

Sunshine State Young Reader's Award 2009 - 2010 (Grades 3-5)



Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything in It

Sundee T. Frazier

Brendan Buckley, a biracial ten-year-old, applies his scientific problem-solving ability and newfound interest in rocks and minerals to connect with his white grandfather, the president of Puyallup Rock Club, and to learn why he and Brendan's mother are estranged. #900726 Yearling Books ©08 **\$11.46**

Gr. 3 - 6 (Fic) AR: 4 / 6 RC 3.5 Lex 630



The Lemonade War

Jacqueline Davis

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse learn that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they compete with lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars. Includes mathematical calculations and tips for running a successful lemonade stand. #885146 Houghton Mifflin ©07 **\$10.46**

Gr. 3 - 6 (Fic) AR: 4.1 / 4 RC 3.7 Lex 630



A Crooked Kind of Perfect

Linda Urban

Ten-year-old Zoe Elias, who longs to play the piano but must resign herself to learning the organ, instead, finds that her musicianship has a positive impact on her workaholic mother, her jittery father, and her school social life.

#500692 Houghton Mifflin ©07 **\$10.46**

Gr. 3 - 7 (Fic) AR: 3.9 / 4 RC 4.5 Lex 730



Me and the Pumpkin Queen

Marlane Kennedy

Although Aunt Arlene tries to interest her in clothing and growing up, ten-year-old Mildred is entirely focused on growing a pumpkin big enough to win the annual Circleville, Ohio, contest, as her mother dreamed of doing before she died.

#898939 Greenwillow ©07 **\$13.59**

Gr. 3 - 7 (FIC) AR: 4.8 / 4 RC 4.6 Lex 790



Defiance

Valerie Hobbs

While vacationing in the country, eleven-year-old Toby, a cancer patient, learns some important lessons about living and dying from an elderly poet and her cow. (Available 5/26/2009)

#903191 Square Fish ©09 **\$11.96**

Gr. 5 - 8 (Fic) AR: 4 / 3 RC 4.2 Lex 640



The Middle of Somewhere

J.B. Cheaney

Twelve-year-old Ronnie loves organization, but traveling with her grandfather who is investigating wind power in Kansas brings some pleasant, if chaotic, surprises.

#903194 Random House ©08 **\$13.59**

Gr. 5 - 8 (Fic) AR: 5.4 / 8 RC 5.7 Lex 900



Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat

Lynne Jonell illus. Jonathan Bean

When Emmy discovers that she and her formerly loving parents are being drugged by their evil nanny with rodent potions that can change people in frightening ways, she and some new friends must try everything possible to return things to normal.

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Gr. 5 - 8 (Fic) AR: 4.7 / 9 RC 4.5 Lex 780



Night of the Howling Dogs

Graham Salisbury

Eleven Boy Scouts, their leaders, and some new friends camping at Halape, Hawaii, in 1975, find their survival skills put to the test when a massive earthquake strikes, followed by a tsunami.

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Gr. 3 - 6 (Fic) AR: 3.5 / 5 RC 3.2 Lex 530



The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop

Elementary School Candace Fleming

An unlikely teacher takes over the disorderly fourth-grade class of Aesop Elementary School with surprising results.

#496093 Random House ©07 **\$13.59**

Gr. 2 - 6 (Fic) AR: 3.9 / 4



Punished!

David Lubar

Logan and his friend Benedict are playing tag in the library when a mysterious man punishes him for his disrespect by making him speak only in puns.

#903206 Lerner Publishing ©07 **\$9.96**

Gr. 3 - 6 (Fic) AR: 3.1 / 1 RC 4.3 Lex 540



Found

Margaret Peterson Haddix

When thirteen-year-olds Jonah and Chip, both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane full of babies with no adults on board, they uncover a mystery involving time travel and two opposing forces, each trying to repair the fabric of time.

#890510 Simon and Schuster ©08 **\$11.26**

Gr. 3 - 7 (Fic) AR: 5 / 9 RC 4.6 Lex 750



The Puzzling World of Winston Breen

Eric Berlin

Winston Breen loves solving puzzles; and when his sister uncovers a twenty-five-year-old scavenger hunt--which leads to a ring worth thousands of dollars--he and his family jump at the opportunity to solve it.

#903199 Penguin Group ©09 **\$12.56**

Gr. 3 - 6 (Fic) AR: 4.2 / 8 RC 4.2 Lex 670



Highway Cats

Janet Taylor Lisle

A hard-bitten group of many highway cats is changed forever after the mysterious arrival of three kittens.

#508018 Philomel Books ©08 **\$12.74**

Gr. 4 - 6 (Fic) AR: 4.8 / 3 RC 5.3 Lex 810



Igraine the Brave

Cornelia Funke

The daughter of two magicians, twelve-year-old Igraine wants nothing more than to be a knight, and when their castle is attacked by a treacherous neighbor bent on stealing their singing magic books, Igraine has an opportunity to demonstrate her bravery.

#496494 Scholastic ©07 **\$14.44**

Gr. 3 - 6 (Fic) AR: 5.6 / 7 RC 5.7 Lex 900



The Year of the Dog

Grace Lin

Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog, those of making best friends and finding oneself, to her own life.

#468589 Little, Brown ©06 **\$9.96**

Gr. 3 - 5 (Fic) AR: 4.2 / 3 RC 5.2 Lex 690

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