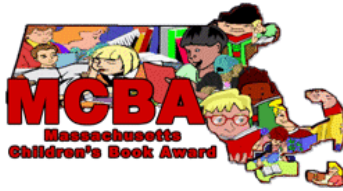


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Grade Level Guide for Teachers and Librarians

Grade levels suggested by School Library Journal are listed for each title.

Grade Level	Title	SLJ Level
Low Fourth	<i>Araminta Spookie 1: My Haunted House</i>	2-4
	<i>Spy Mice: Goldwhiskers</i>	4-6
	<i>Billy the Fish</i>	3-5
	<i>The Lemonade War</i>	3-5
	<i>Abby Takes a Stand</i>	3-4
Fourth	<i>How to Steal a Dog</i>	3-7
	<i>Swindle</i>	3-7
	<i>Elijah of Buxton</i>	4-7
	<i>Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat</i>	3-6
	<i>The Castle Corona</i>	3-6
Fifth	<i>Rules</i>	4-7
	<i>Listen!</i>	4-7
	<i>Horns and Wrinkles</i>	4-7
	<i>Feathers</i>	4-7
	<i>Barack Obama: Our 44th President</i>	
Sixth	<i>Found (The Missing, Book 1)</i>	4-8
	<i>The Big Field</i>	
	<i>The London Eye Mystery</i>	5-8
	<i>Paint the Wind</i>	
	<i>Pizza, Pigs, and Poetry: How to Write a Poem</i>	
Advanced Sixth	<i>The Green Glass Sea</i>	5-8
	<i>Out of Patience</i>	5-8
	<i>Weedflower</i>	5-8
	<i>Bread and Roses, Too</i>	5-8
	<i>Simon Bloom: The Gravity Keeper</i>	5-8



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Summaries of Nominated Books

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Looking for something fun to read? You'll find great choices among these books, nominated for the 2009-2010 Massachusetts Children's Book Award. This annotated list, including links to author web sites when available, has also been posted to the **IMC InfoShare** blog, at www.imcinfoshare.blogspot.com. Enjoy!

The Castle Corona, by Sharon Creech

Two orphaned peasant children discover a mysterious pouch, the contents of which lead them to the majestic Castle Corona, where their lives may be transformed forever.

Elijah of Buxton, by Christopher Paul Curtis

In 1859, eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, which is a haven for slaves fleeing the American south, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom.

The Lemonade War, by Jacqueline Davies

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars. Includes mathematical calculations and tips for running a successful lemonade stand.

The London Eye Mystery, by Siobhan Dowd

When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.

Goldwhiskers, by Heather Vogel Frederick (*Spy Mice*, #3)

During a London vacation, Oz Levinson must deal with the bullying Priscilla Winterbottom, while mouse spy Glory Goldenleaf tracks the whereabouts of a valuable jewel, missing orphaned mouselings, and two evil ministers of rats.

Barack Obama: Our 44th President, by Beatrice Gormley

Found, by Margaret Peterson Haddix (*The Missing*, Book 1)

When thirteen-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel and two opposing forces, each trying to repair the fabric of time.

Horns and Wrinkles, by Joseph Helgerson

Along a magic-saturated stretch of the Mississippi River near Blue Wing, Minnesota, twelve-year-old Claire and her bullying cousin Duke are drawn into an adventure involving Bodacious Deepthink the Great Rock Troll, a helpful fairy, and a group of trolls searching for their fathers.

Billy the Fish, by Charlie James

After eating Dad's experimental fish food, Ned's little brother turns into a cod and finds himself sharing an aquarium tank with Kylie the killer whale.

Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat, by Lynne Jonell

When Emmy discovers that she and her formerly loving parents are being drugged by their evil nanny with rodent potions that can change people in frightening ways, she and some new friends must try everything possible to return things to normal.

Weedflower, by Cynthia Kadohata

After twelve-year-old Sumiko and her Japanese-American family are relocated from their flower farm in southern California to an internment camp on a Mojave Indian reservation in Arizona, she helps her family and neighbors, becomes friends with a local Indian boy, and tries to hold on to her dream of owning a flower shop.

The Green Glass Sea, by Ellen Klages

In 1943, eleven-year-old Dewey Kerrigan lives with her scientist father in Los Alamos, New Mexico, as he works on a top secret government program, and befriends an aspiring artist who is a misfit just like her.

Swindle, by Gordon Korman

After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palomino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, sixth-grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the SmartPick fruit picker.

Rules, by Cynthia Lord

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

The Big Field, by Mike Lupica

When fourteen-year-old baseball player Hutch feels threatened by the arrival of a new teammate named Darryl, he tries to work through his insecurities about both Darryl and his remote and silent father, who was once a great ballplayer, too.

Abby Takes a Stand, by Pat McKissack

Gee recalls for her grandchildren what happened in 1960 in Nashville, Tennessee, when she, aged ten, passed out flyers while her cousin and other adults held sit-ins at restaurants and lunch counters to protest segregation.

Out of Patience, by Brian Meehl

Twelve-year-old Jake Waters cannot wait to escape the small town of Patience, Kansas, until the arrival of a cursed toilet plunger causes him reevaluate his feelings toward his family and its history.

How to Steal a Dog, by Barbara O'Connor

Living in the family car in their small North Carolina town after their father leaves them virtually penniless, Georgina, desperate to improve their situation and unwilling to accept her overworked mother's calls for patience, persuades her younger brother to help her in an elaborate scheme to get money by stealing a dog and then claiming the reward that the owners are bound to offer.

Bread and Roses, Too, by Katherine Paterson

Jake and Rosa, two children, form an unlikely friendship as they try to survive and understand the 1912 Bread and Roses strike of mill workers in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Pizza, Pigs, and Poetry: How to Write a Poem, by Jack Prelutsky

Simon Bloom, the Gravity Keeper, by Michael Reisman

Nerdy sixth-grader Simon Bloom finds a book that enables him to control the laws of physics, but when two thugs come after him, he needs the formulas in the book to save himself.

Paint the Wind, by Pam Muñoz Ryan

After her overprotective grandmother has a stroke, Maya, an orphan, leaves her extremely restricted life in California to stay with her mother's family on a remote Wyoming ranch, where she discovers a love of horses and encounters a wild mare that her mother once rode.

My Haunted House, by Angie Sage (*Araminta Spookie*, 1)

Araminta enlists the help of several ghosts in an attempt to stop her Aunt Tabby from selling Spook House.

Listen!, by Stephanie Tolan

During her solitary convalescence from a crippling accident, twelve-year-old Charley finds a wild dog, and the arduous process of training him leads her to explore her feelings about her mother's death two years earlier.

Feathers, by Jacqueline Woodson

When a new, white student nicknamed "The Jesus Boy" joins her sixth grade class in the winter of 1971, Frannie's growing friendship with him makes her start to see some things in a new light.