

Alabama Department of Education

# Alabama Camellia Award Program 2010-11 Book List

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Good books get to the heart of things!

2010-2011



We would like to thank the following people for their time and effort in selecting these books for the coming year.

### K-1 Committee—Auburn City Schools

Jennifer Dempsey, Chair—Wrights Mill Road Elementary  
Elizabeth Lundy—Cary Woods Elementary  
Deanna Schneulle—Richland Road Elementary  
Hannah Holmes—Dean Road Elementary  
Laura McGilberry—Yarbrough Elementary  
Audrey Alsobrook—Ogletree Elementary  
Janey Oakes-Auburn—Early Education Center  
Pam Kent—Drake Middle School  
Claudette Tennant—Auburn Jr. High School  
Nancy Veale—Auburn High School

### 2-3 Committee—Elmore County Schools

Lori McKenzie, Chair—Wetumpka High  
Angie Ashurst—Eclectic Elementary  
Gayla McConnell—Coosada Elementary  
Rena Venable—Eclectic Middle  
Amy Stewart—Holtville Middle  
Dr. Andre' Harrison—Coordinator for Department of Curriculum and Instruction

### 4-6 Committee—Shelby County Schools

Heather Mays, Chair—Supervisor, Library Media & Fine Arts  
Heather Kirk—Thompson Intermediate  
Jackie Killingsworth—Creek View Elementary  
Laurie Watson—Meadow View Elementary  
Linda Sears—Oak Mountain Intermediate  
Amy Hogan—Oak Mountain Elementary  
Mary Foy—Valley Intermediate  
Tami Genry—Helena Intermediate  
Dawn Dixon—Chelsea Middle  
Stephen Kearley—Elvin Hill Elementary  
Laura Kaylor—Calera Elementary  
Megan McWaters—Calera Middle

## Grades K-1

*I Need My Monster*, written by Amanda Noll, illustrated by Howard McWilliam, unpagged, Flashlight Press, Brooklyn, NY, 2009, **ISBN: 978-097-997-462-5**, \$16.95.

When Ethan realizes the monster under his bed has taken a day off, he panics because he needs his monster under his bed.

*The Day Leo Said I HATE YOU!*, written by Robie H. Harris, illustrated by Molly Bang, unpagged, Little, Brown and Company, New York, NY, 2008, **ISBN: 978-0-3165-06580-1**, \$16.99.

Leo shouts "I HATE YOU" and realizes he may have said words that may lead to other problems and worries about how his mother might feel about him now.

*The Busy Tree*, written by Jennifer Ward, illustrated by Lisa Falkenstern, unpagged, Marshall Cavendish, Tarrytown, NY, 2009, **ISBN: 978-0-7614-5550-9**, \$17.99.

Many different types of wildlife live in and around a tree that is their home, from chipmunks and woodpeckers to ants and spiders.

*Silly Tilly*, written by Eileen Spinelli, illustrated by David Slonim, unpagged, Marshall Cavendish, Tarrytown, NY, 2008. **ISBN: 978-0-7614-5525-7**, \$16.99

Tilly drives the other barnyard animals crazy with her silliness, but after gruffly telling her to stop, they discover that they miss her old ways.

*A Mighty Fine Time Machine*, written and illustrated by Suzanne Bloom, unpagged, Boyds Mills Press, Honesdale, PA, 2009, **ISBN: 978-1-59078-527-0**, \$16.95.

An aardvark, an anteater, and an armadillo attempt to travel back in time when they turn a big box into a time machine.

*Robot Zot*, written by Jon Scieszka, illustrated David Shannon, unpagged, Simon & Schuster, NY, 2009, **ISBN: 978-0-4169-6394-3**, \$17.99.

Arriving in a suburban kitchen, their first stop on a mission to conquer planet Earth, tiny but brave Robot Zot and his mechanical sidekick, Bot, battle fearsome kitchen appliances.

*Little Blue Truck Leads the Way*, written by Alice Schertle, illustrated by Jill McElmurry, unpagged, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Boston, MA, 2009, **ISBN: 978-0-15-206389-4**, \$16.00.

Little Blue Truck comes to the rescue in a big city when there is a traffic jam and only he can help.

*Ophelia*, written and illustrated by Ingrid and Dieter Schubert, unpagged, Lemniscaat, Honesdale, PA, 2009, **ISBN: 978-1-59078-659-8**, \$16.95.

Ophelia, a hippopotamus, comes to the rescue as she hears a friend moaning in the distance.

*Jon Scieszka's Trucktown: Truckery Rhymes*, written by Jon Scieszka, illustrated by David Shannon, Loren Long, and David Gordon, 57 pages, Simon & Schuster, New York, NY, 2009, **ISBN: 978-1-4169-4135-4**, \$17.99.

This is a collection of truck rhymes.

*Wink*, written by J. C. Phillipps, unpagged, Viking, New York, NY, 2009, **ISBN: 978-0-670-01092-9**, \$15.99.

Although ninjas should be silent with stealth, Wink finds his enthusiasm gets him into trouble with his teacher until he finds the perfect way to express both emotions.

## Grades 2-3

*Letters to a Soldier*, written by First Lieutenant David Falvey and Mrs. Julie Hutt's Fourth-Grade Class, unpagged, Marshall Cavendish, Tarrytown, NY, 2009, **ISBN: 978-0-7614-5637-7**, \$16.99.

A touching collection of letters written back and forth from First Lieutenant David Falvey and Mrs. Julie Hutt's fourth-grade class.

*Tsunami!*, written by Kimiko Kajikawa, illustrated by Ed Young, unpagged, Philomel Books, New York, NY, 2009, **ISBN: 978-0-399-25006-4**, \$16.99.

Ojiisan, the richest man in the village, sees that a Tsunami is on the way to his village and has a difficult time convincing the other villagers they are in true danger.

*Flip, Float, Fly: Seeds on the Move*, written by JoAnn Early Macken, illustrated by Pam Paporone, unpagged, Holiday House, New York, NY, 2008, **ISBN: 978-0-8234-2043-8**, \$16.95.

A great book about seeds and how they get where they are going as they journey to new places.

*When the Wolves Returned*, written by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent, photos by Dan Hartman and Cassie Hartman, 39 pages, Walker & Company, New York, NY, 2008, **ISBN: 978-0-8027-9687-5**, \$18.85.

This book is complete with vivid pictures and information about restoring nature's balance in Yellowstone National Park.

*Tortuga In Trouble*, written by Ann Whitford Paul, illustrated by Ethan Long, unpagged, Holiday House, New York, NY, 2009, **ISBN: 978-0-8234-2180-0**, \$16.95.

When Tortuga arrives in Abuela's house to bring her supper, Abuela looks suspiciously like Coyote.

*Under the Snow*, written by Melissa Stewart, illustrated by Constance R. Bergum, unpagged, Peachtree Publishers, Atlanta, GA, 2009, **ISBN: 978-1-56145-493-8**, \$16.95.

Using vivid illustrations and informative text, the author tells about how animals survive in the winter under and around snow.

*Henry Aaron's Dream*, written and illustrated by Matt Tavares, unpagged, Candlewick Press, Somerville, MA, 2010, **ISBN: 978-0-7636-3224-3**, \$16.99.

The author writes a compelling story about Hank Aaron from playing in a sandlot in Mobile, Alabama to breaking Babe Ruth's homerun record.

*Alfred Nobel: The Man Behind the Peace Prize*, written by Kathy-Jo Wargin, illustrated by Zachary Pullen, unpagged, Sleeping Bear Press, Chelsea, MI, 2009, **ISBN: 978-1-58536-281-1**, \$17.95.

The author tells the story behind the legacy of Alfred Noble.

*Lincoln and His Boys*, written by Rosemary Wells, illustrated by P. J. Lynch, Candlewick Press, Somerville, MA, 2009, **ISBN: 978-0-7636-3723-1**, \$16.99.

Brothers Willie and Taddie share stories about their father, Abraham Lincoln, from 1859-1965.

*Minnow and Rose: An Oregon Trail Story*, written by Judy Young, illustrated by Bill Farnsworth, 93 pages, Sleeping Bear Press, Chelsea, MI, 2009, **ISBN: 978-1-58536-421-3**, \$17.95.

Traveling west with her pioneer family in a wagon train, Rose meets Minnow, who lives in a Native American Village along the banks of a river.

## Grades 4-6

*The Potato Chip Puzzles*, written by Eric Berlin, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 244 pages, New York, NY, 2009, **ISBN: 978-0-399-25198-6**, \$16.99.

Winston and his friends enter an all-day puzzle contest to win fifty thousand dollars for their school, but they must also figure out who is trying to keep them from winning. Puzzles for the reader to solve are included throughout the text.

*Million-Dollar Throw*, written by Mike Lupica, 244 pages, Philomel, New York, NY, 2009, **ISBN: 978-0-399-24626-5**, \$17.99.

Eighth-grade star quarterback Nate Brodie's family is feeling the stress of the troubled economy, and Nate is frantic because his best friend Abby is going blind, so when he gets a chance to win a million dollars if he can complete a pass during the halftime of a New England Patriots game, he is nearly overwhelmed by the pressure to succeed.

*The Best Bad Luck I Ever Had*, written by Kristin Levine, 266 pages, G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, NY, 2009, **ISBN: 978-0-399-25090-3**, \$16.99.

In Moundville, Alabama, in 1917, twelve-year old Dit hopes the new postmaster will have a son his age, but instead he meets Emma, who is black, and their friendship challenges accepted ways of thinking and leads them to save the life of a condemned man.

*Barbarians*, written by Steven Kroll, illustrated by Robert Byrd, 48 pages, Dutton Children's Books, New York, NY, 2009, **ISBN: 978-0-525-47958-1**, \$18.99.

The author tells of Alaric, chief of the Goths, is worried because his soldiers have starting fighting with each other because they have become bored.

*When the Whistle Blows*, written by Fran Cannon Slayton, 159 pages, Philomel, New York, NY, 2009, **ISBN: 978-0-399-25189-4**, \$16.99.

Jimmy Cannon tells about his life in the 1940s as the son of a West Virginia railroad man, loving the trains and expecting one day to work on the railroad like his father and brothers.