



Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List 2014-2015

Baker, Kim. 2012. ***Pickle: The (Formerly) Anonymous Prank Club of Fountain Point Middle School.***

Illustrated by Tim Probert. New York: Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Hardback: 9781596437654, eBook: 9781596438583.

Can you keep a secret? When you are the mastermind behind amazing pranks, remaining anonymous can be tough. That's why Ben and his friends form the League of Picklemakers, a real club, whose sole purpose is to pull pranks.

Campbell, K. G. 2012. ***Lester's Dreadful Sweaters.*** Tonawanda, NY: Kids Can Press. Hardback:

9781554537709, eBook: 9781554539994

The clickety clack of Cousin Clara's knitting needles is a dreadful sound to Lester. Her quirky sweater creations are beyond atrocious in this delightfully silly picture book. You will be glad she's not *your* cousin!

Cheng, Andrea. 2012. ***The Year of the Book.*** Illustrated by Abigail Halpin. New York: Houghton Mifflin.

Hardback: 9780547684635, eBook: 9780547684574, Paperback: 9780544022638.

Sometimes it's easier to be friends with the characters in a book than it is with people around us. When Anna's best friend starts hanging around other girls, Anna finds comfort and companionship in the pages of her favorite books, while learning how to make dumplings and sew drawstring bags. Read along with Anna as she learns to make friends and embrace her family's unique culture heritage.

Daywalt, Drew. 2013. ***The Day the Crayons Quit.*** Illustrated by Oliver Jeffers. New York: Philomel Books / Penguin Young Readers Group. Hardback: 978039925537373.

Can crayons really go on STRIKE? Imagine opening your box of crayons only to discover the crayons have all quit! When Duncan finds letters from his crayons complaining about his color choices, he realizes crayons have feelings, too. What would you do to keep your crayons happy?

DiCamillo, Kate. 2013. ***Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures.*** Illustrated by K. G. Campbell.

Somerville, MA: Candlewick. Hardback: 9780763660406, eBook: 9780763667245, Audiobook:

9780449015131.

After an unfortunate incident with the vacuum cleaner, Ulysses becomes a superhero squirrel! Flora recognizes Ulysses' special potential as writer, adventurer, and peacemaker. This chapter book and graphic novel hybrid, with loveable, unstoppable Ulysses, will steal your heart.

Fairlie, Emily. 2012. ***Lost Treasure of Tuckernuck.*** Illustrated by Antonio Javier Caparo. New York:

Katherine Tegen Books / HarperCollins. Hardback: 9780062118905, Paperback: 9780062118912, eBook:

9780062118929.

Put on your thinking caps, or Clucker hats, and help Laurie and Bud solve the mystery of the famous Tutweiler Treasure before the school board tears down Tuckernuck Hall! Unexpected twists and humorous characters will keep you on your toes until the very end.

Gibbs, Stuart. 2013. ***Spy Camp.*** New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers / Simon &

Schuster. Hardback: 9781442457539, eBook: 9781442457553.

Spy School is out for summer, but attendance at Survival Camp is mandatory! For twelve-year-old Ben, the camp experience will come in handy, as he is trying to survive death threats from Spyder, the evil rival spy network. No time for vacation in the world of espionage!

Hale, Nathan. 2012. ***Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: One Dead Spy***. New York: Amulet / Abrams. Hardback: 9781419703966.

Yes, the author does share the name of the Revolutionary War spy, best remembered for his famous last words: "I regret that I have but one life to give for my country." This graphic novel provides insight into the events leading up to the capture and hanging of one of America's most well-known and unfortunate spies.

Holyoke, Polly. 2013. ***The Neptune Project***. New York: Disney-Hyperion. Hardback: 9781423157564, Paperback: 9781423159797 (available 4/2014), eBook: 9781423179719.

In a future ravaged by global warming, Nere, daughter of oceanographer parents, sets out to save the world with a team of newfound friends. Physical and mental obstacles challenge their courage and survival skills. Together, they must brave the beautiful ocean while government agents and dangerous aquatic predators lurk beneath the waves.

Krosoczka, Jarrett J. 2013. ***Platypus Police Squad: The Frog Who Croaked***. New York: Walden Pond Press / HarperCollins. Hardback: 9780062071644.

Rick Zengo, a fresh-on-the-beat detective on the Platypus Police Squad, is anxious to prove he is up to the task. When a beloved English teacher from the local high school goes missing in an illegal synthetic-fish deal gone awry, Zengo and his partner must stay hot on a trail taking them from swanky nightclub to the underbelly of the city.

Lewis, J. Patrick. 2013. ***Face Bug***. Illustrated by Kelly Murphy. Photography by Frederic B. Siskind. Honesdale, PA: Boyds Mill Press. Hardback: 9781590789254.

Come tour the new and exciting grand opening of the Face Bug Museum! Learn about a variety of weird and unusual insects through close-up photography of bug faces, humorous cartoon bug action, and some fun poetry by a poet laureate.

Macdonald, Maryann. 2013. ***Odette's Secrets***. New York: Bloomsbury. Hardback: 9781599907505.

Most ten year olds love to keep secrets, but Odette must keep a secret to save her life. Written in free verse, this story offers a different perspective of the hurt, confusion and strength of a young Jewish girl during the Nazi invasion of Paris.

Mack, W. C. 2013. ***Athlete vs. Mathlete***. New York: Bloomsbury. Hardback: 9781599909158, Paperback: 9781599908588, eBook: 9781599909370.

Fraternal twins Owen, the jock, and Russell, the brains, coexisted for the majority of their life. This year, however, their worlds are turned upside down when the new basketball coach makes all the boys try out, and the brainiac ends up being a closeted Michael Jordan! Can the athlete brother keep pace and show some academic prowess?

Ponti, James. 2012. ***Dead City***. New York: Aladdin / Simon & Schuster. Hardback: 9781442441293, Paperback: 9781442441309, eBook: 9781442441286.

Pop Quiz — you are in the school bathroom with only a towel and flat iron when a zombie attacks. What do you do? Luckily for Molly, her mother has secretly prepared her with martial arts, fencing, and birdwatching lessons. Will those lessons pay off? Welcome to Molly Bigelow's life!

Ransom, Candice F. 2012. ***Rebel McKenzie***. New York: Disney-Hyperion. Hardback: 9781423145394, Paperback: 9781423163886 (available 12/2013), eBook: 9781423178101.

The last place you'd ever expect to see this aspiring paleontologist is in a beauty pageant. But when Rebel wants to raise money for the Ice Age Kids' Dig and Safari summer camp, she's willing to try anything. Follow her as she ventures into the unfamiliar realm of hairstyles, makeup, and fancy dresses. After all, how hard can it be?

Schubert, Leda. 2012. ***Monsieur Marceau***. Illustrated by Gérard DuBois. New York: Neal Porter Books / Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. Hardback: 9781596435292, Audiobook: 9781427232298, eBook: 9781466818149.

Meet the world famous mime, Marcel Marceau. “He chases butterflies without a net...He can be a tree or a flower, a fish or a human being.” He rescues Americans parachuting into World War II France. His talent lies in not making a sound. A biography that says volumes without words.

Shurtliff, Liesl. 2013. **Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin**. New York: Random House. Hardback: 9780307977939, eBook: 9780307977953, Library binding: 9780307977946.

Think you know the story of Rumpelstiltskin? Think again! Rump has been bullied his whole life because of his name. Join his journey to find his destiny and break a magical curse in this new take on a familiar tale.

Sloan, Holly Goldberg. 2013. **Counting by 7s**. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers / Penguin Young Readers Group. Hardback: 9780803738553

Willow, a twelve-year-old prodigy, loves the number 7, is obsessed with her garden and medical diseases, and is not interested in the usual middle school activities! Told through Willow's voice, this heartwarming story is filled with memorable characters who are thrust together by tragic circumstances. Their bonding results in the true meaning of “family”.

Stead, Rebecca. 2012. **Liar & Spy**. New York: Wendy Lamb Books / Random House. Hardback: 9780385737432, Paperback: 9780375850875, Audiobook: 9780449014097, Library binding: 9780385906654, eBook: 9780375899539.

If you saw a sign that read “Spy Club Meeting – Today” would you want to know where and when? Would you sneak out to attend? Join Georges as he moves into a new apartment and discovers that sometimes, even when you’re looking closely, you can still miss the clues.

Taylor, S.S. 2012. **The Expeditioners and the Treasure of Drowned Man's Canyon**. Illustrated by Katherine Roy. San Francisco: McSweeney's McMullens. Hardback: 9781938073069, Paperback: 9781938073717.

Siblings Kit, Zander, and M.K. are on their own after Dad goes missing while exploring the world's uncharted land. This alternate reality has a clever steampunk style that provides interesting mechanical gadgets to help in the quest to find their dad and the missing half of their treasure map. Revel in the blend of engineering, cartography, anthropology, and geology for a great adventure.