

New Material at the North Dakota State Library
November 14, 2016
Juvenile and Young Adult Fiction

2017 Flicker Tale Book Award Nominees – Picture Books

PZ 7 .A933816 One 2015

One word from Sophia / Jim Averbeck and Yasmeen Ismail.

Sophia tries varied techniques to get the giraffe she wants more than anything in this story about the nuances of negotiation. Sophia has one true desire for her birthday. But she has Four Big Problems in the way: Mom, Dad, Uncle Conrad... and Grand-mama. Will her presentations, proposals, and pie charts convince them otherwise? Turns out, all it takes is one word.

PZ 7 .J62168 Goo 2015

Goodnight already! / Jory John & Benji Davies.

Meet Bear. He's exhausted. All he wants is to go to sleep. Meet Duck, Bear's persistent next-door neighbor. All he wants is to hang out... with Bear.

PZ 7 .J894 Fl 2014

Flight school / by Lita Judge.

Although little Penguin has the soul of an eagle, his body wasn't built to soar. But Penguin has an irrepressible spirit, and he adamantly follows his dreams to flip, flap, fly! Even if he needs a little help with the technical parts, this penguin is ready to live on the wind.

PZ 7 .K1296 As 2014

As an oak tree grows / G. Brian Karas.

This picture book relays the events of two hundred years from the unique perspective of a magnificent oak tree, showing how much the world can transform from a single vantage point. From 1775 to the present day, this framing device lets readers watch as human and animal populations shift and the landscape transitions from country to city. Methods of transportation, communication and energy use progress rapidly while other things hardly seem to change at all.

2017 Flicker Tale Book Award Nominees – Intermediate Books

PZ 7 .B63686 Esc 2015

Escape from Baxter's barn / written & illustrated by Rebecca Bond.

When Burdock the barn cat sneaks into the Baxters' farmhouse kitchen to hide behind a warm stove, he overhears a sinister plot that endangers all the animals on the farm. It's up to him and his cacophonous cohorts to figure out how to bust out of the barn before it's too late.

PZ 7 .L128 Dr 2015

The dragonsitter / Josh Lacey ; illustrated by Garry Parsons.

It had sounded so easy: Eddie just needed to watch Uncle Morton's unusual pet for a week while he went on vacation. Turns out, looking after a dragon isn't easy at all. Soon the fridge is empty, the curtains are on fire, and the mailman is running away... Not to mention the smell. It's no fun finding dragon poop on your favorite shoes! What is Eddie going to do?

PZ 7 .P4315 Ti 2015

Tiger boy / Mitali Perkins ; illustrated by Jamie Hogan.

When a tiger cub escapes from a nature reserve near Neel's island village, the rangers and villagers hurry to find her before the cub's anxious mother follows suit and endangers them all. Mr. Gupta, a rich newcomer to the island, is also searching -- he wants to sell the cub's body parts on the black market. Neel and his sister, Rupa, resolve to find the cub first and bring her back to the reserve where she belongs. The hunt for the cub interrupts Neel's preparations for an exam to win a prestigious scholarship at a boarding school far from home. Neel doesn't mind -- he dreads the exam and would rather stay on his beloved island in the Sunderbans of West Bengal with his family and friends. But through his encounter with the cub, Neil learns that sometimes you have to take risks to preserve what you love. And sometimes you have to sacrifice the present for the chance to improve the future.

PZ 7 .W65535 St 2015

The story of Diva and Flea / as told & shown by Mo Willems and Tony DiTerlizzi.

Diva, a small yet brave dog, and Flea, a curious streetwise cat, develop an unexpected friendship in this tale of discovery. For as long as she could remember, Diva lived at 11 avenue Le Play in Paris, France. For as long as he could remember, Flea also lived in Paris, France-but at no fixed address. When Flea passed Diva's courtyard one day, their lives were forever changed. Together, Diva and Flea explore and share their very different worlds, as only true friends can do.

2017 Flicker Tale Book Award Nominees – Juvenile Books

PZ 7 .A9314 Nig 2014

The Night Gardener / a scary story by Jonathan Auxier.

The Night Gardener follows two abandoned Irish siblings who travel to work as servants at a creepy, crumbling English manor house. But the house and its family are not quite what they seem. Soon the children are confronted by a mysterious spectre and an ancient curse that threatens their very lives.

PZ 7 .B26663 Wit 2014

The witch's boy / Kelly Barnhill.

When Ned and his identical twin brother Tam tumble from their raft into a raging, bewitched river, only Ned survives. Villagers are convinced the wrong boy lived. Sure enough, Ned grows up weak and slow, and stays as much as possible within the safe boundaries of his family's cottage and yard. But when a Bandit King comes to steal the magic that Ned's mother, a witch, is meant to protect, it's Ned who safeguards the magic and summons the strength to protect his family and community. In the meantime, in another kingdom across the forest that borders Ned's village lives Áine, the resourceful and pragmatic daughter of the Bandit King. She is haunted by her mother's last words to her: "The wrong boy will save your life and you will save his." But when Áine and Ned's paths cross, can they trust each other long enough to make their way through the treacherous woods and stop the war about to boil over?

PZ 7 .J720453 Unu 2015

Unusual chickens for the exceptional poultry farmer / by Kelly Jones ; illustrated by Katie Kath.

Twelve-year-old Sophie Brown feels like a fish out of water when she and her parents move from Los Angeles to the farm they've inherited from a great-uncle. But farm life gets more interesting when a cranky chicken appears and Sophie discovers the hen can move objects with the power of her little chicken brain: jam jars, the latch to her henhouse, the entire henhouse... And then more of her great-uncle's unusual chickens come home to roost. Determined, resourceful Sophie learns to care for her flock, earning money for chicken feed, collecting eggs. But when a respected local farmer tries to steal them, Sophie must find a way to keep them (and their superpowers) safe.

PZ 7.1 .M3728 In 2015

In the footsteps of Crazy Horse / by Joseph Marshall III ; illustrations by Jim Yellowhawk.

Jimmy McClean is a Lakota boy -- though you wouldn't guess it by his name: his father is part white and part Lakota, and his mother is Lakota. When he embarks on a journey with his grandfather, Nyles High Eagle, he learns more and more about his Lakota heritage -- in particular, the story of Crazy Horse, one of the most important figures in Lakota and American history. Drawing references and inspiration from the oral stories of the Lakota tradition, author Joseph Marshall III juxtaposes the contemporary story of Jimmy with the life of Tasunke Witko, better known as Crazy Horse (c. 1840-1877). The book follows the heroic deeds of the Lakota leader who took up arms against the United States federal government to fight against encroachments on the territories and way of life of the Lakota people, including leading a war party to victory at the Battle of the Little Bighorn. Along with Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse was the last of the Lakota to surrender his people to the U.S. army. Through his grandfather's tales about the famous warrior, Jimmy learns more about his Lakota heritage and, ultimately, himself.

Picture Books - Other

PZ 7 .B26615 How 2016

How this book was made : based on a true story / Mac Barnett ; Adam Rex.

You may think you know how this book was made, but you don't. Sure, the author wrote many drafts, and the illustrator took a long time creating the art, but then what? How'd it get into your hands? Well, open the cover and read through these pages to find out. Just beware of the pirates and angry tiger.

PZ 7 .C2633 Nev 2012

Never let a ghost borrow your library book : book care guidelines from the Library Secret Service / Karen Casale ; illustrations by Cecilia Reborá.

A few guideline from the Library Secret Service: Do not let a baby drool on your books. Especially if he's just eaten strained peas. Do not dog-ear, dog-slurp, or dog-slime your books. Use a bookmark! Do not take your books out in the rain or put them in the bathtub. You should definitely take a bath, however. Never let a ghost borrow your library book. Ghosts have a habit of disappearing. This book contains important guidelines for keeping your books safe from harm. Read it to yourself. Read it to your parents. Read it to your sister's smooshed-up sandwich. Whomever you read it to, remember to treat it well. The Library's Secret Service will show you how!

PZ 7 .M63915 Ri 1997

Richard Wright and the library card / by William Miller ; illustrated by Gregory Christie.

As a young black man in the segregated South of the 1920s, author Richard Wright was hungry to explore new worlds through books, but was forbidden from borrowing them from the library. This book tells of his love of reading, and how his unwavering perseverance, along with the help of a co-worker, came together to make Richard's dream a reality.

PZ 7.1 .M4345 Te 2016

Tek / Patrick McDonnell.

Tek is a cave boy in love with tech: his tablet, videogames, phone, and TV keep him deep in his cave, glued to his devices, day in and day out. He never sees his friends or family anymore -- and his ability to communicate has devolved to just one word: "UGH"! Can anyone in the village convince Tek to unplug and come outside into the big, beautiful world?

PZ 7.1 .R43 Sw 2016

Sweet competition / by Liz and Jimmy Reed.

For this pair of twin cherries, everything is a competition. If Girl Cherry can swing higher, Boy Cherry will boast that he can swing lower. If one is smarter, then the other is cooler. So when they enter a contest to build the best dessert ever, they immediately pit themselves against each other. But when you're attached at the stem, there's

only so much you can do on your own. Things could be easy as pie -- so to speak -- if they put aside their differences and join forces. Will Boy Cherry and Girl Cherry cream the competition by working together... or will one try to be the cherry on top?

PZ 8.3 .B472 Gr 2016

The grizzly bear who lost his grrrrr! / written and illustrated by Rob Biddulph.

Each year, for as long as the forest has stood, a contest is held for the bears of the wood... Fred is the champion. He's the best. But being the best takes time and training, especially when it comes to having the loudest growl. Then, one morning, disaster strikes -- Fred's GRRRRR is gone! Oh, no! Will Fred find his GRRRRR and realize that there's more to life than being a winner?

PZ 8.3 .G199 Do 2017

Do not bring your dragon to the library / written by Julie Gassman ; illustrated by Andy Elkerton.

Have you ever thought about bringing your dragon to the library? Don't do it! You might have the best intentions, but that dragon will cause nothing but trouble.

Chapter Books

PZ 7 .B94558 Leg 2016

Burt, Marissa, author. A legend of starfire / Marissa Burt. A sliver of stardust, book 2.

The Land of Nod used to be just a name in a nursery rhyme to Wren. But when she discovered the secret magic of stardust, she learned that some of those rhymes had secrets of their own -- and the Land of Nod is real. A few months ago, the evil Magician Boggen attempted to escape his exile on Nod and return to Earth. Wren stopped him, but Boggen is still out there. To save her world, Wren will travel farther than even she could have dreamed: to the heart of Nod itself, where she must defeat Boggen once and for all.

PZ 7 .D29392 No 2016

Nothing but trouble / Jacqueline Davies.

Odawahaka has always been too small for Maggie's big scientific ideas. Between her stuck-in-a-rut mom, her grumpy grandpop, and the lifetime supply of sludgy soda in the fridge, it's hard for Maggie to imagine a change. But when Lena moves in with her creative spirit and outrageous perspective, middle school takes off with a bang. Someone starts pulling the kind of pranks that send their rule-loving new principal into an uproar -- complete with purple puffs of smoke, parachuting mice, and a scavenger hunt that leads to secret passageways. Suddenly the same-old football games, election for class president, and embarrassing stories feel almost exciting. And for the first time in her life, Maggie begins to wonder if there might be more to Odawahaka than she ever saw coming!

PZ 7.1 .V533 Lik 2016

Like magic / Elaine Vickers.

For three ten-year-old girls, their once simple worlds are starting to feel too big. Painfully shy Grace dreads starting fifth grade now that her best friend has moved away. Jada hopes she'll stop feeling so alone if she finds the mother who left years ago. And Malia fears the arrival of her new baby sister will forever change the family she loves. When the girls each find a mysterious treasure box in their library and begin to fill the box with their own precious things, they start to feel less alone. But it's up to Grace, Jada, and Malia to take the treasures and turn them into something more: true friendship.

Young Adult

PZ 7 .B9556 Str 2016

The stranger game / Cylind Busby.

When Nico Morris's older sister mysteriously disappears, her parents, family, and friends are devastated. But Nico can never admit what she herself feels: relief at finally being free of Sarah's daily cruelties. Then the best and worst thing happens: four years later, after dozens of false leads, Sarah is found. But this girl is much changed from the one Nico knew. She's thin and drawn, when Sarah had been golden and athletic; timid and unsure, instead of brash and competitive; and strangest of all, sweet and kind, when she had once been mean and abusive. Sarah's retrograde amnesia has caused her to forget almost everything about her life, from small things like the plots of her favorite books and her tennis game to the more critical -- where she's been the last four years and what happened at the park on the fateful day she vanished. Despite the happy ending, the dark details of that day continue to haunt Nico, and it becomes clear that more than one person knows the true story of what happened to Sarah.

PZ 7 .M4787952 lam 2016

I'm not your manic pixie dream girl / Gretchen McNeil.

Beatrice Maria Estrella Giovannini is starting senior year at the top of her class, she's a shoo-in for a scholarship to M.I.T., and she's got a new boyfriend she's crazy about. But through high school Bea and her best friends Spencer and Gabe have been the targets of horrific bullying. So Bea uses her math skills to come up with a 100% mathematically guaranteed path to social happiness in high school. When her boyfriend Jesse dumps her for Toile, the quirky new girl at school, Bea reinvents herself as Trixie, a manic pixie dream girl in order to win Jesse back.

PZ 7.5 .S66 Sav 2016

Saving Red / Sonya Sones.

Right before winter break, fourteen-year-old Molly Rosenberg reluctantly volunteers to participate in Santa Monica's annual homeless count, just to get her school's community service requirement out of the way. But when she ends up meeting Red, a spirited homeless girl only a few years older than she is, Molly makes it her mission to reunite her with her family in time for Christmas. This turns out to be extremely difficult -- because Red refuses to talk about her past. There are things Molly won't talk about either. Like the awful thing that happened last winter. She may never be ready to talk about that. Not to Red, or to Cristo, the soulful boy she meets while riding the Ferris wheel one afternoon.

PZ 8 .P94 Ro 2016

Rose & thorn / Sarah Prineas. Ash & bramble, book 2.

Rose has been kept hidden all her life to delay the three curses she was born with -- curses that will put her into her own fairy tale and a century-long slumber. Accompanied by Griff, the handsome and mysterious Watcher, and Quirk, his witty and warmhearted partner, Rose tries to escape from the ties that bind her to her story. But will the path they take lead them to freedom, or will it bring them straight into the fairy tale they are trying to avoid?