



The Charlie May Simon Award

Nominations List 2026-2027

Voting for this list will take place in May 2027

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Plain Jane and the Mermaid

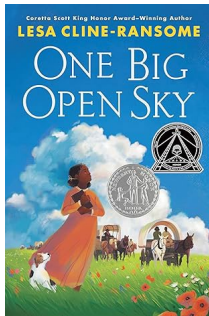
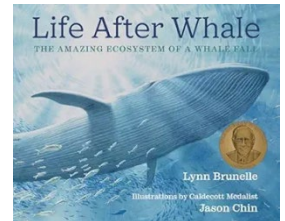
Vera Brosgol

Published May 7, 2024, by First Second

Life After Whale: The Amazing Ecosystem of a Whale Fall

Lynn Brunelle, illustrated by Jason Chin

Published June 4, 2024, by Neal Porter Books



One Big Open Sky

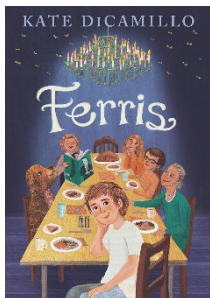
Lesa Cline-Ransome

Published March 5, 2024, by Holiday House

The Legend of the Last Library

Frank L. Cole

Published August 6, 2024, by Shadow Mountain



Ferris

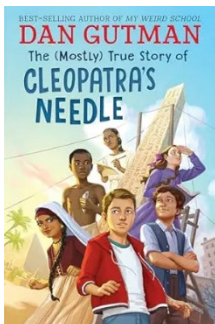
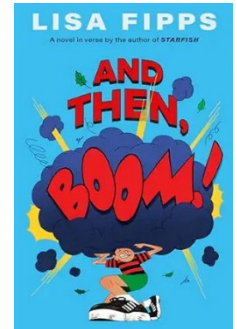
Kate DiCamillo

Published March 5, 2024, by Candlewick

And Then, Boom!

Lisa Fipps

Published May 7, 2024, by Nancy Paulsen Books



The (Mostly) True Story of Cleopatra's Needle

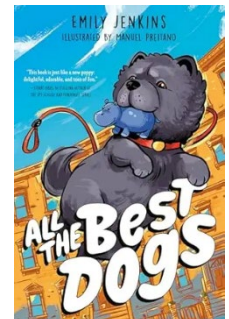
Dan Gutman

Published June 4, 2024, by Holiday House

All the Best Dogs

Emily Jenkins, illustrated by Manuel Preitano

Published November 5, 2024, by Delacorte Press





Slugfest

Gordon Korman

Published January 9, 2024, by HarperCollins

Table Titans Club

Scott Kurtz

Published March 5, 2024, By Holiday House



Tree. Table. Book.

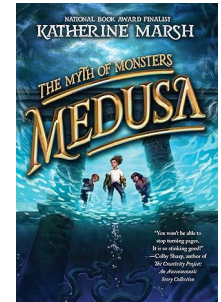
Lois Lowry

Published April 23, 2024, by Clarion Books

Medusa (The Myth of Monsters, 1)

Katherine Marsh

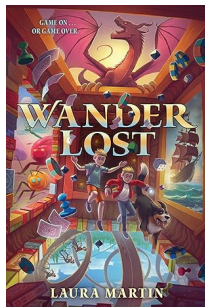
Published February 20, 2024, by Clarion Books



Wander Lost

Laura Martin

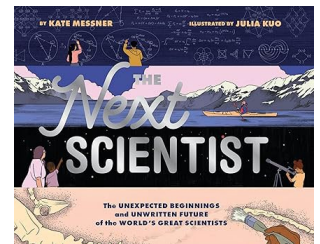
Published June 25, 2024, by HarperCollins



The Next Scientist: The Unexpected Beginnings and Unwritten Future of the World's Great Scientists

Kate Messner, illustrated by Julia Kuo

Published August 27, 2024, by Chronicle Books



Olivetti

Allie Millington

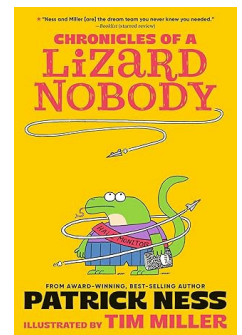
Published April 1, 2024, by Square Fish



Chronicles of a Lizard Nobody

Patrick Ness, illustrated by Tim Miller

Published May 6, 2024, by Walker Books US



Spooky Lakes: 25 Strange and Mysterious Lakes that Dot Our Planet

Geo Rutherford

Published September 24, 2024, by Harry N. Abrams



A Strange Thing Happened in Cherry Hall

Jasmine Warga

Published September 10, 2024, by Storytide



Power to the Parasites!

Chelsea L. Wood, illustrated by Dave Mottram

Published November 12, 2024, by Godwin Books

