**Louisiana Young Readers Choice 3-5th Grade**

**Annotated Nomination List 2019**

*(For students to read in 2018)*

1. **Ada’s Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay** by Susan Hood, illustrated by Sally Wern Comport, 40 pp.

Picture book biography featuring a town built on a landfill, a community in need of hope, a girl with a dream, a man with a vision and one ingenious idea. Put them together and you have a positive story which gives hope that people can change the world. (Summary provided by publisher.)

AR Quiz No. 184419, IL:LG – BL:4.6 – AR Pts:0.5 – Lexile Measure: 820. [picture book biography, female protagonist, Paraguay, orchestra, instruments, music, recycling, **E.B. White Read Aloud Award Picture Book Honor Book**]

Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers: 2016. Hardcover: 9781481430951. $17.99

eBook: 9781481430968

1. **Adrift at Sea: A Vietnamese Boy’s Story of Survival** by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch, with Tuan Ho, illustrated by Brian Deines, 40 pp.

Tuan and his family survive bullets, a broken motor, and a leaking boat in the long days they spend at sea after fleeing Vietnam. A moving account, as told to the author by Tuan Ho. Includes family photographs and a historical note about the Vietnamese refugee crisis. (Summary provided by publisher.)

No AR yet. [picture book autobiography, historical, Asia, Vietnam, emigration & immigration, refugees, boats, survival]

Pajama Press: 2016. Hardcover: 9781772780055. $18.95

1. **The Bad Guys (The Bad Guys #1)** by Aaron Blabey, , 139 pp.

The Bad Guys, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Piranha, want to be heroes, and they decide that the way to do it is free the 200 dogs in the city dog pound--but their plan soon goes awry. (Summary provided by publisher.)

AR Quiz No. 180215, IL:LG – BL:2.4 – AR Pts:0.5 – Lexile Measure: 250. [chapter book, humor, reluctant readers, animals, action & adventure, rescues, text with graphics]

Scholastic: 2016. Paperback: 9780545912402. $5.99

1. **FRAMED! A T.O.A.S.T. Mystery (Book #1)** by James Ponti, 292 pp.

With the use of his own special detecting technique, twelve-year-old Florian Bates, a consulting detective for the FBI, and his best friend, Margaret, help thwart the biggest art heist in United States history. (Summary provided by publisher.)

AR Quiz No. 185010, IL:MG – BL:5.0 – AR Pts:8.0 – Lexile Measure: 680. [chapter book, male & female protagonists, mystery & detective, humor, friendship, action & adventure, art thieves, Washington (D.C.), FBI]

Aladdin (Simon & Schuster): 2016. Hardcover: 9781481436304. $16.99

Aladd in: 2017. Paperback: 9781481436311. $7.99

eBook: 9781481436328

1. **The Marvelous Thing That Came from a Spring: The Accidental Invention of the Toy That Swept the Nation** by Gilbert Ford, 36 pp.

This is the story of Richard James, an engineer who, along with the help of his wife Betty, invents the iconic children’s toy, the Slinky.

AR Quiz No. 187408, IL:LG – BL:4.2 – AR Pts:0.5. [picture book biography, inventions & inventors, science & technology, slinky, **A Bank Street College of Education Best Children’s Book of the Year (5-8th category)**]

Atheneum Books for Young Readers (Simon and Schuster): 2016. Hardcover:

9781481450652. $17.99

eBook available

1. **My Life in Pictures (Bea Garcia Book #1)** by Deborah Zemke, 144 pp.

When budding artist Bea Garcia’s best friend moves to Australia and a loud, rambunctious boy moves into her old house, Bea must learn to make new friends. Diary-style chapter book with illustrations throughout; will appeal to fans of Judy Moody. (Summary provided by publisher.)

AR Quiz No. 181578, IL:LG – BL:3.3 – AR Pts:1.0 – Lexile Measure: 0510 [chapter book, female protagonist, friendship, bullying, art & drawing, Hispanic Americans, reluctant reader interest, text & graphics, **A New York Public Library Best of the Year pick**]

Dial Books for Young Readers (Penguin): 2016. Hardcover: 9780803741546. $14.99

Puffin Books: 2017. Paper back: 9780147513120. $7.99

eBook available

1. **Seven and a Half Tons of Steel** by Janet Nolan, illustrated by Thomas Gonzalez, 30 pp.

True story of how, following the 9/11 attacks, a steel beam from the World Trade Center was taken to a shipyard in New Orleans and converted into the bow of navy ship USS *New York*.

AR Quiz No. 182911, IL:LG – BL:4.4 – AR Pts:0.5. – Lexile Measure: 820. [picture book, non-fiction, New York, 9/11, Louisiana shipyard, boat & ships]

Peachtree Publishers: 2016. Hardcover: 9781561459124. $17.95

1. **Soar** by Joan Bauer, 304 pp.

Moving to Hillcrest, Ohio, when his adoptive father accepts a temporary job, twelve-year-old Jeremiah, a heart transplant recipient, a boy who always tries to see the positive side of any situation, has sixty days to find a baseball team to coach. (Summary provided by publisher.)

AR Quiz No. 178915, IL:MG - BL:3.6 - AR Pts:6.0. 0 – Lexile Measure: 0510 [baseball, moving, heart transplants, teamwork, sports, coaches, adoption, **Winner of The Christopher Award; A Texas Bluebonnet Book; An ILC Children’s Choices pick; A Black-Eyed Susan Book Award Nominee; A Dorothy Canfield Fisher Book Award Nominee; An Illinois 2018 Bluestem Award Nominee**]

Viking: 2016. Hardcover: 9780451470348. $16.99

Puffin Books: 2017. Paperback: 9780147513151. $7.34

eBook available

1. **Step Right Up: How Doc and Jim Key Taught the World About Kindness** by Donna Janell Bowman, 48 pp.

A picture book biography of Dr. William Key, a former slave and self-trained veterinarian who taught his horse, Jim, to read and write and who together with Jim, became one of the most famous traveling performance acts around the turn of the 20th century. Includes afterward and author’s sources. (Summary provided by publisher.)

AR Quiz No. 185164, IL:LG – BL:5.3 – AR Pts:0.5. – Lexile Measure: 910 [picture book biography, African American interest, humane education, horses, human-animal communication]

Lee & Low Books, Inc: 2016. Hardcover: 9781620141489. $19.95

1. **Tiny Stitches – The Life of Medical Pioneer Vivien Thomas** by Gwendolyn Hooks, illustrated by Colin Bootman, , 32 pp.

Biography of Vivien Thomas, an African-American surgical technician who pioneered the procedure used to treat babies with a heart defect known as ‘blue baby syndrome.’ Includes author’s note and author’s sources. (Summary provided by publisher.)

AR Quiz No. 183835, IL:LG – BL:5.9 – AR Pts:0.5. – Lexile Measure: 920 [picture book biography, African American interest, surgeons & doctors, racism, science & technology]

Lee & Low Books, Inc.: 2016. Hardcover: 9781620141564. $17.95

1. **Towers Falling** by Jewell Parker Rhodes, 240 pp.

While learning about September 11th, fifth grader Deja (born after the attacks) realizes how much the events still color her world. (Summary provided by publisher.)

AR Quiz No. 182917, IL:MG – BL:3.3 – AR Pts:4.0. – Lexile Measure: 410. [9/11, New York, multicultural, friendship, homelessness, schools, chapter book, realistic fiction]

Little, Brown and Company (Hachette): 2016. Hardcover: 9780316262224. $16.99

Little, Brown and Company (Hachette): 2018. Paperback: 9780316262217. $7.99

eBook: 9780316262231

Library edition eBook: 9780316262200

1. **The Voyage to Magical North (The Accidental Pirates Book #1)** by Claire Fayers, 311 pp.

Twelve-year-old Brine Seaborne and her friend Peter find themselves in an adventure with pirates, invisible bears, and a seriously evil magician. (Summary provided by publisher.)

AR Quiz No. 186280, IL::MG – BL:5.2 – AR Pts:11.0 – Lexile Measure: 710. [chapter book, fantasy, magic, voyages & travels, action & adventure, pirates]

Henry Holt & Co.: 2016. Hardcover: 9781627794206. $16.99

Square Fish: 2017. Paperback: 9781250115386. $7.99

eBook: 9781627796583

1. **The William Hoy Story: How a Deaf Baseball Player Changed the Game** by Nancy Churnin, illustrated by Jez Tuya, 32 pp.

Picture book biography about William “Dummy” Hoy, a deaf major league baseball player who introduced the use of hand signals into the game.

AR Quiz No. 181403, IL:LG – BL:3.5 – AR Pts:0.5. – Lexile Measure: 620 [picture book biography, baseball, special needs, deafness, **on seven best of year book lists, 2017 Storytelling World Resource Award Honor Book**]

Albert Whitman & Co.: 2016. Hardcover: 9780807591925, $16.99

eBook available

1. **Wish** by Barbara O’Connor, 240 pp.

A story about a girl who, with the help of the dog of her dreams, discovers that family doesn’t always have to be related—they are simply people who love you for who you are. (Summary provided by publisher.)

AR Quiz No. 184124, IL:MG – BL:5.0 – AR Pts:6.0. – Lexile Measure: 850 [chapter book, female protagonist, human-animal relationships, dogs, families, multigenerational, moving, friendship]

Farrar, Straus & Giroux: 2016. Hardcover: 9780374302733, $16.99

Square Fish: 2017. Paperback: 9781250144058. $7.99

eBook: 9780374302757

1. **Word of Mouse** by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein, illustrated by Joe Sutphin, 294 pp.

The illuminating journey of a very special blue mouse, and the unexpected friendships he makes along the way. (Summary provided by publisher.)

AR Quiz No. 186406, IL:MG – BL:4.5 – AR Pts:5.0. . – Lexile Measure: 690 [animal protagonist, mice, action & adventure, friendship, humor, overcoming fear, family, ***New York Times* Bestseller; A 2017 Parents' Choice Award® winner; Barnes and Noble's Best Book of the Month for Young Readers; An Amazon Best Book of the Month Pick**]

Jimmy Patterson (Little, Brown & Co.): 2016. Hardcover: 9780316349567, $13.99

eBook available