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Louisiana Readers' Choice Awards Program 2027-2028 Nominated Titles

Grades K-2:

- *The Bear Out There* written and illustrated by Jess Hannigan (Quill Tree Books, HarperCollins)
- *Boar and Hedgehog* written by David Elliott, illustrated by Eugene Yelchin (Candlewick Press, Walker Books Group)
- *Bored Panda* written by Mike Bender, illustrated by Chuck Dillon (Random House Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House)
- *The Daddy-Daughter Dance* written by Malcolm Newsome, illustrated by Jenin Mohammed (Henry Holt and Co., Macmillan)
- *Don't Trust Fish* written by Neil Sharpson, illustrated by Dan Santat (Dial Books, Penguin Random House)
- *The Fire-Breathing Duckling* written and illustrated by Frank Cammuso (TOON Books, Astra Publishing House)
- *No More Chairs* written by Dan Gill, illustrated by Susan Gal (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers; Hachette Book Group)
- *Rima and the Painter* written by Leila Boukarum, illustrated by Melissa Iwai (Henry Holt and Co., Macmillan)
- *Stalactite & Stalagmite: A Big Tale from a Little Cave* written and illustrated by Drew Beckmeyer (Atheneum Books for Young Readers, Simon & Schuster)
- *There's Something Odd About the Babysitter* written by Elayne Crain, illustrated John Ledda (Feiwel & Friends, Macmillan)
- *This Skirt Won't Work!: How Women Athletes Changed Their Clothes and Changed the Game* written by Jennifer Cooper, illustrated by Eva Byrne (Sourcebooks Explore, Sourcebooks)
- *Wait 'Til You're Older* written by Maria Marianayagam, illustrated by Irina Avgustinovich (Sourcebooks Explore, Sourcebooks)
- *Welcome to the Forest: The Harvest Party* written and illustrated by Katie Risor (Andrews McMeel Publishing)
- *Whales in the City* written by Nancy F. Castaldo, illustrated by Chuck Groenink (Farrar, Straus and Giroux; Macmillan)

- *Wheetle: A Little Wagon with a Big Heart* written and illustrated by Cindy Derby (Roaring Brook Press, Macmillan)

Grades 3-5:

- *Benny on the Case* written by Wesley King (Beach Lane Books, Simon & Schuster)
- *Birdlore: The Iridescent Life of Florence Merriam Bailey* written by Jess Keating, illustrated by Devon Holzwarth (Knopf Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House)
- *Cousins in the Time of Magic* written by Emma Otheguy, illustrated by Poly Bernatene (Atheneum Books for Young Readers, Simon & Schuster)
- *Go Tell It: How James Baldwin Became a Writer* written by Quartez Harris, illustrated by Gordon C. James (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers; Hachette Book Group)
- *Good Boy* written and illustrated by Andy Hirsch (First Second, Macmillan)
- *Growing Home* written by Beth Ferry, illustrated by The Fan Brothers (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, Simon & Schuster)
- *The House Next Door* written by Ellen Oh (HarperCollins)
- *I'm a Dumbo Octopus!: A Graphic Guide to Cephalopods* written and illustrated by Anne Lambelet (Graphic Universe, Lerner Publishing Group)
- *Mixed-Up* written by Kami Garcia, illustrated by Brittney Williams (First Second, Macmillan)
- *To the Top of the World: Barbara Hillary, the First Black Woman to Reach the North and South Poles* written by Deborah Blumenthal, illustrated by Anastasia Magloire Williams (Atheneum Books for Young Readers, Simon & Schuster)
- *To Walk the Sky: How Iroquois Steelworkers Helped Build Towering Cities* written by Patricia Morris Buckley, illustrated by E. B. Lewis (Heardrum, HarperCollins)
- *Tomatoes on Trial: The Fruit v. Vegetable Showdown* written by Lindsay H. Metcalf, illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham (Calkins Creek, Astra Publishing House)
- *The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest* written by Aubrey Hartman, illustrated by Marcin Minor (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers; Hachette Book Group)
- *Wanda Hears the Stars: A Blind Astronomer Listens to the Universe* written by Amy S. Hansen and Wanda Díaz Merced, illustrated by Rocio Arreola Mendoza (Charlesbridge Publishing)
- *Zero!: The Number That Almost Wasn't* written by Sarah Albee, illustrated by Chris Hsu (Charlesbridge Publishing)

Grades 6-8:

- *At the Edge of Lost* written by Martha Brockenbrough (Scholastic Press, Scholastic)

- *Band Nerd* written by Sarah Clawson Willis, illustrated by Emma Cormarie (HarperAlley, HarperCollins)
- *Blood in the Water* written by Tiffany D. Jackson (Scholastic Press, Scholastic)
- *Busted* written by Dan Gemeinhart (Henry Holt and Co., Macmillan)
- *Confessions from the Group Chat* written by Jodi Meadows (Holiday House, Walker Books Group)
- *How the Ghost Army Hookwinked Hitler: The Story of American Artistry and Deception in World War II* written by Rebecca Siegel (Peachtree, Walker Books Group)
- *Isle of Ever* written by Jen Calonita (Sourcebooks Young Readers, Sourcebooks)
- *It's All or Nothing, Vale* written by Andrea Beatriz Arango (Random House Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House)
- *Ride or Die* written by Delilah S. Dawson (Delacorte Press, Penguin Random House)
- *Scarlet Morning* written and illustrated by ND Stevenson (Quill Tree Books, HarperCollins)
- *The Trouble with Heroes* written by Kate Messner (Bloomsbury Children's Books, Bloomsbury USA)
- *Will's Race for Home* written by Jewell Parker Rhodes (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers; Hachette Book Group)

Grades 9-12:

- *All the Noise at Once* written by DeAndra Davis (Atheneum Books for Young Readers, Simon & Schuster)
- *Bingsu for Two* written by Sujin Witherspoon (Union Square & Co., Hachette Book Group)
- *Breath of the Dragon* written by Shannon Lee and Fonda Lee (Wednesday Books, Macmillan)
- *A Curious Kind of Magic* written by Mara Rutherford (Wednesday Books, Macmillan)
- *Death in the Jungle: Murder, Betrayal, and the Lost Dream of Jonestown* written by Candace Fleming (Anne Schwartz Books, Penguin Random House)
- *The Executioners Three* written by Susan Dennard (Tor Teen, Macmillan)
- *Flip* written and illustrated by Ngozi Ukazu (First Second, Macmillan)
- *Hekate: The Witch* written by Nikita Gill (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers; Hachette Book Group)
- *Rosa by Any Other Name* written by Hailey Alcaraz (Viking Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House)
- *When Devils Sing* written by Xan Kaur (Henry Holt and Co., Macmillan)