



Show Me Readers Award

2022 Nominees

Scaredy Snacks!

written & illustrated by Terry Border E BOR

When Cheese Doodle, Pretzel and Sprinkles learn that someone has moved in next door, they make like bananas and split to go meet their new neighbor. Their knock opens the door to creepy Dr. Nuttenstein's house, and what they find inside leaves them feeling like they've been placed in a blender!

Dozens of Doughnuts

written by Carrie Finison, illustrated by Brianne Farley E FIN

Louann the bear is making a doughnut feast in preparation for hibernation. She welcomes surprise guests and makes batch after batch of doughnuts. But soon, LouAnn's kitchen is bare, winter is near, and she's had nothing to eat!

We Will Rock Our Classmates

written & illustrated by Ryan T. Higgins E HIG

Penelope the T. Rex was born to be a rock star! With the school talent show coming up, she can't wait to perform for her classmates. But sharing who you are can be show-stoppingly scary. Will Penelope get by with a little help from her friends?

First Day Critter Jitters

written by Jory John, illustrated by Liz Climo E JOH

It's the first day of school, and the animals are nervous. Sloth worries about getting there on time, Snake struggles to get his backpack on and Bunny can't seem to sit still. When they all arrive at their classroom, they find that somebody else is nervous too: their teacher!

Max Explains Everything: Puppy Expert

written by Stacy McAnulty, illustrated by Deborah Hocking E MACA

Max knows a lot about puppies. After all, he's wanted one his whole life, so he's pretty much an expert. Max learns that a puppy is a big responsibility, but also a lot of fun, a lot of cute, a lot of cuddles and a lot of love.

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Madeline Finn and the Therapy Dog

written & illustrated by Lisa Papp E PAP

Madeline Finn and Star are off to a retirement community where Star will take his tests to become a therapy dog. But Madeline can't stop thinking about an elderly man in a wheelchair who never smiles. Is there something she and Star can do to help Mr. Humphrey?

Memoirs of a Tortoise

written by Devin Scillian, illustrated by Tim Bowers E SCI

Oliver the tortoise has had his pet human, Ike, for a very, very long time now. In fact, they're the same age — 80 years old — and practically twins. But when Ike stops visiting the garden, Oliver wonders why his pet has left him so soon.

Share Some Kindness, Bring Some Light

written & illustrated by Apryl Stott E STO

All the other animals think Bear is mean because he's so big. His human friend, Coco, offers to help him and shares her grandmother's sage advice: "When life gets dark as winter's night, share some kindness, bring some light."

A Family for Louie

written & illustrated by Alexandra Thompson E THO

Louie is a dog of very fine taste. He knows every chef in town, and each day he wanders the city, visiting his favorite restaurants. It's a good life, but what Louie wants more than anything is a family.

Every Little Letter

written by Deborah Underwood, illustrated by Joy Hwang Ruiz E UND

In a world where letters live separated by walls, the newfound friendship of little h and small i inspires the divided communities to connect and form words like "courage," "cooperate" and "kindness."



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