

Confessions From the Principal's Kid

by Robin Mellom

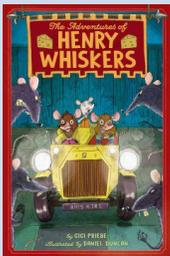
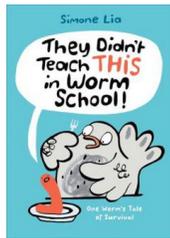
Treated like an outsider by classmates who think she will tattle on them, fifth-grader Allie, the daughter of the school principal, hangs out with other

misfit students who are the children of the school's teachers and resolves to join an elite math team of popular kids led by her former best friend.

They Didn't Teach This in Worm School!

by Simone Lia

A hungry chicken who thinks he is a flamingo and a quick-thinking worm become unlikely companions in a madcap adventure in search of the chicken's "fellow flamingos" in Africa, a destination that is complicated by their inability to read a map and the bird's obvious lack of flamingo characteristics.



The Adventures of Henry Whiskers

by Gigi Priebe

Living in Queen Mary's famous historical dollhouse at Windsor Castle, Henry Whiskers the mouse is challenged to overcome his natural timidity to

rescue his missing sister from the scary Rat Alley underworld.



The Wild Robot

by Peter Brown

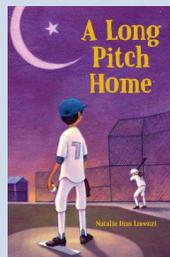
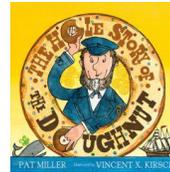
Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new

environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.

The Hole Story of the Doughnut

by Pat Miller

Whimsical cut-paper illustrations accompany the story of the inventor of the doughnut, detailing how young Hanson Gregory sought adventure as a cabin boy and used his talent for problem-solving to create an innovative pastry for his hungry fellow sailors.



A Long Pitch Home

by Natalie Dias Lorenzi

When Bilal's family moves to America while his father stays in Pakistan, the boy embraces baseball, an unexpected friend, and a new language, but Bilal misses his father and wonders if he will ever get to America to

see Bilal pitch,

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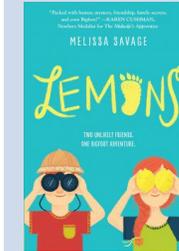
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VIRGINIA READERS' CHOICE NOMINEES

2019-2020

Elementary School Nominees



Lemons

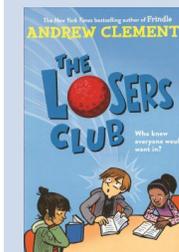
by Melissa Savage

After her mother dies in 1975, ten-year-old Lemonade must live with her grandfather in a small town famous for Bigfoot sightings and soon becomes friends with Tobin, a quirky Bigfoot investigator.

Her Right Foot

by Dave Eggers

The author of This Bridge Will Not Be Gray shares engaging historical facts about America's emblematic Statue of Liberty, revealing how the story of the Statue's right foot has become powerfully representative of the country's foundations upon the principles of acceptance and diversity.



The Losers Club

by Andrew Clements

Alec, a sixth-grade bookworm always in trouble for reading instead of listening and participating in class, starts a book club, solely to have a place to read, and discovers that real life, although messy, can be as exciting as the stories in his favorite books.



Dazzle Ships : World War I and the Art of Confusion

by Chris Barton

A pictorial introduction to the lesser-known World War I

practice of painting British and American ships with bold colors and patterns explains how the "dazzle" theories of Lieutenant Norman Wilkinson were applied to confuse enemies about a ship's speed and direction.

Front Desk

by Kelly Yang

After emigrating from China, ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown motel, while she works the front desk and tries to cope with fitting in at her school.

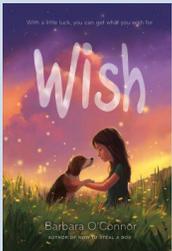


Shadows at Jamestown

by Steven K. Smith

Sam, Derek, and Caitlin can't believe their luck when they are invited by Professor Evanshade to help with the Jamestown Field School's archaeological dig. Journey back with them and to America's beginnings and a mystery in the shadows of Jamestown.

2019 Award Winner



Wish

by Barbara O'Connor

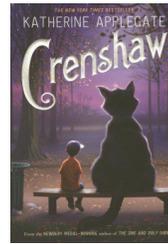
Charlie Reese is sent to live with a family she barely knows, but with the help of a skinny stray dog who captures her heart and a neighbor boy named Howard, she learns what the real meaning of family is.

Check out previous years' nominees, too.

Crenshaw

by Katherine Applegate

When Jackson and his family face living in their minivan, Jackson's imaginary cat Crenshaw returns to help him



A Whole New Ballgame

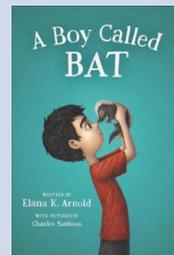
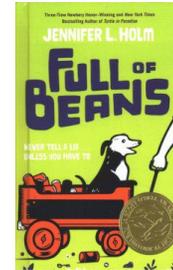
by Phil Bildner

Embarking on a fifth-grade year marked by an unconventional teacher and a new basketball coach, best friends Rip and Red work together to overcome Rip's academic struggles and Red's autism-related difficulties

Full of Beans

by Jennifer L Holm

Beans is confronted by the unexpected consequences of a large-scale plan he implements in Depression-era Key West community.

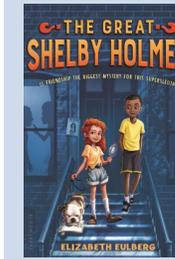


A Boy Called Bat

by Elana K Arnold

For Bixby Alexander Tam (nicknamed Bat), life tends to be full of surprises -- some of them good, some not so good. Today, though, is a good-surprise day. Bat's mom, a veterinarian, has brought home a baby skunk,

which she needs to take care of until she can hand him over to a wild-animal shelter. But the minute Bat meets the kit, he knows they belong together. And he's got one month to show his mom that a baby skunk might just make a pretty terrific pet.



The Great Shelby Holmes

by Elizabeth Eulberg

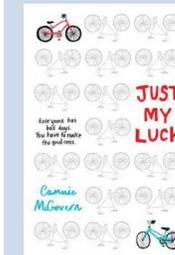
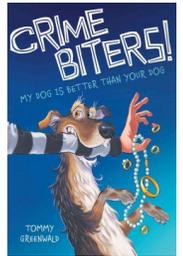
Nine-year-old Shelby Holmes, the best detective in her Harlem neighborhood, and her new easy-going friend from downstairs, eleven-year-old John

Watson, become partners in a dog-napping case. This is the first book in a series featuring Shelby Holmes.

My dog is better than your dog

by Tom Greenwald

Spending reclusive days doing the same three things for fun until his father lets him get a puppy, Jimmy begins to suspect his puppy has superpowers, including a potential for solving crimes and helping Jimmy make human friends.



Just My Luck

by Cammie McGovern

Disappointed by how his life is going and blaming himself for the accident that has placed his father in the hospital, fourth-grader Benny takes his mother's advice about helping others while worrying about his family when his father's health worsens.

A Poem for Peter : The Story of Ezra Jack Keats and the Creation of The Snowy Day

by Andrea Davis Pinkney

Published to commemorate his 100th birthday, a celebration of Ezra Jack Keats, describes his impoverished childhood, World War II service and enduring influence on children's literature

