



the 2008 Cybils

the children's & young adult bloggers' literary awards

The Cybils Awards

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Off the Shelf and Online

The Cybils are a series of book awards given by children's and young adult book bloggers. The Cybils have only two criteria: literary merit and kid appeal. We don't think those two values have to collide. There are books we want kids to read and books kids can't resist. Somewhere in the middle, they meet.

Now in our third year, we're comprised of 90+ bloggers who write about children's and teen's books every day. We open our nominations to the public.

Maybe there's a book your child resisted bedtime for. Another may've circulated from locker to locker. And still another never seemed to make it back to the library by its due date.

You compile the list. We take it from there.

On the back of this flyer are our shortlisted picks for the best children's and teen books for 2008. Winners are listed in boldface type. We hope you'll join us for 2009 and beyond.

Dates to remember:

Oct. 1-15: Nominations open to the public

New Year's Day: Short lists announced

St. Valentine's Day: Winners announced

Simple rules:

Titles must be published between Jan. 1-Oct. 15, 2008

Books must be published in English, or bilingual with English

Only one nomination per genre per person

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2008 Cybils Finalists

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Easy Readers

***I Love My New Toy* by Mo Willems**

Houndsley and Catina and the Quiet Time

by James Howe

I Will Surprise My Friend!

by Mo Willems

Maybelle Goes to Tea by Katie Speck

Mercy Watson Thinks Like a Pig

by Kate Dicomillo

Fantasy and Science Fiction

Teen/Young Adult

***The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins**

Airman by Eoin Colfer

Curse Dark as Gold by Elizabeth C. Bunce

The Explosionist by Jenny Davidson

Graceling by Kristin Cashore

Wake by Lisa McMann

Elementary/Middle Grade:

***The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman**

Cabinet of Wonders by Marie Rutkoski

Lamplighter by D. M. Cornish

The Magic Thief by Sarah Prineas

Savvy by Ingrid Law

Graphic Novels

Teen/Young Adult:

***Emiko Superstar* written by Mariko Tamaki; illustrated by Steve Ralston**

Kin: Good Neighbors, Book 1 written by Holly Black; illustrated by Ted Naifeh

Life Sucks written by Jessica Abel and Gabe Soria, illustrated by Warren Pleese

Skim written and illustrated by Mariko Tamaki and Jillian Tamaki

Three Shadows

written and illustrated by Cyril Pedrosa

Elementary/Middle Grade:

***Rapunzel's Revenge* written by Shannon and Dean Hale; illustrated by Nathan Hale**

Chiggers

written and illustrated by Hope Larson

Into the Volcano

written and illustrated by Don Wood

Jellaby, vol. 1

written and illustrated by Kean Soo

The Savage written by David Almond;

illustrated by Dave McKean

There's a Wolf at the Door: Five Classic Tales written by Zoe Alley; illustrated by R.W. Alley

Non-fiction

(Middle Grade and YA)

The Year We Disappeared: A Father-Daughter Memoir

written by Cylin Busby and John Busby

11 Planets: A New View of the Solar

System written by David Aguilar

Ain't Nothing but a Man: My Quest to

Find the Real John Henry

written by Scott Reynolds Nelson

Body Drama: Real Girls, Real Bodies,

Real Issues, Real Answers

written by Nancy Amanda Redd

King George: What Was His Problem?;

Everything Your Schoolbooks Didn't Tell

You About the American Revolution

written by Steve Sheinkin

Lincoln Through the Lens

written by Martin Sandler

Swords: An Artist's Devotion

written and illustrated by Ben Boos

We Are the Ship: The Story of the Negro

League Baseball

written and illustrated by Kadir Nelson

Middle Grade Fiction

The London Eye Mystery **by Siobhan Dowd**

Alvin Ho by Lenore Look

Diamond Willow by Helen Frost

Every Soul a Star by Wendy Mass

Shooting the Moon

by Frances O'Roark Dowell

Young Adult Fiction

The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks **by E. Lockhart**

Audrey, Wait! by Robin Benway

I Know It's Over by C. K. Kelly Martin

Jellicoe Road by Melina Marchetta

Sweethearts by Sara Zarr

Ten Cents a Dance by Christine Fletcher

Thaw by Monica Roe

Fiction Picture Books

How to Heal a Broken Wing

written and illustrated by Bob Graham

Abe Lincoln Crosses A Creek: A Tall Thin Tale (Introducing His Forgotten Frontier Friend) written by Deborah Hopkinson; illustrated by John Hendrix

The Big Bad Bunny written by Franny Billingsley; illustrated by G. Brian Karas

Chester's Back

written and illustrated by Melanie Watts

Katie Loves the Kittens written and

illustrated by John Himmelman

The Sea Serpent and Me written by

Dashka Slater; illustrated by Catia Chien

A Visitor for Bear written by Bonny

Becker; illustrated by Kady Denton

Wabi Sabi written by Mark Reibstein;

illustrated by Ed Young

Non-fiction Picture Books

Nic Bishop Frogs

written and illustrated by Nic Bishop

A River of Words: The Story of William

Carlos Williams written by Jen Bryant;

illustrated by Melissa Sweet

Astronaut Handbook written and

illustrated by Meghan McCarthy

Duel! Burr and Hamilton's Deadly War of

Words written by Dennis Brindell Fradin;

illustrated by Larry Day

Fabulous Fishes

written and illustrated by Susan Stockdale

Wanda Gag: The Girl Who Lived to Draw

written and illustrated

by Deborah Kogan Ray

Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story

from Africa

written and illustrated by Jeanette Winter

Poetry

Honeybee by Naomi Shihab Nye

America at War illustrated by Stephen

Alcorn; edited by Lee Bennett Hopkins

Imaginary Menagerie: A Book of

Curious Creatures written by Julie Larios;

illustrated by Julie Paschik

More than Friends:

Poems from Him and Her

written by Sara Holbrook and Allan Wolf

On the Farm

written by David Elliott and Holly Meade

--Sarah Stevenson, Deputy Editor

Finding Wonderland: The WritingYA Weblog