

North Carolina Children's Book Award Bibliography

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Lexile Score	Year	Title Information	Call Number
	2020	Cummings, Troy. <i>Can I Be Your Dog?</i> . First edition. New York: Random House, 2018. (Picture Book)	E C9127C
		Arfy is a hound on a mission! Bound and determined to find a home, Arfy writes letters to everyone on Butternut Street. Honestly, he's the best dog you could ever want. He's obedient! He's housebroken! He even has his own squeaky bone! Who will adopt Arfy in the end? You'll never guess!	
640	2020	Yang, Kelly. <i>Front Desk</i> . First edition. New York: Arthur A. Levine Books/Scholastic Inc., 2018.	F Y164F
		Mia Tang has a lot of secrets. Number 1: She lives in a motel, not a big house. Every day, while her immigrant parents clean the rooms, ten-year-old Mia manages the front desk of the Calivista Motel and tends to its guests. Number 2: Her parents hide immigrants. And if the mean motel owner, Mr. Yao, finds out they've been letting them stay in the empty rooms for free, the Tangs will be doomed. Number 3: She wants to be a writer. But how can she when her mom thinks she should stick to math because English is not her first language? It will take all of Mia's courage, kindness, and hard work to get through this year. Will she	

		be able to hold on to her job, help the immigrants and guests, escape Mr. Yao, and go for her dreams?	
AD330L	2019	Dyckman, Amy. <i>Read the Book, Lemmings!</i> New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2017. (Picture Book)	*Not currently in collection
		A literate fox attempts to teach a trio of overzealous lemmings to read in order to save them from their habit of jumping off cliffs.	
800L		Gratz, Alan. <i>Refugee</i> . New York: Scholastic Press, 2017. (Junior Book)	F G774R
		Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.	
AD450L	2018	Jory, John. <i>Quit Calling Me a Monster!</i> New York: Random House, 2016. (Picture Book) A young monster resents being called a monster.	E J6136Q
850L		O'Connor, Barbara. <i>Wish</i> . New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2016. (Junior Book)	F OC53W
		A story about a girl who, with the help of the dog of her dreams, discovers that family doesn't always have to be relatedthey are simply people who love you for who you are.	
370L	2017	Bell, Cece. <i>I Yam a Donkey!</i> Boston, MA: Clarion Books, 2015. (Picture Book)	E B4132IA
		Confusion abounds when a poorly spoken donkey says to a grammarian yam, "I Yam a Donkey!"	
GN440L		Jamieson, Victoria. <i>Roller Girl</i> . New York: Dial Books, 2015. (Junior Book)	F J243R

		A graphic novel adventure about a girl who discovers roller derby right as she and her best friend are growing apart.	
AD500L	2016	DiPucchio, Kelly. <i>Gaston</i> . New York: Atheneum Books for Young Children, 2014. (Picture Book)	E D626GA
		A proper bulldog raised in a poodle family and a tough poodle raised in a bulldog family meet one day in the park.	
570L		Applegate, Katherine. <i>The One and Only Ivan</i> . New York: Harper, 2012. (Junior Book)	F AP52O
		When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.	
AD730L	2015	Daywalt, Drew. <i>The Day the Crayons Quit</i> . New York: Philomel Books, 2013. (Picture Book)	E D337DAQ
		When Duncan arrives at school one morning, he finds a stack of letters, one from each of his crayons, complaining about how he uses them.	
540L		Larson, Kirby. <i>Duke</i> . New York: Scholastic Press, 2013. (Junior Book)	F L32963DU
		In 1944 Hobie Hanson's father is flying B-24s in Europe, so Hobie decides to donate his beloved German shepherd, Duke, to Dogs for Defense in the hope that it will help end the war soonerbut when he learns that Duke is being trained for combat he is shocked, frightened and determined to get his dog back.	
AD410L	2014	LaRochelle, David. <i>The Haunted Hamburger and Other Ghostly Stories</i> . New York: Dutton Children's Books, 2011. (Picture Book)	E L327H
790L		Palacio, R.J. <i>Wonder</i> . New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. (Junior Book)	F P171W
AD240L	2013	Litwin, Eric. <i>Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes</i> . New York: Harper, 2010. (Picture Book)	E L737PEI
740L		Mass, Wendy. <i>The Candymakers</i> . New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2010. (Junior Book)	F M3819C

N/A	2012	Perry, John. <i>The Book That Eats People</i> . Berkeley, CA: Tricycle Press, 2009. (Picture Book)	E P4296B
760L		Angleberger, Tom. <i>The Strange Case of Origami Yoga</i> . New York: Amulet Books, 2010. (Junior Book)	F AN462ST
AD180L	2011	Thomas, Jan. <i>Rhyming Dust Bunnies</i> . New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2009. (Picture Book)	E T3642R
630L		Davies, Jacqueline. <i>The Lemonade War</i> . Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2007. (Junior Book)	F D2875L01
AD810L	2010	Larson, Kirby. <i>Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival</i> . New York: Walker, 2008. (Picture Book)	636.08 L3296T
730L		Kadohata, Cynthia. <i>Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam</i> . New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2007. (Junior Book)	F K116C
430L	2009	Bruel, Nick. <i>Who is Melvin Bubble?</i> New Milford, CT: Roaring Brook Press, 2006. (Picture Book)	E B832WH
950L		Kinney, Jeff. <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal</i> . New York: Amulet Books, 2007. (Junior Book)	F K623D01
AD560L	2008	Watt, Mélanie. <i>Scaredy Squirrel</i> . Toronto, ON: Kids Can Press, 2006. (Picture Book)	E W3407S
AD670L		Rex, Adam. <i>Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich</i> . Orlando, FL: Harcourt, 2006. (Junior Book)	813 R329F
550L	2007	O'Malley, Kevin. <i>Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude</i> . New York: Walker & Company, 2005. (Picture Book)	F OM13O
870L		Martin, Ann M. <i>A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray</i> . New York: Scholastic, 2005. (Junior Book)	F M3632DG
AD270L	2006	Kasza, Keiko. <i>My Lucky Day</i> . New York: G.P. Putnam, 2003. (Picture Book)	E K1555MY
420L		Blake, Robert J. <i>Togo</i> . New York: Philomel Books, 2002. (Junior Book)	E B58178T

AD300L	2005	Palatini, Margie. <i>Bad Boys</i> . New York: Scholastic, 2003. (Picture Book)	E P172BA
810L		Wisniewski, David. <i>Secret Knowledge of Grown-ups, The Second File</i> . New York: HarperCollins, 2001. (Junior Book)	E W762S
NP	2004	Katz, Alan. <i>Take Me Out of the Bathtub and Other Silly Dilly Songs</i> . New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2001. (Picture Book)	782.42164 K1591T
N/A		Hornick, Laurie Miller. <i>The Secrets of Ms. Snickle's Class</i> . New York: Clarion Books, 2001. (Junior Book)	*Not currently in collection
NP	2003	Arnold, Tedd. <i>More Parts</i> . New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2001. (Picture Book)	E AR657M.A
580L		Johnson, Paul Brett. <i>Fearless Jack</i> . New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2001. (Junior Book)	*Not currently in collection
AD540L	2002	Shannon, David. <i>A Bad Case of Stripes</i> . New York: Blue Sky Press, 1998. (Picture Book)	E SH191B
460L		Jordan, Deloris. <i>Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream</i> . New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2000. (Junior Book)	E J766S
AD360L	2001	Lester, Helen. <i>Hooway for Wodney Wat</i> . Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1999. (Picture Book)	E L5672H
500L		Byars, Betsy. <i>Tornado</i> . New York: HarperCollins, 1996. (Junior Book)	F B99TO
920L	2000	Medearis, Angela Shelf. <i>The Ghost of Sifty-Sifty Sam</i> . New York: Scholastic, 1997. (Picture Book)	F M4673G
HL560L		Spinelli, Jerry. <i>Crash</i> . New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1996. (Junior Book)	F SP465C.A
530L	1999	Cannon, Janell. <i>Verdi</i> . San Diego, CA: Harcourt Brace, 1997. (Picture Book)	E C1647V
830L		Clements, Andrew. <i>Frindle</i> . New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1996. (Junior Book)	F C59161FR

AD590L	1998	DeGroat, Diane. <i>Roses Are Pink, Your Feet Really Stink</i> . New York: Morrow Junior Books, 1996. (Picture Book)	E D3652R
860L		Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. <i>Shiloh Season</i> . New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 1996. (Junior Book)	F N234SHI
510L	1997	Rathmann, Peggy. <i>Officer Buckle and Gloria</i> . New York: Putnam's, 1995. (Picture Book)	E R188O
N/A		Wooldridge, Connie. <i>Wicked Jack</i> . New York: Holiday House, 1995. (Junior Book)	398.21 W882W
AD560L	1996	Yep, Laurence. <i>The Man Who Tricked a Ghost</i> . Mahwah, NJ: Bridgewater Press, 1993. (Picture Book)	398.25 Y43M
750L		Coville, Bruce. <i>My Teacher Fried My Brains</i> . New York: Pocket Books, 1991. (Junior Book)	F C83837MY
AD410L	1995	Pfister, Marcus. <i>The Rainbow Fish</i> . New York: North-South Books, 1992. (Picture Book)	E P481R
740L		Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. <i>The Boys Start War</i> . New York: Delacorte Press, 2013. (Junior Book)	F N234BO
		1995 – The First Year the Junior Book Category was Awarded	
520L	1994	Scieszka, Jon. <i>The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales</i> . New York: Viking, 1992.	E SCI279STI
AD820L	1993	Mahy, Margaret. <i>The Seven Chinese Brothers</i> . New York: Scholastic, 1989.	E M279S
430L	1992	Schwartz, Alvin. <i>In a Dark, Dark Room, and other Scary Stories</i> . New York: Harper & Row, 1984.	E SCH94I
		1992 – The First North Carolina Children's Book Award	

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