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RHODE ISLAND
CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD
NOMINATIONS

Applegate, Katherine. *The One and Only Ivan* Grades 3-6
Inspired by the true story of a gorilla who spent 30 years alone in a cage at an indoor zoo in a mall, this beautifully written book is told from the point of view of Ivan, the Gorilla. Follow his struggle to free himself and a baby elephant from his down and out "domain."

Bishop, Nic. *Snakes* Grades 3-6
Are all snakes poisonous? How do they find their prey? Did you know they hear by using the bones in their jaws? Explore the fascinating and sometimes horrifying world of snakes with vivid, full page photographs and engaging facts that will give you a new appreciation of these scaly silent creatures.

Cheng, Andrea. *The Year of the Book* Grades 3-6
Follow 10-year-old Anna Wang through a year of her life as she navigates fourth grade, balances her Chinese-American cultural identities, reads some amazing books and finds her true best friend.

Eaton III, Maxwell. *The Flying Beaver Brothers and the Evil Penguin Plan* Grades 3-6
Beaver brothers, Ace and Bub, are planning on winning the surfing competition. Evil penguins are plotting a zany attempt to turn the beaver's tropical island into a polar resort. There is action, adventure, silly puns and lots of fun packed into this little graphic novel.

Fern, Tracey. *Barnum's Bones* Grades 3-4
Do you love dinosaurs? Would you like to be a "Bone Hunter?" Barnum Brown did and was! As a boy Barnum loved bones and he dreamed about finding bones from a species that no one had ever found before. Read this true story about an unusual boy who became famous for finding bones.

George, Jessica Day. *Tuesdays at the Castle* Grades 4-6
Every Tuesday, Castle Glower adds a new room, tower or even a whole wing. Princess Celie, who lives there with her family, happily maps the changes. When the King and Queen are taken captive, it is up to Celie and her siblings, with a little help from the magic castle, to save the kingdom.

Graff, Lisa. *Double Dog Dare* Grades 4-6
Fourth grade students Francine and Kansas are in a double dare contest to win the morning announcer spot for their school. These dares are out of control until the two enemies discover their common secret.

Hannigan, Katherine. *True (...sort of)* Grades 4-6
Deli Patterson was trouble. But, her temper is getting the best of her... one more trip to the principal's office and she will be kicked out of school and break her mother's heart. Deli befriends a girl named Ferris who is a mysteriosity (an extremely curious mystery). What they accomplish together is amazing!

Hiranandani, Veera. *The Whole Story of Half a Girl* Grades 4-6
Just when Sonia Nadhamuri, did not think it could get any worse – it did! This half Indian, half Jewish American girl's dad has lost his job and she must leave her beloved alternative school and enroll in the new world of public school. During the year, she discovers what really matters and who her true friends are in order to make her whole again!

Korman, Gordon. *Ungifted* Grades 5-6
Donovan Curtis has a flare for trouble. In a twist of fate, Donovan finds himself in a school for gifted students. Is his "gift" for trouble enough to help him survive?

Kuhlman, Evan. *Brother from a Box* Grades 4-6
Sixth-grader Matt Rambeau finds out what it is like to have a brother (some assembly required) when his father, a computer genius, creates a robot kid named Norman. Norman goes to school with Matt, shares his feelings and ideas, plays, and even does chores, but will he be able to fight for his "life" when he ends up being chased by spies?

Nielsen, Jennifer. *The False Prince* Grades 5-6
When Sage is taken from his orphanage by a nobleman, his life completely changes. He soon discovers that he is part of a plot to impersonate the long lost prince of the kingdom. Since only one boy will be chosen, defiant Sage has to be the one ... or it could mean his death.

Nobleman, Marc Tyler. *Bill the Boy Wonder: The Secret Co-Creator of Batman* Grades 3-6
Who really created Batman? After years of obscurity, Batman's true creator is finally credited with the invention of one of the most famous superheroes of all time.

Palacio, R.J. *Wonder* Grades 4-6
August Pullman was born with a craniofacial abnormality—a genetic defect that caused his facial features to be severely deformed. Told from multiple perspectives, this is the tale of August's transition from home school to private middle school. Will he make friends? Will he decide to stay at the school? And can the people around him learn to see past his appearance?

Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw. *Dogs on Duty: Soldiers' Best Friends on the Battlefield and Beyond* Grades 3-6
Throughout history, dogs have been key contributors to military units. This book follows man's best friend onto the battlefield, showing readers why dogs are uniquely qualified for military missions, how they are trained, become soldiers, and what happens when they retire.

Spinelli, Jerry. *Jake and Lily* Grades 4-6
Twins Jake and Lily have always shared a special connection called "goombla," but the summer of their eleventh birthday their relationship begins to change. Jake becomes friends with a group of local boys, the "Death Rays," and Lily, feeling abandoned, turns to her understanding grandfather, Poppy, for help in finding her own way.

Stead, Rebecca. *Liar & Spy* Grades 3-6
After moving to a new neighborhood and attending his first Spy Club meeting, Georges meets Safer, an exciting new friend! But when Georges is assigned a new mission spying on his mysterious neighbor, Mr. X, he begins to learn that Safer has been keeping some very serious secrets of his own.

Tooke, Wes. *King of the Mound: My Summer with Satchel Paige* Grades 4-6
Nick loves baseball and helping out the Bismarck Churchill's, the semi-professional baseball team for which his father is a catcher. During the summer of 1935, as he is recovering from polio with a brace on one leg, he gets to see the great pitcher, Satchel Paige, play ball and learn important lessons about overcoming the odds.

Turnage, Sheila. *Three Times Lucky* Grades 3-6
Eleven years ago during a hurricane, "Mo" was rescued by the Colonel, and her "Upstream Mother" has yet to claim her! Now a neighbor has been murdered, her best friend Dale's family is in turmoil, the Colonel is missing, and another hurricane is beginning to blow!

Weiner, Ellis. *The Templeton Twins Have an Idea* Grades 3-6
This hilarious adventure features genius inventors, nefarious kidnappers, and a pair of very clever 12-year-old twins. The narrator makes you laugh out loud with his snarky comments.