Chicken away as they work on their pumpkin patch, but as the story comes full circle, it's Chicken who does the shooing and saves the day.
- Harris, Robie H.** *Maybe a Bear Ate It!* When a favorite book goes missing, our frantic narrator conducts a frenzied search, imagining the worst. Cartoonish art illustrates the emotions of losing and finding a cherished object.
- Henkes, Kevin.** *Old Bear.* During his annual hibernation, Old Bear dreams of the seasons of his youth. Seasonal changes and Old Bear's sense of wonder are gently evoked in Henkes' ink and watercolor pictures.
- Hills, Tad.** *What's Up, Duck? A Book of Opposites* Adapting Duck and Goose for the board book crowd, Hills whimsically presents concepts such as loud and quiet, far and near, and heavy and light in clear, child-appealing watercolors.
- Hole, Stian.** *Garmann's Summer* Humorous and poetic text, combined with surreal and multi-layered artwork, creates a truly unique and complex look at the universality of fear and uncertainty in this tale of a six-year-old's last summer before starting school.
- Kohara, Kazuno.** *Ghosts in the House!* Faced with a houseful of ghosts, a little girl and her cat come up with a creative solution for repurposing them. Orange and black linocuts, collaged with rice paper "ghosts," complete this appealing package for very young children.
- McDonald, Megan.** *The Hinky Pink.* Until the young seamstress Anabel finds the perfect bed for the Hobbledy-gob Hinky-Pink, she will get no sleep and the Princess's dress will never be ready in time for the ball.
- Morales, Yuyi.** *Just in Case: A Trickster Tale and Spanish Alphabet Book.* Vibrant jewel-tone colors masterfully capture the story of Señor Calavera's quest to find the perfect birthday gift for Grandma Beetle. Part ghost story, part trickster tale, the book features motifs from Mexican culture that represent each letter of the Spanish alphabet.
- Seeger, Laura Vaccaro.** *One Boy.* Seeger's eye-catching picture book leads readers to discover words within words through a distinctive die-cut design and clean, bold illustrations. (2009 Geisel Honor Book)
- Swanson, Susan Marie.** *The House in the Night* This timeless bedtime verse offers reassurance to young children that there is always light in the darkness. Elegant line, with touches of golden watercolor, evoke the warmth and comfort of home, as well as the joys of exploring the wider world. (2009 Caldecott Medal Book)
- Tafolla, Carmen.** *What Can You Do with a Rebozo?* Rich, vibrant colors swirl and swoosh across full-page spreads, depicting the family home of an imaginative, young Mexican American girl who playfully invents modern-day uses for the traditional Mexican rebozo, or long scarf. (2009 Belpré Honor Book)
- Weatherford, Carole Boston**
John Coltrane's childhood echoed with sounds. The formative experiences of the legendary musician and composer are portrayed in rhythmic language and stylized, mixed media illustrations in blues, browns and white. (2009 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book)
- Willems, Mo.** *Are You Ready to Play Outside?* Easily approachable text and expressive drawings tell the story of Piggie and Gerald who experience the ups and downs of a rainy day. (2009 Geisel Award Book)

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