2021 CLEL Bell Award Nomination List

READ

Help Wanted: Must Love Books by Janet Summer Johnson and Courtney Dawson, (Capstone Editions)

A Book for Escargot by Dashka Sater and Sydney Hanson, (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

Library Babies by Puck & Violet Lemay, (Duopress)

How to Read to a Grandma or Grandpa by Jean Reagan and Lee Wildish, (Alfred A. Knopf)

Every Little Letter by Deborah Underwood and Joy Hwang Ruiz, (Dial Books)

Pirate Nell’s Tale to Tell: A Storybook Adventure, by Helen Docherty & Thomas Docherty, (Sourcebooks Jabberwocky)

Cave Dada by Brandon Reese, (Chronicle Books)

I Do Not Like Stories by Andrew Larsen and Carey Sookocheff, (Owlkids Books)

Eek!: A Noisy Journey from A to Z, Julie Larios and Julie Paschkis, (Peachtree Publishing Company)

SING

Sing with Me/Canta conmigo by José-Luis Orozco and Sara Palacios, (Scholastic Press)

Follow Me Flo!, Jarvis, Candlewick Press

Hundred Feet Tall, Benjamin Scheuer & Jemima Williams, Simon & Schuster Books for Young
Readers

**Here We Go Digging For Dinosaur Bones**, Susan Lendroth/Rob Kolar, Charlesbridge

**You Can Do It Noisy Nora**, Rosemary Wells, Viking Books for Young Readers

**Three Little Kittens**, Barbara McClintock, Scholastic Press

**Let's Dance**, David Bowie / Hannah Marks, Running Press Kids

**The Hips on the Drag Queen Go Swish, Swish, Swish**, Lil Miss Hot Mess; Olga de Dios, Running Press Kids

**Accordionly**, Michael Genhart; Priscilla Burris, Magination Press

**Your Name is a Song**, Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow; Luisa Uribe, The Innovation Press

**Itzhak: A Boy Who Loved the Violin**, Tracy Newman; Abigail Halpin, Harry N. Abrams

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**PLAY**

**Boxitects**, Kim Smith, Clarion Books

**When My Brother Gets Home**, Tom Lichtenheld, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

**Where's Baby?**, Anne Hunter, author and illustrator. Tundra Books

**Let's Build**, Julie Fenner and Zoe Waring, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

**Dot. Unplugged**, Randi Zuckerberg/Jim Henson Company, Candlewick Press

**Can I Play Too?**, Samantha Cotterill, Dial Books for Young Readers

**My Best Friend**, Author: Julie Fogliano Illustrator: Jillian Tamaki, Atheneum Books for Young Readers

**Alphonse, There's Mud On the Ceiling!**, Daisy Hirst, Candlewick Press

**Friday Night Wrestlefest**, J.F. Fox and Micah Player, Roaring Brook Press

**Mama Baby**, Chris Raschka, Candlewick Press

**The Button Book**, Sally Nicholls (author) and Bethan Woollvin (illustrator), Tundra Books

**My Rainy Day Rocket Ship**, Marketer Sheppard and Charly Palmer, Denene Miller Simon and
TALK

Layla’s Happiness by Mariahadessa EkereTallie and Ashleigh Corrin, (Enchanted Lion Books)
I’m Not Millie, by Mark Pett, (Knopf Books for Young Readers)
What I Like Most by Mary Murphy and Zhu Cheng-Liang, (Candlewick Press)
Mama Baby by Chris Raschka, (Candlewick Press)
I am Perfectly Designed by Karamo Brown and Anooshe Syed, (Henry Holt and Company)
My Mindful Walk with Grandma, Sheri Mabry and Wazza Pink, (Albert Whitman & Company)
The Paper Kingdom, by Helena Ku Rhee and Pascal Campion, (Random House)
Eek!: A Noisy Journey from A to Z, Julie Larios and Julie Paschkis, (Peachtree Publishing Company)
Hello, Little One by Zeena M. Pliska and Fiona Halliday, (Page Street Kids)
Pearl Goes to Preschool by Julie Fortenberry, (Candlewick Press)
Can I Play Too? By Samantha Cotterill, (Dial Books for Young Readers)

WRITE

Swashby and the Sea by Beth Ferry and Juana Martinez-Neal, (HMH Books for Young Readers)
Nola’s Scribbles Save the Day by Cristina Lalli, (Page Street Kids)
A Book for Escargot by Dashka Slater and Sydney Hanson, (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
Love, Sophia on the Moon by Anica Mrose Rissi and Mika Song, (Little Brown Books for Young Readers)
Finding Francois: A Story about the Healing Power of Friendship by Gus Gordon, (Dial Books)
I Found a Kitty! by Troy Cummings, (Random House)

When I Draw a Panda by Amy June Bates, (Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books)

Fern and Otto: A Story About Two Best Friends by Stephanie Graegin, (Schwartz & Wade Books)