

2022 CLEL Bell Shortlist

The Bell Awards Committee has selected the shortlist titles for the 2022 award. Five titles have been selected for each of the early literacy practices, Read, Write, Talk, Sing and Play.

The shortlist titles are:



READ

- *Rectangle Time* by Pamela Paul, illustrated by Becky Cameron (Philomel Books, Feb. 2021)
- *Book's Big Adventure* by Adam Lehrhaupt, illustrated by Rahele Jomepour Bell (Simon Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books, February 2021)
- *I'll Build You a Bookcase* by Jean Ciborowski Fahey, illustrated by Simone Shin (Lee & Low Books, March 2021)
- *Where Do Words Come From?* by Jeff Zwiers, illustrated by Sr. Reny (Reycraft Books, May 2021)
- *The Little Library* by Margaret McNamara, illustrated by G. Brian Karas (Schwartz & Wade, March 2021)

TALK

- *Wonder Walkers* by Micha Archer (Nancy Paulsen Books, March 2021)
- *Raven, Rabbit, Deer* by Sue Farrell Holler, illustrated by Jennifer Faria Lipke (Pajama Press, November 2020)
- *It Was Supposed to Be Sunny* by Samantha Cotterill (Dial Books, March 2021)
- *Etty Darwin and the Four Pebble Problem* by Lauren Soloy (Tundra Books, May 2021)
- *What Happened to You?* by James Catchpole, illustrated by Karen George (Faber & Faber, April 2021)

SING

- *Venetian Lullaby* by Judith L. Roth, illustrated by Kendra Binney (Page Street Kids, January 2021)
- *Bear Wants to Sing* by Cary Fagan, illustrated by Dena Seiferling (Tundra Books, September 2021)
- *ROAR-chestra* by Robert Heidbreder, illustrated by Dušan Petričić (Kids Can Press, May 2021)
- *The Rice in the Pot Goes Round and Round* by Wendy Wan-Long Shang, illustrated by Lorian Tu (Orchard Books, June 2021)
- *Jazz for Lunch* by Jarrett Dapier, illustrated by Eugenia Mello (Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, September 2021)

WRITE

- *Milo Imagines the World* by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson (G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, February 2021)
- *Arlo Draws an Octopus* by Lori Mortensen, illustrated by Rob Sayegh Jr. (Harry N. Abrams, May 2021)
- *Reuse This Book!* by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, illustrated by Emma Morris (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company)
- *Line and Scribble* by Debora Vogrig, illustrated by Pia Valentinis, translated by Debbie Bibo (Chronicle Books, May 2021)
- *You Are a Writer/You Are a Reader* by April Jones Prince, illustrated by Christine Davenier (Margaret Ferguson Books, August 2021)

PLAY

- *Off to See the Sea* by Nikki Grimes, illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon (Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, January 2021)
- *Off-Limits* by Helen Yoon (Candlewick Press, October 2021)
- *Fred Gets Dressed* by Peter Brown (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, May 2021)
- *Let's Move!* by Larissa Honsek (Familius, May 2021)
- *Pillow Places* by Joseph Kuefler (Balzer + Bray, June 2021)