Resources for the

Colorado Children’s Book Award

2015 Nominees

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Junior Books

Counting By 7s  
Holly Goldberg Sloan

Suggested Reading Level: 5.3

Suggested Interest Level: 5th-8th

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Author/Book Page: <http://hollygoldbergsloan.com/aboutcountingby7s.html>

Trailers/Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fg4MmKi8s_E>

Study Guides and Other Resources:

Texas Bluebonnet Awards <http://texasbluebonnetaward2015.wordpress.com/counting-by-7s/>

Readers’ Theater Script <http://texasbluebonnetaward2015.files.wordpress.com/2014/02/rtcountingby7s-2.pdf>

Dorothy Canfield Fisher (DCF) Children's Book Award (Vermont) [*See p. 33*] [http://libraries.vermont.gov/sites/libraries/files/cbec/DCFBookReviews%26Questions13-14.pdf](http://libraries.vermont.gov/sites/libraries/files/cbec/DCFBookReviewsQuestions14-15.pdf)

Six Trait Gurus <http://sixtraitgurus.wordpress.com/2014/03/05/counting-by-7s/>

Doll Bones

Holly Black

Suggested Reading Level: 5.4

Suggested Interest Level: 5th-8th

Genre: Fantasy/Ghost Stories

Author/Book Page: <http://www.blackholly.com/dollbones.html>

Trailers/Videos: <http://youtu.be/vKOsvXxkUmk>

Newbery Honor Book

Study Guides and Other Resources:  
Unleashing Readers <http://www.unleashingreaders.com/?p=1969>

Simon & Schuster Curriculum Guide <http://www.teachingbooks.net/media/pdf/SimonSchuster/DollBones_CG.pdf>

Dorothy Canfield Fisher (DCF) Children's Book Award (Vermont) [*See p. 2*] [http://libraries.vermont.gov/sites/libraries/files/cbec/DCFBookReviews%26Questions13-14.pdf](http://libraries.vermont.gov/sites/libraries/files/cbec/DCFBookReviewsQuestions14-15.pdf)

Web Resources for Must-Read Book Club Picks │JLG’s On the Radar (SLJ) <http://www.slj.com/2013/12/collection-development/on-the-radar/web-resources-for-must-read-book-club-picks-%E2%94%82jlgs-on-the-radar/>  
Background Reading:   
East Liverpool, Ohio Myths and Legends <http://www.carnegie.lib.oh.us/mythslegends>

Author used this article from the Museum of Ceramics on Lotus Ware to shape her story of Orchid Ware <http://www.themuseumofceramics.org/lotus.html>

Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library  
Chris Grabenstein

Suggested Reading Level: 5.2

Suggested Interest Level: 3rd-6th

Genre: Mystery

Author/Book Page: <http://www.chrisgrabenstein.com/kids/>

Trailers/Videos:  
<http://www.schooltube.com/video/7ff9e2c3fdbe416c9906/Book%20Trailer%20for%20Escape%20from%20Mr.%20Lemoncello's%20Library>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=31Q0Hx7TR08> (Cute kid)

Study Guides and Other Resources:  
Study Guide

<http://www.chrisgrabenstein.com/kids/escape-from-mr-lemoncellos-library-study-guide.php>

Scavenger Hunt <http://www.chrisgrabenstein.com/kids/escape-from-mr-lemoncellos-library-game.php>  
Dorothy Canfield Fisher (DCF) Children's Book Award (Vermont)

[*See p. 14*] [http://libraries.vermont.gov/sites/libraries/files/cbec/DCFBookReviews%26Questions13-14.pdf](http://libraries.vermont.gov/sites/libraries/files/cbec/DCFBookReviewsQuestions14-15.pdf)

Author Interview by US Kids Magazines - Jack & Jill <http://www.uskidsmags.com/blog/2013/07/13/jack-and-jill-interviews-author-chris-grabenstein/>

Gaby, Lost and Found  
Angela Cervantes

Suggested Reading Level: 4.1

Suggested Interest Level: 3rd-6th

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Author/Book Page: <http://angelacervantes.com/>

Trailers/Videos: <http://video.scholastic.com/services/player/bcpid75580074001?bckey=AQ~~,AAAAAFv844g~,BASb5BU03X_l9AdwGvsCRhRAI3eFS6eT&bctid=2559809855001>

Study Guides and Other Resources:

Teachers’ Resources <http://angelacervantes.com/books/teacher-resources-2/>

Scholastic Discussion Questions <http://www.scholastic.com/motherdaughterbookclub/pdf/Scholastic_MDBC_GabyDG.pdf>

Author Interview (The Debutante Ball) <http://www.thedebutanteball.com/angela-cervantes-on-tough-topics-in-mg-giveaway-of-gaby-lost-and-found/>

Libros Latin@s <http://latinosinkidlit.com/2014/05/22/libros-latinos-gaby-lost-and-found/>

Heroes of Olympus Book 4: The House of Hades  
Rick Riordan

Suggested Reading Level: 4.7

Suggested Interest Level: 5th-8th

Genre: Fantasy

Author/Book Page: <http://www.rickriordan.com/my-books/percy-jackson/heroes-of-olympus/The-House-of-Hades.aspx>

Trailers/Videos:  
short <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_8j6W_0F8jc>

UK <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KB2WvY-3dak>

Rick Reads <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJm2PydCn_4>

Study Guides and Other Resources:

Explore the Argo <http://www.rickriordan.com/my-books/percy-jackson/heroes-of-olympus/exploreArgoII.aspx>

The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell

Chris Colfer

Suggested Reading Level: 5.0

Suggested Interest Level: 3rd-6th

Genre: Fantasy

Author/Book Page: <http://www.thelandofstoriesbook.com/>

Trailers/Videos:

Background <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NT-FQ9mM6U>

Quick Fire Questions <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JI3viZeog7c>

Study Guides and Other Resources:   
Educators’ Guide from the Publisher <http://media.hdp.hbgusa.com/titles/assets/reading_group_guide/9780316201575/EG_9780316201575.pdf>

Map <http://www.thelandofstoriesbook.com/images/TheLandofStories_MAP.jpg>

Spirit Animals Book 1: Wild Born

Brandon Mull

Suggested Reading Level: 5.4

Suggested Interest Level: 3rd-6th

Genre: Fantasy

Author/Book Page: <http://spiritanimals.scholastic.com/books/wild-born>  
<http://brandonmull.com/site/spirit-animals>

Trailers/Videos: Q&A with Author <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/video/qa-brandon-mull-author-spirit-animals-book-one-wild-born>

Study Guides and Other Resources:

Scholastic Discussion Guide with Common Core Correlations <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/sites/default/files/asset/file/wild-born-disc-guide.pdf>

Online Game <http://spiritanimals.scholastic.com/play>

Spirit Animals Wiki <http://spiritanimals.wikia.com/wiki/Wild_Born>

Three Times Lucky

Sheila Turnage

Suggested Reading Level: 3.9

Suggested Interest Level: 5th-8th

Genre: Mystery

Author/Book Page:   
<http://www.sheilaturnage.com/SheilaTurnage/3XLucky.html>

Author Q&A (funny) <http://www.sheilaturnage.com/SheilaTurnage/Q%26A.html>

Trailers/Videos:   
Animoto Book Trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FgLnpaxqaDQ>  
Newbery Author Interview <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iEjzRjBP99o>

Study Guides and Other Resources:

North Carolina Children’s Book Award Activity Booklet (*See p. 32*) <http://www.cmlibrary.org/bookhive/nccba/NCCBABooklet2014.pdf>

Dorothy Canfield Fisher (DCF) Children's Book Award (Vermont) [*See p. 52*] <http://libraries.vermont.gov/sites/libraries/files/cbec/DCFBookReviews%26Questions13-14.pdf>

Tupelo Landing Map <http://www.sheilaturnage.com/SheilaTurnage/Tupelo_Landing.html>

KidsReads Author Interview <http://www.kidsreads.com/authors/sheila-turnage/news/interview-102512>

Author Turf Interview <http://authorturf.com/author-interview-with-sheila-turnage/authorinterviews>

Ungifted  
Gordon Korman

Suggested Reading Level: 5.2

Suggested Interest Level: 5th-8th

Genre: Realistic Fiction, Humor

Author/Book Page: <http://gordonkorman.com/>

Trailers/Videos: <http://video.scholastic.com/services/player/bcpid75580074001?bckey=AQ~~,AAAAAFv844g~,BASb5BU03X_l9AdwGvsCRhRAI3eFS6eT&bctid=2951238791001>

Study Guides and Other Resources:

Class Acts Discussion Questions, etc. <http://www.harpercollinschildrens.com/feature/class-acts/fall-2012/Gordon-Korman-Yearbook.pdf>

Study Guide (Dinoff School) [*opens in MS Word*] <http://thedinoffschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/UngiftedStudyGuide.docx>  
Dorothy Canfield Fisher (DCF) Children's Book Award (Vermont) [*See p. 23*]

<http://libraries.vermont.gov/sites/libraries/files/cbec/DCFBookReviews%26Questions13-14.pdf>

Wings of Fire Book 2: The Lost Heir  
Tui T. Sutherland

Suggested Reading Level: 5.0

Suggested Interest Level: 3rd-6th

Genre: Fantasy

Author/Book Page: <http://www.scholastic.com/wingsoffire/>

Trailers/Videos:   
Series Book Trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mR9PhBfAwTQ>

Study Guides and Other Resources:

Which Dragon Are You? Quiz <http://www.scholastic.com/wingsoffire/quiz/>

Wiki <http://wingsoffire.wikia.com/wiki/The_Lost_Heir>

Picture Books

Battle Bunny  
Jon Scieszka, Mac Barnett,and Matthew Myers

Author/Book Page: <http://mybirthdaybunny.com/>

Trailers/Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XzWbWFlfM9g>  
Battle Bunny's Rabid Rabbit Art <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5tcduZJQx0>

Battle Bunny Pink Me (fan-made video I mentioned) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O-vCEKKTLoM>

Study Guides and Other Resources:

Curriculum Guide <http://mybirthdaybunny.com/educators/>

Resources for Award-Winning Picture Books │JLG’s Booktalks to Go (SLJ) <http://www.slj.com/2014/01/collection-development/jlg-booktalks/resources-for-award-winning-picture-books-jlgs-booktalks-to-go/>  
SLJ review (lengthy) <http://blogs.slj.com/afuse8production/2013/07/10/review-of-the-day-battle-bunny-by-jon-scieszka-and-mac-barnett/#_>

Read-a-loud Idea <http://medinger.wordpress.com/2013/05/15/coming-soon-from-jon-scieszka-mac-barnett-and-matthew-myers-battle-bunny/>

Make Your Own Template <http://mybirthdaybunny.com/make-your-own/>

Make Your Own Gallery <http://mybirthdaybunny.com/make-your-own/>

Interview witih Authors <http://blaine.org/sevenimpossiblethings/?p=2584>

Writing Process <http://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/childrens/childrens-book-news/article/59586-jon-scieszka-mac-barnett-and-matthew-myers-battle-it-out-in-a-new-picture-book.html#Steps>

Bluebird  
Bob Staake

Author/Book Page: <http://www.bobstaake.com/bluebirdbook/>

Trailers/Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJHo2rmSlhM>

Study Guides and Other Resources:

Random House Teachers’ Guide <http://www.randomhouse.com/teachers/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Bluebird_Poster_Back_WEB.pdf>

Creating Conversation (Read, Write, Reflect) <http://readwriteandreflect.blogspot.com/2013/04/creating-conversation.html>

How Wordless Picture Books Empower Children | SLJ Day of Dialog 2014 <http://www.slj.com/2014/05/authors-illustrators/how-wordless-picture-books-empower-children-slj-day-of-dialogue-2014/>

Resources for Award-Winning Picture Books │JLG’s Booktalks to Go (SLJ) <http://www.slj.com/2014/01/collection-development/jlg-booktalks/resources-for-award-winning-picture-books-jlgs-booktalks-to-go/>  
CNN Interview <http://www.cnn.com/2013/05/21/living/bob-staake-bluebird/>

Author interview <http://randomactsofreading.wordpress.com/2013/04/08/19-questions-with-author-and-illustrator-bob-staake/>

Process: Idea to Book <http://www.bobstaake.com/bluebirdbook/1.shtml>

The Dark  
Lemony Snicket and Jon Klassen

Author/Book Page: <http://www.hachettebookgroup.com/titles/lemony-snicket/the-dark/9780316187480/>

Trailers/Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGva3mF5Ojk>

Study Guides and Other Resources:

Common Sense Media Interview <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/lemony-snicket-talks-about-the-dark>

NPR Interview <http://www.npr.org/2013/06/19/193501924/dead-pan-humor-and-childhood-fears-collide-in-the-dark>

The Day the Crayons Quit  
Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers

Author/Book Page: <http://www.penguin.com/book/the-day-the-crayons-quit-by-drew-daywalt/9780399255373>

Trailers/Videos:

Book Trailer created by Laura Reiman

Illustrator: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5KZu0X82l7k>

How Crayons Are Made <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0Fell7h6Uc>

Student theater production: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6GWwQmDoSo>

Study Guides and Other Resources:   
RIF Guide for Educators

<http://www.rif.org/documents/us/The-Day-the-Crayons-Quit.pdf>

Texas Bluebonnet Awards <http://texasbluebonnetaward2015.wordpress.com/day-the-crayons-quit/>

Readers’ Theater Script <http://texasbluebonnetaward2015.files.wordpress.com/2014/02/rtdaythecrayonsquit.pdf>

Nutmeg Awards (CT) Discussion Guide <http://ctbooksets.wordpress.com/2014/05/14/the-day-the-crayons-quit/>

International Reading Association <http://www.reading.org/reading-today/post/engage/2013/08/20/putting-books-to-work-daywalt-and-jeffers-the-day-the-crayons-quit#.U4zqmvldXL8>

Crayon Ideas <http://www.pinterest.com/elfshoes/crayons/>

Mrs. Fultz’s Corner Writing Freebie <http://www.msfultzscorner.com/2013/08/the-day-crayons-quit-writing-freebie.html>

Journey  
Aaron Becker

Author/Book Page: <http://www.storybreathing.com/portfolio/journey/>

Trailers/Videos:

Trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SxUs41jB4Ts>

Making of “Journey” <http://vimeo.com/48536711>

Study Guides and Other Resources:

Resources for Award-Winning Picture Books │JLG’s Booktalks to Go (SLJ) <http://www.slj.com/2014/01/collection-development/jlg-booktalks/resources-for-award-winning-picture-books-jlgs-booktalks-to-go/>  
Creative Writing Through Wordless Picture Books <http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/lesson-plans/creative-writing-through-wordless-130.html>  
Why Wordless Books? <http://www.earlychildhoodnews.com/earlychildhood/article_view.aspx?ArticleID=690>

Read, Write, Reflect <http://readwriteandreflect.blogspot.com/2013/11/wordless-picture-books-for-mini-lessons.html>

Using Images as Writing Prompts <http://www.teachability.com/community/cc/blog/authors/erinblogs>

Unleashing Readers <http://www.unleashingreaders.com/?p=1765>

Lucky Ducklings  
Eva Moore and Nancy Carpenter

Author/Book Page:

Trailers/Videos:   
Rescue Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNNfSZx3vPY>

Nancy Carpenter, the illustrator, reads the book (Scholastic)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jcfjCCtkG8Q>

Study Guides and Other Resources:

RIF Guide <http://www.rif.org/documents/us/Lucky_Ducklings.pdf>

Interview with Illustrator Nancy Carpenter <http://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/authors/interviews/article/55606-q-a-with-nancy-carpenter.html>

Mr. Tiger Goes Wild  
Peter Brown  
Author/Book Page: <http://www.peterbrownstudio.com/books/#mr._tiger_goes_wild>

Trailers/Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ottMpeIDzV0>

Study Guides and Other Resources:

Activity Kit <http://www.peterbrownstudio.com/downloads/Mr_Tiger_Activity_Kit.pdf>

Margo Dill's Read These Books and Use Them <http://margodill.com/blog/2013/09/06/mr-tiger-goes-wild-by-peter-brown/#sthash.lWAK2kxG.dpbs>

Author Interview (Publishers Weekly) <http://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/authors/interviews/article/58867-q-a-with-peter-brown.html>

Mr. Wuffles!  
David Wiesner

Author/Book Page: http://www.hmhbooks.com/wiesner/mr-wuffles.html

Trailers/Videos:

Trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-5Z5JIl7u68>

David Wiesner Introduces Mr. Wuffles <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjNSxn3MVaM>

Study Guides and Other Resources:

Ideas for Classroom Use: <http://www.hmhbooks.com/wiesner/wiesner_dg.pdf>

Resources for Award-Winning Picture Books │JLG’s Booktalks to Go (SLJ) <http://www.slj.com/2014/01/collection-development/jlg-booktalks/resources-for-award-winning-picture-books-jlgs-booktalks-to-go/>  
Mr. Wuffles: Creative Process <http://www.hmhbooks.com/wiesner/wuffles-process.html>

Pinterest Activities <http://www.pinterest.com/kron88/mr-wuffles-activity/>

That Is Not a Good Idea!  
Mo Willems

Author/Book Page: <http://www.gomo.net/page.php?name=Home>

Trailers/Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=85iNSZpXR60>

Study Guides and Other Resources:

Good Ideas Event Kit <http://gomo.net/assets/thatisnotagoodideaeventkit.pdf>

Good Ideas from the Publisher <http://files.harpercollins.com/HCChildrens/OMM/Media/NotagoodiDea_backpanels_final.pdf> (*almost same as 1st one*)

Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great  
Bob Shea

Author/Book Page: <http://bobshea.com/?p=286>

Trailers/Videos:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WATQSmKQ2eU>

Study Guides and Other Resources:

Unleashing Readers <http://www.unleashingreaders.com/?p=1491>