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Title	Author	ATOS BL	Points	Comments
26 Fairmont Avenue	de Paola	4.4	1	N honor
Across Five Aprils	Hunt	6.6	10	
Ali Cross	Patterson	4.6	7	WIP runner up 2024
All Thirteen	Soontornvat	7.2	7	N honor 2021
All-of-a-Kind-Family	Taylor	4.9	5	
Amari and the Night Brothers (Amari #1)	Alston	4.9	14	WIP winner 2025
Among the Hidden	Haddix	4.8	5	WIP winner 2003
Amos Fortune, Free Man	Yates	6.5	5	N winner 1951
Anne of Green Gables	Montgomery	7.3	15	Classic
Annie and the Old One	Miles	2.6	0.5	N honor
Ban this Book	Gratz	4.5	7	WIP runner up 2023
Battle of the Labyrinth	Riordan	4.1	12	WIP honor
Because of Mr. Terupt	Buyea	3.7	5	WIP honor
Because of Winn-Dixie	DiCamillo	3.9	3	N honor, WIP honor
Beholding Bee	Fusco	4.6	11	WIP honor
Best Christmas Pageant Ever	Robinson	5.1	2	T
BFG	Dahl	4.8	6	
Black Pearl	O'Dell	5.4	4	N honor
Black Stallion	Farley	5.2	7	Classic
Bletchley Riddle, The	Sepetys & Sheinkin	4.1	10	WIP nominee, 2025-26
Blue Sword	McKinley	6.8	17	N honor
Book of Boy, The	Murdock	4.3	6	N honor 2019
Book of Three	Alexander	5.3	7	
Box: Henry Brown Mails Himself to Freedom	Weatherford	5.3	0.5	N honor 2021
Boy on the Wooden Box	Leyson	7	7	WIP runner up 2015
Bridge to Terebithia	Paterson	4.6	5	N winner 1978
Bronze Bow, The	Speare	5	10	N winner 1962
Brown Girl Dreaming	Woodson	5.3	5	N honor
Bud, Not Buddy	Curtis	5	8	N winner 2000
Bunnicula #1	Howe	4.2	2	T
Cabin Faced West	Fritz	5.1	3	
Caddie Woodlawn	Brink	6	8	N winner 1936
Call It Courage	Sperry	6.2	3	N winner 1941
Candy Shop War	Mull	5	14	WIP winner 2010
Capture (Guardians of Ga'Hoole #1)	Lasky	4.8	7	
Carry on, Mr. Bowditch	Latham	4.1	8	N winner 1956
Cat Who Went to Heaven	Coatsworth	5.8	1	N winner 1931
Cay, The	Taylor	5.3	4	

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Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Dahl	4.8	5	
Charlotte's Web	White	4.4	5	N honor
Crash	Spinelli	3.6	4	WIP winner 1998
Cricket in Times Square	Selden	4.9	4	N honor
Crispin	Avi	5	7	N winner 2003
Criss Cross	Perkins	5.5	7	N winner 2006
Crossover, The	Alexander	4.3	2	N winner 2015, WIP winner 2018
Dead End in Norvelt	Gantos	5.7	12	N winner 2012
Deep and Dark and Dangerous	Hahn	4	7	WIP winner 2009
Diary of a Wimpy Kid #1: Greg Heffley's journal	Kinney	5.2	3	WIP winner 2008
Doctor De Soto	Steig	3.6	0.5	N honor
Dog's Life	Martin	5.1	5	WIP honor
Doll Bones	Black	5.4	7	N honor 2014
Dollhouse Murders	Wright	5	5	WIP winner 1988
Door in the Wall, The	Angeli	6.2	4	N winner 1950
Dragon Rider	Funke	4.9	16	WIP winner 2007
Dragonwings	Yep	5.3	10	N honor
Echo	Ryan	4.9	13	N honor 2016
Egypt Game	Snyder	6.4	7	N honor
El Deafo	Bell	2.7	2	N honor 2015, WIP honor 2016
Elijah of Buxton	Curtis	5.4	12	N honor
Ella Enchanted	Levine	4.6	8	N honor
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library	Grabenstein	5.2	7	WIP Etna winner 2018
Eyes & the Impossible, The	Eggers	5.3	7	N winner 2024
Fablehaven (#1)	Mull	4.8	11	
Fake Mustache	Angelburger	4.6	4	WIP honor
Field Guide (Spiderwick #1)	DiTerlizzi	4.1	1	
Firefly Summer	Matson	4.1	12	WIP nominee, 2025-26
First State of Being, The	Kelly, Erin Entrada	4.4	6	N winner 2025
Flora & Ulysses	DiCamillo	4.3	5	N winner 2014
Freedom over me	Bryan	4.6	1	N honor 2016
Freewater	Lugman-Dawson	4.6	11	N winner 2023
From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	Konigsburg	4.7	5	N winner 1968
Gathering of Days	Blos	6.7	5	N winner 1980
Gentle Ben	Morey	4.8	8	

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Ginger Pye	Estes	6	9	N winner 1952
Girl Who Drank the Moon	Barnhill	4.8	12	N winner 2016
Giver	Lowry	6	7	N winner 1994, IP honor
Good Masters! Sweet Ladies	Schlitz	5.6	2	N winner 2008
Graveyard Book	Gaiman	5.1	10	N winner 2009
Great Brain	Fitzgerald	5.2	7	T, series
Great Gilly Hopkins	Paterson	4.6	5	N honor
Grey King, The	Cooper	6.2	9	N winner 1976
Harry Potter (#1) Sorcerer's Stone	Rowling	6	12	WIP winner 1999
Harry Potter (#3) Prisoner of Azkaban	Rowling	6.1	19	WIP winner 2004
Harry Potter (#4) Goblet of Fire	Rowling	6.8	32	WIP winner 2001
Hatchet	Paulsen	5.7	7	N honor, IP honor
Hattie Big Sky	Larson	4.4	10	N honor
Haymeadow	Paulsen	5	7	T
Hello, Universe	Kelly	4.7	6	N winner 2018, WIP nominee 2022
Hero	Shotz	4.6	6	WIP winner 2020
Hero and the Crown	McKinley	7	15	N winner 1985
Higher Power of Lucky	Patron	5.9	5	N winner 2007
Hitty, her First Hundred Years	Field	7.1	11	N winner 1930
Hobbit	Tolkein	6.6	16	Series
Holes	Sachar	4.6	7	N winner 1999, WIP winner 2001
Hoot	Hiassen	5.2	9	N honor, IP honor
Hope of Elephants, The	Hill	3.7	5	WIP runner up 2025
House of Dies Drear	Hamilton	4.8	9	
How to Eat Fried Worms	Rockwell	3.5	2	
Hundred Penny Box	Mathis	3.9	1	N honor
Impossible Creatures	Rundell	5.1	11	WIP nominee, 2025-26
Incident at Hawk's Hill	Eckert	7.2	9	N honor
Indian in the Cupboard	Banks	4.6	6	IP honor
Inquisitor's Tale	Gidwitz	4.5	11	N honor 2016
Inside Out and Back Again	Lai	4.8	2	N honor
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus	Bowling	4.6	7	WIP runner up 2019
Invention of Hugo Cabret	Selznick	5.1	4	WIP honor
Iron Trial	Black	5.6	13	WIP winner 2016
Island of the Blue Dolphins	O'Dell	5.4	6	N winner 1961
It's Like This, Cat	Neville	4.7	5	N winner 1964
Jacob Have I loved	Paterson	5.7	8	N winner 1981

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Johnny Tremain	Forbes	5.9	13	N winner 1944
Julie of the Wolves	George	5.8	6	N winner 1973
King of the Wind	Henry	5.4	5	N winner 1949
Kira-Kira	Kadohata	4.7	7	N winner 2005
Last Cuentista, The	Higuera	5	11	N winner 2022
Legend of the Last Library, The	Cole	5.2	11	WIP nominee, 2025-26
Light in the Forest	Richter	5.5	5	
Lily's Crossing	Giff	4.6	5	N honor
Lincoln: a Photobiography	Freedman	6.3	4	N winner 1988
Lines of Courage	Nielsen	5.1	12	WIP school winner 2025
Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	Lewis	5.7	6	T
Little House in the Big Woods	Wilder	5.3	5	
M.C. Higgins, the Great	Hamilton	4.4	10	N winner 1975
Maniac Magee	Spinelli	4.7	5	N winner 1991, WIP winner 1992
Many Points of Me	Gertler	4.8	8	WIP nominee, 2025-26
Matchlock Gun, the	Edmonds	5.1	1	
Matilda	Dahl	5.7	6	WIP winner 1991
Merci Suarez Changes Gears	Medina	4.6	10	N winner 2019
Midnight Children, The	Gemeinhart	4.3	11	WIP nominee, 2025-26
Midwife's Apprentice, The	Cushman	6	5	N winner 1996
Miracles on Maple Hill	Sorenson	4.1	8	N winner 1957
Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	DiCamillo	4.4	2	WIP winner 2007
Misty of Chincoteague	Henry	5.3	4	N honor, series
Moho Wat	Thomasma	4	4	WIP winner 1996, Wyo author
Moon Over Manifest	Vanderpool	5.3	12	N winner 2011
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Atwater	5.6	3	N honor
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH	O'Brien	5.1	8	N winner 1972
My Brother Sam is Dead	Collier	4.9	7	N honor
My Friend the Enemy	Smith	4.7	11	WIP honor
My Life as a Potato	Costner	4.4	7	WIP winner 2023
My Side of the Mountain	George	5.2	6	N honor
Naya Nuki	Thomasma	5.6	4	WIP winner 1986, Wyo author
New Kid	Craft	2.9	2	N winner 2020, WIP winner 2022
Night Diary, The	Hiranandani	4.5	8	N honor 2019
Night Divided	Nielsen	5.4	11	WIP winner 2017

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No Dogs Allowed	Wallace	3.7	5	WIP winner 2005
Nugly	Ross	6	8	WIP runner up 2025
Number the Stars	Lowry	4.5	4	N winner 1990, WIP honor
Odder	Applegate	5.6	2	WIP winner 2024
Old Yeller	Gibson	5	5	N honor
On My Honor	Bauer	4.7	2	N honor
One and Only Ivan	Applegate	3.6	4	N winner 2013, WIP runner up 2014
One Came Home	Timberlake	4.8	9	N honor 2014, WIP 2016 nominee
One Crazy Summer	Williams-Garcia	4.6	7	N honor
Other Words for Home	Warga	5.3	5	N honor 2020
Out of My Mind	Draper	4.3	8	WIP runner up 2013
Out of the Dust	Hesse	5.3	3	N winner 1998
Over Sea, Under Stone	Cooper	5.4	12	
Partners in the Wilderness	Kienzle	5.3	4	WIP honor, WY author
Pathki Nana	Thomasma	4.5	4	WIP winner 1993, WY author
Pax	Pennypacker	5.3	8	WIP honor 2018
Place to Hang the Moon, A	Albus	5	9	WIP nominee, 2025-26
Poppy	Avi	4.5	4	T
Rabbit Hill	Lawson	6.4	3	N winner 1945
Ramona Quimby, Age 8	Cleary	5.6	3	N honor
Rascal	North	7.9	8	N honor
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm	Wiggin	8.1	13	Classic
Red Dog	Wallace	4.4	5	WIP honor
Red Pyramid	Riordan	4.5	18	WIP winner 2012
Redwall	Jacques	6.8	16	
Refugee	Gratz	5.3	10	WIP runner up 2021
Reptile Room,	Snicket	6.3	5	WIP honor
Rescue Josh McGuire	Mikaelson	5.6	11	WIP winner 1995
Resistance	Nielsen	5.8	14	WIP runner up 2020
Restart	Korman	5.1	9	WIP runner up 2019
Return of the Indian	Banks	5.3	6	WIP winner 1989
Rifles for Watie	Keith	6.1	14	N winner 1958
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Taylor	5.7	10	N winner 1977
Rules	Lord	3.9	4	N honor
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes	Coerr	4.1	1	T

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Sarah, Plain and Tall	MacLachlan	3.4	1	N winner 1986
Saving Shiloh	Naylor	5	6	WIP winner 1999
Saving Zasha	Barrow	4.4	6	WIP winner 2013
Scary Stories for Young Foxes	Heidicker	4.4	9	N honor 2020, WIP runner up 2023
Secret of the Andes	Clark	4.7	5	N winner 1953
Shadow of a Bull	Wojciechowska	5.2	5	N winner 1965
Shiloh	Reynolds	4.4	4	N winner 1992, WIP winner 1994
Sign of the Beaver	Speare	4.9	5	N honor
Single Shard	Park	6.6	6	N winner 2002
Sinking of the Titanic, 1912	Tarshis	3.9	1	WIP honor
Skeleton Tree	Lawrence	4.8	9	WIP honor 2017
Slave Dancer	Fox	6	6	N winner 1973
Solitary Blue	Voigt	5.3	11	N honor
Some Kind of Courage	Gemeinhart	4.8	8	WIP runner up 2020
Soun Tetoken	Thomasma	5.4	7	T, Wyo author
Sunder	Armstrong	5.3	3	N winner 1970
Splendors and Glooms	Schlitz	5.1	15	N honor
Stay	Pyron	4.1	7	WIP runner up 2024
Stone Fox	Gardiner	4	1	T
Strange Case of Origami Yoda	Angleberger	4.7	3	WIP honor
Summer of the Monkeys	Rawls	4.8	13	T
Summer of the Swans	Byars	4.9	4	N winner 1971
Tale of Desperaux	DiCamillo	4.7	5	N winner 2004, WIP winner 2004
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	Blume	3.3	3	T
There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom	Sachar	4.7	6	WIP winner 1990
Thimble Summer	Enright	5.7	5	N winner 1939
Three Times Lucky	Turner	3.9	9	N honor
Trail, The	Hashimoto	4.9	8	WIP winner 2021
Trumpet of the Swan	White	4.9	6	Classic
Tuck Everlasting	Babbitt	5	4	T
Turtle in Paradise	Holm	3.7	4	N honor, WIP 2014 nominee
Twenty-One Balloons, The	Pene du bois	6.8	6	N winner 1948
Two Degrees	Gratz	5.2	11	WIP nominee, 2025-26
Unplugged	Korman	5.2	10	WIP runner up 2025
Unstoppable	Green	4.4	9	WIP winner 2015

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Up A Road Slowly	Hunt	6.6	8	N winner 1967
Velveteen Rabbit	Williams	4.9	1	Classic
View From Saturday	Konigsburg	5.9	7	N winner 1997
Visit to William Blake's Inn	Willard	4.6	1	N winner 1982
Walk Two Moons	Creech	7.3	9	N winner 1995
War that Saved My Life, The	Bradley	4.1	9	N winner 2016, WIP winner 2019
Watchdog and the Coyotes	Wallace	5	3	WIP winner 1997
Watercress	Wang	3.7	0.5	N honor 2022
Watsons Go To Birmingham:1963	Curtis	5	8	N honor
Weasel	DeFelice	5	4	WIP honor
Wednesday Wars	Schmidt	5.9	12	N honor
Westing Game, The	Raskin	5.3	8	N winner 1979
Wheel on the School	DeJong	4.7	10	N winner 1955
When Stars are Scattered	Jamieson	3.7	4	WIP Etna runner up 2023
When You Reach Me	Stead	4.5	6	N winner 2010
When You Trap a Tiger	Keller	4.1	8	N winner 2021
Where the Red Fern Grows	Rawls	4.9	11	T
Whipping Boy, The	Fleischman	3.9	2	N winner 1987
White Bird	Palacio	3.5	2	WIP runner up 2021
White Fang	London	7.4	13	Classic
White Mountains	Christopher	6.2	7	
Wildfire	Philbrick	4.5	5	WIP runner up 2022
Wild River	Philbrick	4.2	5	WIP nominee, 2025-26
Winnie-the-Pooh	Milne	4.6	3	Classic
Wish	O'Connor	5.5	6	WIP honor 2018
Wish Giver	Brittain	4.4	4	N honor
Wishkeeper's Apprentice, The	Khoo	4	3	WIP nominee, 2025-26
Witch of Blackbird Pond	Speare	5.7	9	N winner 1959
Wolf called Wander, A	Perry	4.3	4	WIP runner up 2022
Wolf Hollow	Wolk	4.9	9	N honor 2017
Wonder	Palacio	4.8	11	WIP winner 2014
Wringer	Spinelli	5.5	7	N honor
Wrinkle in Time	L'Engle	4.7	7	N winner 1963
Year Down Yonder	Peck	4.5	4	N winner 2001
Year of Billy Miller	Henkes	4.2	3	N honor 2014