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**Picture Book**

Barton, Bethany - I'm Trying to Love Spiders: (It Isn't Easy)
Cotton, Katie - Counting Lions: portraits from the wild
Hall, Michael - Red: A Crayon Story
LeBox, Annette - Peace is an Offering
Nelson, Kadir - If You Plant a Seed
Paschkis, Julie - Flutter & Hum: Animal Poems = Alteo y Aumbido: Poemas de Animales
Rocco, John – Blizzard
Rockliff, Mara - Gingerbread for Liberty!: How a German Baker Helped Win the American Revolution
Rockliff, Mara - Mesmerized: How Ben Franklin Solved a Mystery that Baffled All of France
Rozier, Lucy Margaret - Jackrabbit McCabe & the Electric Telegraph
Russel-Brown, Katheryn - Little Melba and Her Big Trombone
Salas, Laura Purdie - Water can be...
Thompson, Laurie Ann - Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah
Underwood, Deborah - Interstellar Cinderella

**Grades 4-6 Nominees**

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker - The War That Saved My Life
Cameron, W. Bruce - Ellie's Story: A Dog's Purpose Novel
Clements, Andrew - The Map Trap
DeCamp, Alison - My Near-death Adventures (99% true!)
Draper, Sharon - Stella by Starlight
Hahn, Mary Downing - Took: A Ghost Story
Hannigan, Kate - The Detective's Assistant
Hunt, Lynda Mullaly - Fish in a Tree
Korman, Gordon – Masterminds
Sachar, Louis - Fuzzy Mud

**Graphic Novels, Grades 4-6 Nominees**

Aguirre, Jorge Augusto and Rafael Rosado - Dragons Beware!
Deutsch, Barry - Hereville: How Mirka Caught a Fish
Hale, Nathan - The Underground Abductor
Holm, Jennifer - Sunny Side Up
Lucke, Deb - The Lunch Witch. 1
McCoola, Marika - Baba Yaga's Assistant
Roman, Dave - Astronaut Academy: Re-Entry
Spiegelman, Nadja - Lost in NYC: A Subway Adventure
Thompson, Craig - Space Dumplings
Yang, Gene Luen - Secret Coders
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Grades 6-9 Nominees

Alifirenka, Caitlin & Martin Ganda - I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives
Benjamin, Ali - The Thing About Jellyfish: A Novel
Chambliss Bertman, Jennifer - Book Scavenger
Hoffman, Alice – Nightbird
Holt, K. A. - House Arrest
Lai, Thanhha - Listen, Slowly
Laurie, Victoria – When
Priest, Cherie - I am Princess X
Romero, Jordan - No Summit Out of Sight: The True Story of The Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits
Schmidt, Gary D - Orbiting Jupiter

Graphic Novels, Grades 6-9 Nominees

Brown, Don - Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina & New Orleans
Chmakova, Svetlana – Awkward
Cliff, Tony - Delilah Dirk and the Turkish Lieutenant
Faulkner, Matt - Gaijin: American Prisoner of War
Hosler, Jay - The Last of the Sandwalkers
Jamieson, Victoria - Roller Girl
Ruth, Greg - The Lost Boy
Stevenson, Noelle - Lumberjanes. 1, Beware the Kitten Holy
Towle, Ben - Oyster War
Wilson, G. Willow - Ms. Marvel. 1, No Normal

High School Nominees

Berry, Nina - The Notorious Pagan Jones
Dessen, Sarah - Saint Anything: A Novel
Harmon, Michael B – Stick
Magoon, Kekla - How it Went Down
Murphy, Julie - Dumplin'
Reynolds, Jason - The Boy in the Black Suit
Stratton, Allan - The Dogs
Tahir, Sabaa - An Ember in the Ashes
Toten, Teresa - The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B
Yoon, Nicola - Everything, Everything