

2023 CLEL Bell Awards Nominations List

READ

- *Bathe the Cat* by Alice B. McGinty, illustrated by David Roberts (Chronicle Books, February 8, 2022)
- *The Library Fish* by Alyssa Satin Capucilli, illustrated by Gladys Jose (Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books, March 2022)
- *A Library* by Nikki Giovanni, illustrated by Erin K. Robinson (Versify, September 27, 2022)
- *Quiet, Please!* By Russ Willms (Orca Book Publishers, April 12, 2022)
- *Everywhere With You* by Carlie Sorosiak, illustrated by Devon Holzwarth (Walker Books US, May 24, 2022)
- *The Book That Kibo Wrote* by Mariana Ruiz Johnson; translated by Lawrence Schimel (Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, April 26, 2022)
- *The Book That Did Not Want to Be Read* by David Sundin (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, March 1, 2022)
- *Dear Reader: A Love Letter to Libraries* by Tiffany Rose (Little Bee Books, February 8, 2022)
- *This Book Is Not for You!* By Shannon Hale, illustrated by Tracy Subisak (Dial Books for Young Readers, April 19, 2022)



WRITE

- *Every Dog in the Neighborhood* by Phillip C. Stead, illustrated by Matthew Cordell (Neal Porter Books, June 21, 2022)
- *The Story of a Story* by Deborah Hopkinson, illustrated by Hadley Hooper (Neal Porter Books, November 9, 2022)
- *Eggasaurus* by Jennifer Wagh, illustrated by Hallie Bateman (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, April 26, 2022)
- *The Gift* by Alain Serge Dzutap, illustrated by Delphine Renon (Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, February 15, 2022)
- *Dadaji's Paintbrush* by Rashmi Sirdepande, illustrated by Ruchi Mhasane (Levine Querido, August 30, 2022)
- *Is This Your Class Pet?* By Troy Cummings (Random House Books for Young Readers, June 2022)
- *123 Zoom* by Chiêu Anh Urban (Little Simon, April 19, 2022)
- *ABC Roar* by Chiêu Anh Urban (Simon and Schuster, August 2022)

- *The Boy and the Mountain* by Mario Bellini, illustrated by Marianna Coppo (Tundra Books, June 2022)
- *Lulu & Zoey: A Sister Story* by Carrie Finison, illustrated by Brittany Jackson (Running Press Kids, June 7, 2022)
- *Bathe the Cat* by Alice B. McGinty, illustrated by David Roberts (Chronicle Books, February 8, 2022)
- *The Boy Who Loved Maps* by Kari Allen G., illustrated by Brian Karas (Anne Schwartz Books, July 2022)
- *Enzo y su arte/Enzo and His Art*, by Jessica Spanyol (Child's Play International, September 1, 2022)
- *Carl Writes a Letter* by Erin Savory, illustrated by Brooke O'Neill (Ready Reader, September 2022)
- *I Can't Draw* by Stephen W. Martin, illustrated by Brian Biggs (Margaret K. McElderry Books, October 2022)
- *Bad Drawer* by Seth Fishman (and friends) (Penguin Workshop, October 25, 2022)
- *Sallie Bee Writes a Thank You Note* by Susan Verde and Courtney Sheinmel, illustrated by Heather Ross (Harry N. Abrams, November 1, 2022)

TALK

- *How to Say Hello to a Worm: A First Guide to Outside* by Kari Percival (Rise x Penguin Workshop, February 2022)
- *Baby Squeaks* by Ann Hunter (Tundra Books, May 31, 2022)
- *Climb On!* By Baptiste Paul, illustrated by Jacqueline Alcántara (NorthSouth Books, March 22, 2022)
- *Problem with Pajamas* by Lauren Stohler (Atheneum Books for Young Readers, February 22, 2022)
- *The New Rooster* by Rilla Alexander (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, July 2022)
- *I Love You Because I Love You* by Muon Thi Van, illustrated by Jessica Love (Katherine Tegen Books, January 18, 2022)
- *Gibberish* by Young Vo (Levine Querido, March 1, 2022)
- *After the Buzz Comes the Bee: Lift-the-Flap Animal Sounds* by Robie Rogge, illustrated by Rachel Isadora (Holiday House, April 5, 2022)
- *Color* by Christina Rossetti, illustrated by Laëtitia Devernay (Creative Editions, March 8, 2022)
- *Get Together* by Miguel Ordóñez (Rise X Penguin Workshop, December 21, 2021)

- *Miguel's Community Garden* by JaNay Brown-Wood, illustrated by Samara Hardy (Peachtree Publishing Company, March 1, 2022)
- *Why?: A Conversation About Race* by Taye Diggs, illustrated by Shane W. Evans (Feiwel & Friends, February 2022)
- *There's a Lion in the Forest!* By Mônica Carnesi (Nancy Paulsen Books, February 2022)
- *Does a Bulldozer Have a Butt?* By Derick Wilder, illustrated by K-Fai Steele (Chronicle Books, May 24, 2022)
- *Miss Rita, Mystery Reader* by Sam Donovan, Kristen Wixted, illustrated by Violet Tobacco (Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR), May 2022)
- *Tell Me a Lion Story* by Kara Kramer (Candlewick Press, May 10, 2022)
- *We Ask Permission* by Lydia Bowers, illustrated by Isabel Muñoz (Free Spirit Publishing, February 22, 2022)
- *Three Pockets Full* by Cindy L. Rodriguez, illustrated by Begona Fernandez Coralan (Cardinal Rule Press, September 1, 2022)
- *I Want to be a Vase* by Julio Torres, illustrated by Julian Glander (Atheneum Books for Young Readers, June 7, 2022)
- *Telling Stories Wrong* by Gianni Rodari, illustrated by Beatrice Alemagna (Enchanted Lion Books, June 21, 2022)
- *See You Someday Soon* by Pat Zietlow Miller, illustrated by Suzy Lee (Roaring Brook Press, June 14, 2022)
- *My Very First 100 Words* by Rosemary Wells (Simon & Schuster, March 22, 2022)
- *Luli and the Language of Tea* by Andrea Wang, illustrated by Hyewon Yum (Neal Porter Books, May 24, 2022)
- *What Are Words, Really?* By Alexi Lubomirski, illustrated by Carlos Aponte (Candlewick Press, September 27, 2022)
- *What's Your Name?* By Bethanie Deeney Murguia, illustrated by Bethanie Deeney Murguia (Candlewick, November 8, 2022)

PLAY

- *A Park Connects Us* by Sarah Nelson, illustrated by Ellen Rooney (Owlkids, March 15, 2022)
- *Again, Essie* by Jenny Lacika, illustrated by Teresa Martínez (Charlesbridge, May 3, 2022)
- *Baby's Here* by Jessica Young, illustrated by Geneviève Godbout (Clarion Books, May 31, 2022)
- *Animals Move* by Jane Whittingham (Pajama Press, March 29, 2022)

- *Me and My Mama* by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Ashleigh Corrin (Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, April 5, 2022)
- *I Love You All The Time* by Deborah Farmer Kris, illustrated by Jennifer Zivoin (Free Spirit Publishing; First Edition, March 15, 2022)
- *Playtime for Restless Rascals* by Nikki Grimes, illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon (Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, September 6, 2022)
- *The Book of Rules* by Brian Gehrlein, illustrated by Tom Knight (Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR), November 16, 2021)
- *I Love You Like Yellow* by Andrea Beaty, illustrated by Vashti Harrison (Harry N. Abrams, March 29, 2022)
- *Hands On!* By Anne Wynter, illustrated by Alea Marley (Balzer + Bray, January 4, 2022)
- *While We Wait* by Judy Ann Sader, illustrated by Elodie Duhameau (Owlkids, March 15, 2022)
- *Bright Brown Baby* by Andrea Davis Pinkney, illustrated by Brian Pinkney (Orchard Books, January 4, 2022)
- *Who Takes Care of You?* By Hannah Eliot, illustrated by Jade Orlando (Little Simon, December 14, 2021)
- *Messy Time* by Elizabeth Verdick, illustrated by Marieka Heinlen (Free Spirit Publishing, March 8, 2022)
- *Grandma and Me* by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Ashleigh Corrin (Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, March 1, 2022)
- *The Best Bed for Me* by Gaia Cornwall (Candlewick, May 17, 2022)
- *Molly On the Moon* by Mary Robinette Kowal, illustrated by Diana Mayo (Roaring Brook Press, April 12, 2022)
- *On a Rainy Day* by Sarah LuAnn Perkins (Viking Books for Young Readers, March 29, 2022)
- *Rafa Counts on Papa* by Joe Cepeda (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, May 3, 2022)
- *Flicker Plays Hide-and-Surprise* by Jodie Parachini, illustrated by Bryony Clarkson (Albert Whitman & Company, October 27, 2022)
- *Ride, Roll, Run: Time for Fun!* By Valerie Bolling, illustrated by Sabrena Khadija (Harry N. Abrams, October 4, 2022)

SING

- *Hush, Little Trucker* by Kim Norman, illustrated by Toshiki Nakamura (Harry N. Abrams, February 1, 2022)
- *We Shall Overcome* by Bryan Collier (Orchard Books, December 28, 2021)
- *Rooftop Garden* by Danna Smith, illustrated by Pati Auilera (Barefoot Books , May 16, 2022)

- *Welcome to the Cypher* by Khodi Dill, illustrated by Awuradwoa Afful (Annick Press, November 30, 2021)
- *12 Days of Kindness* by Irene Latham, illustrated by Junghwa Park (G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, June 21, 2022)
- *Here We Come!* By Janna Matthies, illustrated by Christine Davenier (Beach Lane Books, March 15, 2022)
- *If You're a Drag Queen and You Know It* by Lil Miss Hot Mess, illustrated by Olga de Dios (Running Press Kids, May 17, 2022)
- *Ear Worm* by Jo Knowles, illustrated by Galia Bernstein (Candlewick, January 25, 2022)
- *This is the Boat that Ben Built* by Jen Lynn Bailey, illustrated by Maggie Zeng (Pajama Press, March 15, 2022)
- *Skip to My Moo* by Iza Trapani, illustrated by Maddie Frost (Running Press Kids, March 1, 2022)
- *Baby, Sleepy Baby* by Atinuke, illustrated by Angela Brooksbank (Candlewick, April 4, 2023)
- *Twinkle, Twinkle Winter Night* by Megan Litwin, illustrated by Nneka Myers (Clarion Books, September 20, 2022)
- *Still This Love Goes On* by Buffy Sainte-Marie, illustrated by Julie Flett (Greystone Kids, September 27, 2022)
- *Song in the City* by Daniel Bernstrom, illustrated by Jenin Mohammed (Amistad Books for Young Readers, September 6, 2022)
- *Build a House* by Rhiannon Giddons, illustrated by Monica Mikai (Candlewick, October 11, 2022)
- *This is the Tree We Planted* by Kate McMulan, illustrated by Alison Friend (Knopf Books for Young Readers, February 1, 2022)