

NCCBA 2016-2017 JUNIOR BOOK NOMINEES

Applegate, Katherine. *Crenshaw*. New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2015.

Katherine Applegate's beautiful novel is a story of friendship and family, of facing adversity and figuring out how to be honest with those you love most. It's also a tale filled with familiar elements of 21st century American life: hunger and homelessness.

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. *The War That Saved My Life*. New York, NY: Dial Books, 2015.

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

Draper, Sharon. *Stella by Starlight*. New York: Atheneum Books, 2015.

When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.

Engle, Margarita. *Mountain Dog*. New York: Henry Holt and Co., 2013.

When his mother is sent to jail in Los Angeles, eleven-year-old Tony goes to live with his forest ranger great-uncle in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, where Tony develops a friendship with his great-uncle's rescue dog.

Hunt, Lynda Mullaly. *Fish in a Tree*. New York, NY: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2015.

The author of the beloved *One for the Murphys* gives readers an emotionally-charged, uplifting novel that will speak to anyone who's ever thought there was something wrong with them because they didn't fit in.

Jamieson, Victoria. *Roller Girl*. New York: Dial Books, 2015.

A graphic novel adventure about a girl who discovers roller derby right as she and her best friend are growing apart.

Jones, Kelly. *Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer*. New York: Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2015.

Through a series of letters, Sophie Brown, age twelve, tells of her family's move to her Great Uncle Jim's farm, where she begins taking care of some unusual chickens with help from neighbors and friends.

Marino, Nan. *Hiding Out at the Pancake Palace*. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2013.

When musical prodigy, Elvis Ruby, completely freezes up on television, he is forced to hide out in the Pinelands of New Jersey and try to find his way back to the music once again with the help of a new friend.

Pennypacker, Sara. *Pax*. New York: Balzer + Bray, 2016.

After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back.

Pizzoli, Greg. *Tricky Vic: the Impossibly True Story of the Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower*. New York, NY: Viking Books for Young Readers, 2015.

Recounts the life of Victor Lustig, an international con man who had swindled thousands of people, including Al Capone, and was best known for "selling" the Eiffel Tower.

Sachar, Louis. *Fuzzy Mud*. New York: Delacorte Press, 2015.

Two middle-grade kids take a shortcut home from school and discover what looks like fuzzy mud but is actually a substance with the potential to wreak havoc on the entire world.