



## Louisiana Readers' Choice (LYRC/LTRC) Awards Program 2024-2025 Nominated Titles

### Grades K-2:

- *Acorn Was a Little Wild* written by Jen Arena, illustrated by Jessica Gibson (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, Simon & Schuster)
- *Bibbidi Bobbidi Academy #1: Rory and the Magical Mix-Ups* written by Kallie George, illustrated by Lorena Alvarez Gómez (Disney-Hyperion)
- *The Boy Who Loved Maps* written by Kari Allen, illustrated by G. Brian Karas (Anne Schwartz Books, Penguin Random House)
- *Chester van Chime Who Forgot How to Rhyme* written by Avery Monsen, illustrated by Abby Hanlon (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, Hachette Book Group)
- *Gibberish* written and illustrated by Young Vo (Levine Querido, Chronicle Books)
- *Gigi and Ojiji* written and illustrated by Melissa Iwai (HarperCollins)
- *How Old Is Mr. Tortoise?* written by Dev Petty, illustrated by Ruth Chan (Abrams Books for Young Readers, ABRAMS)
- *I Am Ruby Bridges* written by Ruby Bridges, illustrated by Nikkolas Smith (Orchard Books, Scholastic)
- *I Cannot Draw a Horse* written and illustrated by Charise Mericle Harper (Union Square Kids, Sterling Publishing)
- *I'm Terrified of Bath Time* written by Simon Rich, illustrated by Tom Toro (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, Hachette Book Group)
- *Knight Owl* written and illustrated by Christopher Denise (Christy Ottaviano Books, Hachette Book Group)
- *Lou: A Children's Picture Book About a Fire Hydrant and an Unlikely Neighborhood Hero* written and illustrated by Breanna Carzoo (HarperCollins)
- *The Pet Potato* written by Josh Lacey, illustrated by Momoko Abe (Roaring Brook Press, Macmillan)
- *Surviving the Wild: Star the Elephant* written and illustrated by Remy Lai (Henry Holt and Co., Macmillan)
- *Tiny Dino* written and illustrated by Deborah Freedman (Viking Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House)

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

- *Anglerfish: The Seadevil of the Deep* written by Elaine M. Alexander, illustrated by Fiona Fogg (Candlewick Press)
- *Blue: A History of the Color as Deep as the Sea and as Wide as the Sky* written by Nana Ekua Brew-Hammond, illustrated by Daniel Minter (Knopf Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House)
- *Curve & Flow: The Elegant Vision of L.A. Architect Paul R. Williams* written by Andrea J. Loney, illustrated by Keith Mallett (Knopf Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House)
- *Endlessly Ever After: Pick YOUR Path to Countless Fairy Tale Endings!* written by Laurel Snyder, illustrated by Dan Santat (Chronicle Books)
- *The Gardener of Alcatraz: A True Story* written by Emma Bland Smith, illustrated by Jenn Ely (Charlesbridge Publishing)
- *Hide and Geek* written by T. P. Jagger (Random House Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House)
- *Just Right Jillian* written by Nicole D. Collier (Versify, HarperCollins)
- *Just Wild Enough: Mireya Mayor, Primatologist* written by Marta Magellan, illustrated by Clémentine Rocheron (Albert Whitman & Company)
- *Killer Underwear Invasion!: How to Spot Fake News, Disinformation & Conspiracy Theories* written and illustrated by Elise Gravel (Chronicle Books)
- *Listen: How Evelyn Glennie, a Deaf Girl, Changed Percussion* written by Shannon Stocker, illustrated by Devon Holzwarth (Dial Books, Penguin Random House)
- *Maizy Chen's Last Chance* written by Lisa Yee (Random House Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House)
- *Nour's Secret Library* written by Wafa' Tarnowska, illustrated by Vali Mintzi (Barefoot Books)
- *The Polter-Ghost Problem* written by Betsy Uhrig (Margaret K. McElderry Books, Simon & Schuster)
- *Sort of Super* written and illustrated by Eric Gapstur (Aladdin, Simon & Schuster)
- *Stinetinglers: All New Stories by the Master of Scary Tales* written by R. L. Stine, illustrated by David SanAngelo (Feiwel & Friends, Macmillan)

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

- *Alias Anna: A True Story of Outwitting the Nazis* written by Susan Hood and Greg Dawson (HarperCollins)
- *Attack of the Black Rectangles* written by Amy Sarig King (Scholastic Press, Scholastic)
- *Camp Scare* written by Delilah S. Dawson (Delacorte Press, Penguin Random House)
- *Falling Short* written by Ernesto Cisneros (Quill Tree Books, HarperCollins)

- *Gallant* written by V. E. Schwab (Greenwillow Books, HarperCollins)
- *High Score* written by Destiny Howell (Scholastic Press, Scholastic)
- *Nowhere Better Than Here* written by Sarah Guillory (Roaring Brook Press, Macmillan)
- *Rain Rising* written by Courtne Comrie (HarperCollins)
- *Swim Team* written and illustrated by Johnnie Christmas (HarperAlley, HarperCollins)
- *The Switch* written by Roland Smith (Scholastic Press, Scholastic)
- *Tumble* written by Celia C. Pérez (Kokila, Penguin Random House)
- *Wave* written by Diana Farid, illustrated by Kris Goto (Cameron Kids, ABRAMS)

**Grades 9-12 (Teen):**

- *And We Rise: The Civil Rights Movement in Poems* written by Erica Martin (Viking Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House)
- *Call Him Jack: The Story of Jackie Robinson, Black Freedom Fighter* written by Yohuru Williams and Michael G. Long (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, Macmillan)
- *The Greatest Thing* written and illustrated by Sarah Winifred Searle (First Second, Macmillan)
- *I Must Betray You* written by Ruta Sepetys (Philomel Books, Penguin Random House)
- *Love Radio* written by Ebony LaDelle (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, Simon & Schuster)
- *The Q* written by Amy Tintera (Crown Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House)
- *Queen of the Tiles* written by Hanna Alkaf (Salaam Reads, Simon & Schuster)
- *The Sacrifice* written by Rin Chupeco (Sourcebooks Fire, Sourcebooks)
- *The Sunbearer Trials* written by Aiden Thomas (Feiwel & Friends, Macmillan)
- *You, Me, and Our Heartstrings* written by Melissa See (Scholastic Press, Scholastic)

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