

2021 FINALISTS lages 3-8

Best Picture Book Duo

- Nancy Churnin and Felicia Marshall, creators of Beautiful Shades of Brown (Creston Books)
- Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin, creators of Click Clack Goodnight (Simon & Schuster Books For Young Readers)
- Jane Yolen and Mark Teague, creators of How Do Dinosaurs Show Good Manners? (Scholastic)
- Carrie Lara and Christine Battuz, creators of The Heart of Mi Familia (Magination Press)
- Minh Lê and Dan Santat, creators of Lift (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers)
- Sarah Janco and Blayne Fox, creators of The Merry Christmas Mittens (Brown Books Kids)

Best Picture Book Page

- All Along the River, by Magnus Weightman; illus. Magnus Weightman (Clavis Publishing)
- All Because You Matter, by Tami Charles; illus. Bryan Collier (Scholastic)
- The Alphabet's Alphabet, by Chris Harris; illus. Dan Santat (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers)
- Arlo The Lion Who Couldn't Sleep, by Catherine Rayner; illus. Catherine Rayner (Peachtree Publishing Company Inc.)
- Babbit and Joan, a Rabbit and a Phone, by Denise Turu; illus. Denise Turu (Flyaway Books)
- How to Spot an Artist, by Danielle Krysa; illus. Danielle Krysa (Prestel Publishing)

Favorite Early Reader Series

- Billie B. Brown Series by Sally Rippin; illus. Aki Fukuoka (Kane Miller, A Division of EDC Publishing)
- Elephant and Piggie Like Reading! Series by Ryan T. Higgins and Mo Willems (Disney Publishing Group)
- Feel Better Books Series by Leah Bowen and Holly Brochmann; illus. Shirley Ng (Magination Press)
- Little People, BIG DREAMS Series by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara; illus. Sophie Beer (Quarto Group)
- Little Monster Series by Helen Ketteman; illus. Bonnie Leick (Two Lions)
- The Magnificent Makers Series by Theanne Griffith; illus. Reggie Brown (Random House Children's Books)

Favorite Illustrated Character

- Bentley Bee from Bee Heartful, by Frank J. Sileo; illus. Claire Keay (Magination Press)
- Little Blue Truck from Little Blue Truck's Valentine, by Alice Schertle; illus. Jill McElmurry (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt BYR)
- Nibbles the Book Monster from Nibbles: Colors, by Emma Yarlett; illus. Emma Yarlett (Kane Miller, A Division of EDC Publishing)
- Ms. Johnson from The Noisy Classroom, by Angela Shanté; illus. Alison Hawkins (West Margin Press)
- Old Dog from This Old Dog, by Martha Brockenbrough; illus. Gabriel Alborozo (Levine Querido)
- The Princess in Black from The Princess in Black and the Giant Problem, by Shannon Hale, Dean Hale; illus. LeUyen Pham (Candlewick Press)

Best Book of the Year: K - 2nd Grade

- Bedtime for Sweet Creatures, by Nikki Grimes; illus. Elizabeth Zunon (Sourcebooks)
- Evelyn Del Rey Is Moving Away, by Meg Medina; illus. Sonia Sánchez (Candlewick Press)
- Every Color of Light, by Hiroshi Osada; illus. Ryoji Arai (Enchanted Lion Books)
- I Am Every Good Thing, by Derrick Barnes; illus. Gordon C. James (Penguin Young Readers)
- I Talk Like a River, by James Scott; illus. Sydney Smith (Holiday House)
- We Are Water Protectors, by Carole Lindstrom; illus. Michaela Goade (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group)

