

Triple Crown Awards

2010-2011

4-5 CHILDREN'S CROWN AWARD

1. *Animal Heroes*, by Sandra Markle, RL 5. These are heartwarming, true stories of how dogs, cats, cows, monkeys, and even dolphins use their normal senses or special training to help people in trouble or in need all over the world.
2. *Cicada Summer*, by Andrea Beaty, RL 4. Lily mourns her brother, and has not spoken since the accident she feels she could have prevented. The summer Tinny comes to town, she is the only one who realizes Lily's secret.
3. *Colonial Voices: Hear Them Speak*, by Kay Winters and illustrated by Larry Day, RL 5. In Colonial times, Ethan is delivering a message to the Patriots; he is afforded glimpses into the occupations and politics of a diverse group of people, from a clockmaker to a schoolteacher to a slave and more.
4. *David and the Mighty Eighth*, by Marjorie Hodgson Parker and Mark Postlethwaite, RL 5. During World War II in England, David and Roger and their families endure the direct attacks by the Luftwaffe from Nazi Germany. The story relates the magnificent Royal Air Force victory during the Battle of Britain and the decisive contributions of the mighty Armada of the Eighth Air Force.
5. *Hummingbird*, by Kimberly Greene Angle, RL 5. March Anne Tanner has a busy life on the family pumpkin and watermelon farm in Jubilee, Georgia. She feels that something is missing, and when her grandmother passes on, March Anne finds that she must act on her feelings of loss.
6. *Julia Gillian (and the Art of Knowing)*, by Alison McGhee and illustrated by Drazen Kozjan, RL 5. Julia Gillian learns a lot about facing fear as she and her St. Bernard take long walks through their neighborhood. One hot summer she seeks the courage to finish a book that could have an unhappy ending.
7. *The Leanin' Dog*, by K. A. Nuzum, RL 5. Dess Dean's life was changed forever when she found a friend to love and confide in and to share her heart. She now had a dog who would delight in the joy and fun of Christmas with her.
8. *Little Leap Forward*, by Guo Yue and Clare Farrow and illustrated by Helen Cann, RL 5. In Communist China in 1966, Leap Forward learns about freedom while flying kites with

- his best friend, by trying to get a caged bird to sing, and through the music he is learning to play on a bamboo flute.
9. *Masterpiece*, by Elise Broach and illustrated by Kelly Murphy, RL 4. Marvin, a beetle, makes a miniature drawing as a birthday gift for James, a human. The two new friends work together to help recover a drawing stolen from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
 10. *One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference*, by Katie Smith Milway and illustrated by Eugenie Fernandes, RL 4. Kojo never has enough money or food. He is given a small loan and buys a chicken which he turns into a profitable business buying more chickens and helping others.
 11. *Pizza, Pigs, and Poetry*, by Jack Prelutsky, RL 5. Jack Prelutsky provides the techniques of how to write a poem and what has inspired his poetry. He includes several of his own poems as inspiration.
 12. *The Porcupine Year*, by Louise Erdrich, RL 5. Omakayas or Little Frog and her Ojibwe family lived the most extraordinary year full of flight and adventure and joy in 1852 while searching for a new home. While the family has prepared, unexpected danger, enemies, and hardships test their survival.
 13. *A River of Words*, by Jen Bryant and illustrated by Melissa Sweet, RL 4. William Carlos Williams' words gave him freedom and peace, but he also needed to earn a living. When he grew up he became a doctor, but he never stopped writing poetry.
 14. *Something to Sing About*, by C. C. Payne, RL 4. Jamie Jo's fear of bees keeps her inside most of the time. A series of events brings about many changes, including new friendships and greater trust in God.
 15. *Spy!* by Anna Myers, RL 4. In 1774, Jonah becomes a pupil of Nathan Hale, who inspires him to question his beliefs about the impending revolution. Two years later, Jonah makes a decision that leads to Nathan's execution.
 16. *Surprises According to Humphrey*, by Betty G. Birney, RL 4. Humphrey, a pet hamster, faces many surprises, like rolling in a hamster ball, a substitute janitor, and the possibility of Mrs. Brisbane retiring.
 17. *Sword Quest*, by Nancy Yi Fan, RL 5. Wind-voice, the half dove, is free and Maldeor, the one-winged archaeopteryx, hungers for supreme power. Wind-voice and his valiant companions are trying to save the world.
 18. *The Tallest Tree*, by Sandra Belton, RL 4. A group of young African-American children learn about Paul Robeson from one of the neighborhood "elders". They decide to reclaim the town theater in order to celebrate Robeson's life.

19. *Two Bobbies*, by Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery and illustrated by Jean Cassels, RL 4.
Bobbi and Bob Cat are best friends living in New Orleans. Hurricane Katrina struck and they lost everything. They survive by staying together.
20. *Window boy*, by Andrea White, RL 5. Sam arrives for his first day of school, along with his imaginary friend Winston Churchill, who encourages him to persevere with his cerebral palsy.