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## Louisiana Readers' Choice Awards Program 2026-2027 Nominated Titles

### Grades K-2:

- *All at Once Upon a Time* written by Mara Rockliff, illustrated by Gladys Jose (Abrams Books for Young Readers, Abrams)
- *Gifts from the Garbage Truck: A True Story About the Things We (Don't) Throw Away* written by Andrew Larsen, illustrated by Oriol Vidal (Sourcebooks Explore, Sourcebooks)
- *Haiku Kaiju Ah-Choo!* written and illustrated by George McClements (Hippo Park, Astra Publishing House)
- *I'm Sorry You Got Mad* written by Kyle Lukoff, illustrated by Julie Kwon (Dial Books, Penguin Random House)
- *Katie, Big and Strong: The True Story of the Mighty Woman Who Could Lift Anything* written by Jennifer Cooper, illustrated by Jen White (Sourcebooks Explore, Sourcebooks)
- *Leo's First Vote!* written by Christina Soontornvat, illustrated by Isabel Roxas (Knopf Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House)
- *Millie Fleur's Poison Garden* written and illustrated by Christy Mandin (Orchard Books, Scholastic)
- *Monti and Leo: A Newcomer in Pocketville* written and illustrated by Sylvie Kantorovitz (Walker Books US, Penguin Random House)
- *More Dung!: A Beetle Tale* written and illustrated by Frank Weber (Disney Hyperion, Disney Publishing Group)
- *My Friend Andy* written and illustrated by Emma Chinnery (Union Square Kids, Hachette Book Group)
- *The Quacken* written by Justin Colón, illustrated by Pablo Pino (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, Simon & Schuster)
- *Shared Space* written and illustrated by Maddie Frost (HarperCollins)
- *Umami* written and illustrated by Jacob Grant (Viking Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House)
- *Ursula Upside Down* written and illustrated by Corey R. Tabor (Greenwillow Books, HarperCollins)
- *When the Rain Came Down* written by Leslie Helakoski, illustrated by Keisha Morris (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, Macmillan)

### **Grades 3-5:**

- *Ant Story* written and illustrated by Jay Hosler (HarperAlley, HarperCollins)
- *Anzu and the Realm of Darkness* written and illustrated by Mai K. Nguyen (Viking Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House)
- *Benny Ramírez and the Nearly Departed* written by José Pablo Iriarte, illustrated by Mirelle Ortega (Knopf Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House)
- *Big Bertha: How A Massive Tunnel Boring Machine Dug a Highway under Seattle* written by Amanda Abler, illustrated by Katy Wu (Little Bigfoot, Sasquatch Books)
- *Elinor McGrath, Pet Doctor: The Story of America's First Female Veterinarian* written by Jacqueline Johnson, illustrated by Alette Straathof (Beaming Books, Augsburg Fortress Publishers)
- *Eyes on the Ice* written by Anna Rosner (Groundwood Books, House of Anansi)
- *The Great Zoodini* written by PJ Gardner, illustrated by David Mottram (Balzer + Bray, HarperCollins)
- *The Iguanodon's Horn: How Artists and Scientists Put a Dinosaur Back Together Again and Again and Again* written and illustrated by Sean Rubin (Clarion Books, HarperCollins)
- *José Feeds the World: How a Famous Chef Feeds Millions of People in Need Around the World* written by David Unger, illustrated by Marta Álvarez Miguéns (duopress, Sourcebooks)
- *The Magic Callaloo* written by Trish Cooke, illustrated by Sophie Bass (Candlewick Press, Walker Books Group)
- *The School for Wicked Witches* written by Will Taylor (Scholastic Inc., Scholastic)
- *The Sherlock Society* written by James Ponti (Aladdin, Simon & Schuster)
- *Trouble at the Tangerine* written by Gillian McDunn (Bloomsbury Children's Books, Bloomsbury Publishing)
- *Up Periscope!: How Engineer Raye Montague Revolutionized Shipbuilding* written by Jennifer Swanson, illustrated by Veronica Miller Jamison (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, Hachette Book Group)
- *When Beavers Flew: An Incredible True Story of Rescue and Relocation* written by Kristen Tracy, illustrated by Luisa Uribe (Random House Studio, Penguin Random House)

### **Grades 6-8:**

- *Boy 2.0* written by Tracey Baptiste (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, Hachette Book Group)
- *Bye Forever, I Guess* written by Jodi Meadows (Holiday House)
- *Find Her* written by Ginger Reno (Holiday House)
- *It Came from the Trees* written by Ally Russell (Delacorte Press, Penguin Random House)
- *The Last Dragon on Mars* written by Scott Reintgen (Aladdin, Simon & Schuster)

- *Mid-Air* written by Alicia D. Williams, illustrated by Danica Novgorodoff (Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, Simon & Schuster)
- *The Night War* written by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (Dial Books, Penguin Random House)
- *Not If You Break Up With Me First* written by G.F. Miller (Aladdin, Simon & Schuster)
- *Not Quite a Ghost* written by Anne Ursu (Walden Pond Press, HarperCollins)
- *Plain Jane and the Mermaid* written and illustrated by Vera Brosgol (First Second, Macmillan)
- *Table Titans Club* written and illustrated by Scott Kurtz (Holiday House)
- *The Tenth Mistake of Hank Hooperman* written by Gennifer Choldenko (Knopf Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House)

### **Grades 9-12:**

- *Aisle Nine* written by Ian X. Cho (HarperCollins)
- *Bright Red Fruit* written by Safia Elhillo (Make Me a World, Penguin Random House)
- *Brownstone* written by Samuel Teer, illustrated by Mar Julia (Versify, HarperCollins)
- *Don't Let The Forest In* written by CG Drews (Feiwel & Friends, Macmillan)
- *Dungeons and Drama* written by Kristy Boyce (Delacorte Press, Penguin Random House)
- *Grief in the Fourth Dimension* written by Jennifer Yu (Harry N. Abrams, Abrams)
- *Libertad* written by Bessie Flores Zaldívar (Dial Books, Penguin Random House)
- *The Second Chance of Darius Logan* written by David F. Walker (Scholastic Press, Scholastic)
- *Shackled: A Tale of Wronged Kids, Rogue Judges, and a Town that Looked Away* written by Candy J. Cooper (Calkins Creek, Astra Publishing House)
- *The Thirteenth Child* written by Erin A. Craig (Delacorte Press, Penguin Random House)