



Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award

2023 Nominees

Shhh! The Baby's Asleep

by JaNay Brown-Wood, illustrated by Elissambura E BRO

Baby is finally asleep, and Mama is trying to shush the rest of the family. Just when they think they can rest — oh, no! The baby's awake! It's up to big brother Dante to find the right book to read so everyone can get some rest.

Lou

by Breanna Carzoo E CAR
Lou has an important job... as the neighborhood toilet for dogs! Useful as he may be, he gets the feeling that deep down inside, there might be more to him than that. When disaster strikes, will Lou find out what he's made of and save the day?

The Book of Rules

by Brian Gehrlein, illustrated by Tom Knight E GEH
Beware! This book has rules. If you break the rules, Dennis the monster will eat you! It's time to focus and listen to directions. And you better get started, because Dennis can't wait to eat — or, um — MEET you!

People Are Wild

by Margaux Meganck E MEG
Wild creatures come in all shapes and sizes. They can be playful or loud or smelly or curious or cute — just like kids! Turn the tables and find out what animals think of us.

Don't Eat Bees: Life Lessons From Chip the Dog

by Dev Petty, illustrated by Mike Boldt E PET
Are you a dog in need of advice? Fear not: Chip the dog has a super-silly guide to living your best canine life. Chip knows all kinds of things, like what to eat (important papers, the humans' fancy dinner, Grandpa's teeth) and what not to eat (bees). He won't get those mixed up, will he?

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I'm Terrified of Bath Time

by Simon Rich, illustrated by Tom Toro E RIC
Bathtime is hard for kids and bathtubs alike! Luckily, this bathtub has some suggestions. Filled with soapsuds, rubber duckies and existential angst, this splashy tale about facing fear and embracing adventure might just change the way you see bath time forever.

One Sheep, Two Sheep

by Tammi Sauer, illustrated by Troy Cummings E SAU
Rooster has always counted sheep to fall asleep. What happens when his other farm friends decide to jump in, too? They're ruffling his feathers — and they don't look the slightest bit sheepish!

Mel Fell

by Corey R. Tabor E TAB
Turn this book sideways and upside down to follow a little bird named Mel on her journey from downward fall to triumphant flight in this tale of self-confidence and taking a leap of faith.

Cows Go Boo!

by Steve Webb, illustrated by Fred Blunt E WEB
On Farmer George's farm, the pigs go "oink," the sheep go "baa," and cows go... wait, where did all the cows go? These mischievous cows go "BOO!" Luckily, Farmer George knows just how to put his impolite herd to good use.

I'm a Unicorn

by Helen Yoon E YOO
An eager young calf may only have one horn, but it's a certain lack of moonlight sparkle, silky mane and rainbow poop that has this calf concerned. Some unexpected encouragement from a pack of "real" unicorns might be just the assurance they need.



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