



# Show Me Readers Award

## 2017 Nominees

**Trombone Shorty** EB AND  
*by Troy Andrews, illustrated by Bryan Collier*

Hailing from the Tremé neighborhood in New Orleans, Troy “Trombone Shorty” Andrews got his nickname by wielding a trombone twice as long as he was high. He was leading his own band by age six, and today is a Grammy-nominated artist.

**I Am Trying To Love Spiders** E595.44 BAR  
*by Bethany Barton, illustrated by Bethany Barton*

Learn fascinating and funny facts about spiders in this captivating non-fiction picture book. If “I’m Trying to Love Spiders” doesn’t cure your spider phobia, it’ll at least make you appreciate how amazing they are.

**Marilyn’s Monster** E KNU  
*by Michelle Knudsen, illustrated by Matt Phelan*

A lot of Marilyn’s friends have monsters, and Marilyn really wants a monster, too. She tries her best to make her monster appear, but nothing works. Everyone knows you just have to wait for your monster, but Marilyn thinks there may be another way.

**The Day the Crayons Came Home** E DAY  
*by Drew Daywalt, illustrated by Oliver Jeffers*

One day, Duncan is happily coloring with his crayons when a stack of postcards arrives in the mail from his former crayons that either ran away or were left behind, and all of them want to come home.

**Mother Bruce** E HIG  
*by Ryan T. Higgins, illustrated by Ryan T. Higgins*

Bruce is a grumpy bear who likes no one and nothing but cooked eggs. When some goslings hatch from the eggs he was planning to eat, he must try to make the best of the situation.

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*by Cassandra Maxwell, illustrated by Cassandra Maxwell*

This is a biography of Abraham Dee Bartlett and how he helped to invent the modern zoo.

**Queen of the Diamond: The Lizzie Murphy Story** EB MUR  
*by Emily Arnold McCully, illustrated by Emily Arnold McCully*

This picture book biography is about Lizzie Murphy, the first woman to play in a major league exhibition game and the first person to play on both the New England and American leagues’ all-star teams.

**Ketzel, The Cat Who Composed** E NEW  
*by Lesléa Newman, illustrated by Amy June Bates*

Moshe Cotel was a composer who lived in a noisy city. Everything he heard was music to his ears. One day, while out for a walk, he heard a small, sad sound coming from a tiny kitten. Inspired by a true story, this is an engaging tale of a creative man and the beloved cat who brings unexpected sweet notes his way.

**If You Ever Want To Bring an Alligator to School, Don’t!** E PAR  
*by Elise Parsley, illustrated by Elise Parsley*

A child provides insights, based on personal experience, into everything that can go wrong if one brings an alligator to school for show-and-tell.

**Winnie: The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh** E599.785 WAL  
*by Sally M. Walker, illustrated by Jonathan D. Voss*

When Harry Colebourn saw a baby bear at a train station, he knew he could care for it. Harry named her Winnie and brought her to his military camp in England. When Harry went to battle, he found a new home for Winnie in the London Zoo. There, Winnie met a boy named Christopher Robin. He could care for this bear, too!





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