

2020 –2021 SOUTH CAROLINA BOOK AWARD NOMINEES



Alma and How She Got Her Name
Juana Martinez-Neal

Born to Ride: A Story About Bicycle Face
Larissa Theule

Brave Ballerina: The Story of Janet Collins
Michelle Meadows

Can I Be Your Dog?
Troy Cummings

The Day You Begin
Jacqueline Woodson

Friends Stick Together
Hannah E. Harrison

Giraffe Problems
Jory John

Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race
Margot Lee Shetterly

Love, Z
Jessie Sima

The Magician's Hat
Malcolm Mitchell

Misunderstood Shark
Ame Dyckman

Mixed: A Colorful Story
Arree Chung

Pipsqueaks, Slowpokes, and Stinkers: Celebrating Animal Underdogs
Melissa Stewart

Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré
Anika Aldamuy Denise

Remarkably You
Pat Zietlow Miller

The Remember Balloons
Jessie Oliveros

Rescue and Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship
Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes

Shaking Things Up
Susan Hood

Sleepy, the Goodnight Buddy
Drew Daywalt

We Don't Eat Our Classmates
Ryan T. Higgins



Amal Unbound
Aisha Saeed

Arlo Finch in the Valley of Fire
John August

Betty Before X
Ilyasah Shabazz

Blended
Sharon M. Draper

Caterpillar Summer
Gillian McDunn

Daring Dozen: The Twelve Who Walked on the Moon
Suzanne Slade

The Doughnut Fix
Jessie Janowitz

Echo's Sister
Paul Mosier

Finding Langston
Lesla Cline-Ransome

Hardscrabble
Sandra Dallas

Holes in the Sky
Patricia Polacco

Just Like Jackie
Lindsey Stoddard

Let 'Er Buck!: George Fletcher, the People's Champion
Vaunda Micheaux Nelson

Lizzy and the Good Luck Girl
Susan Lubner

Max & the Midnights
Lincoln Peirce

Saving Winslow
Sharon Creech

Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster
Jonathan Auxier

They Call Me Güero: A Border Kid's Poems
David Bowles

The Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA
Brenda Woods

Willa of the Wood
Robert Beatty



The Benefits of Being an Octopus
Ann Braden

Deep Water
Watt Key

Endling: the Last
Katherine Applegate

Every Shiny Thing
Cordelia Jensen and Laurie Morrison

Everything Else in the Universe
Tracy Holczer

Front Desk
Kelly Yang

Genesis Begins Again
Alicia D. Williams

A Good Kind of Trouble
Lisa Moore Ramée

Harbor Me
Jacqueline Woodson

I Am Still Alive
Kate Alice Marshall

The Jigsaw Jungle
Kristin Levine

Lifeboat 12
Susan Hood

Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish
Pablo Cartaya

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl
Stacy McAnulty

The Night Diary
Veera Hiranandani

Not If I Save You First
Ally Carter

The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise
Dan Gemeinhart

Shouting at the Rain
Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Small Spaces
Katherine Arden

The Unteachables
Gordon Korman



After the Shot Drops
Randy Ribay

Attucks!: Oscar Robertson and the Basketball Team That Awakened a City
Phillip Hoose

Contagion
Erin Bowman

A Curse So Dark and Lonely
Brigid Kemmerer

The Hazel Wood
Melissa Albert

Here to Stay
Sara Farizan

Heretics Anonymous
Katie Henry

Hey, Kiddo
Jarrett J. Krosoczka

I Have the Right To: A High School Survivor's Story of Sexual Assault, Justice, and Hope
Chessy Prout

The Silence Between Us
Alison Gervais

Sky in the Deep
Adrienne Young

Skyward
Brandon Sanderson

Stay Sweet
Siobhan Vivian

Stronger, Faster, and More Beautiful
Arwen Elys Dayton

Time Bomb
Joelle Charbonneau

Truly Devious
Maureen Johnson

A Very Large Expanse of Sea
Tahereh Mafi

The Waning Age
S.E. Grove

We'll Fly Away
Bryan Bliss

What You Hide
Natalie D. Richards