



Louisiana Readers' Choice (LYRC/LTRC) Awards Program 2023-2024 Nominated Titles

Grades K-2:

- *Are You a Cheeseburger?* written and illustrated by Monica Arnaldo (Katherine Tegen Books, HarperCollins)
- *Blue Floats Away* written by Travis Jonker, illustrated by Grant Snider (Abrams Books for Young Readers, Abrams)
- *The Capybaras* written and illustrated by Alfredo Soderguit (Greystone Kids)
- *Chez Bob* written and illustrated by Bob Shea (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, Hachette Book Group)
- *Doggo and Pupper* written by Katherine Applegate, illustrated by Charlie Adler (Feiwel & Friends, Macmillan)
- *Eyes That Kiss in the Corners* written by Joanna Ho, illustrated by Dung Ho (HarperCollins)
- *Hardly Haunted* written and illustrated by Jessie Sima (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, Simon & Schuster)
- *Home for a While* written by Lauren Kerstein, illustrated by Natalia Moore (Magination Press)
- *I Am the Shark* written by Joan Holub, illustrated by Laurie Keller (Crown Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House)
- *I Don't Want to Read This Book* written by Max Greenfield, illustrated by Mike Lowert (G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House)
- *Invasion of the Unicorns* written and illustrated by David Biedrzycki (Charlesbridge)
- *Kraken Me Up* written and illustrated by Jeffrey Ebbeler (Holiday House)
- *Ruby's Reunion Day Dinner* written by Angela Dalton, illustrated by Jestenia Southerland (HarperCollins)
- *Saturday at the Food Pantry* written by Diane O'Neill, illustrated by Brizida Magro (Albert Whitman & Company)
- *Someone Builds the Dream* written by Lisa Wheeler, illustrated by Loren Long (Dial Books, Penguin Random House)

Grades 3-5:

- *Allergic* written by Megan Wagner Lloyd, illustrated by Michelle Mee Nutter (Graphix, Scholastic)
- *Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom* written by Matthew Swanson, illustrated by Robbi Behr (Knopf Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House)
- *The Floating Field: How a Group of Thai Boys Built Their Own Soccer Field* written by Scott Riley, illustrated by Nguyen Quang and Kim Lien (Millbrook Press, Lerner Publishing Group)
- *The Hiddenseek* written by Nate Cernosek (G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House)
- *Jillian vs. Parasite Planet* written by Nichole Kornher-Stace, illustrated by Scott Brown (Tachyon Publications)
- *A Kind of Spark* written by Elle McNicoll (Crown Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House)
- *Leonard (My Life as a Cat)* by Carlie Sorosiak (Walker Books US, Penguin Random House)
- *Let Liberty Rise!: How America's Schoolchildren Helped Save the Statue of Liberty* written by Chana Stiefel, illustrated by Chuck Groenink (Scholastic Press, Scholastic)
- *Lost Legends: The Legend of Flynn Rider* written by Jen Calonita (Disney-Hyperion, Hachette Book Group)
- *Lunch Every Day* written and illustrated by Kathryn Otoshi (K.O. Kids Books)

- *Nicky & Vera: A Quiet Hero of the Holocaust and the Children He Rescued* written and illustrated by Peter Sís (Norton Young Readers, W.W. Norton)
- *Niki Nakayama: A Chef's Tale in 13 Bites* written by Debbi Michiko Florence and Jamie Michalak, illustrated by Yuko Jones (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, Macmillan)
- *Opening the Road: Victor Hugo Green and His Green Book* written by Keila V. Dawson, illustrated by Alleanna Harris (Beaming Books)
- *Stella* written by McCall Hoyle (Shadow Mountain)
- *With Great Power: The Marvelous Stan Lee* written by Annie Hunter Eriksen, illustrated by Lee Gatlin (Page Street Kids)

Grades 6-8:

- *Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year* written by Nina Hamza (Quill Tree Books, HarperCollins)
- *Amari and the Night Brothers* written by B.B. Alston (Balzer + Bray, HarperCollins)
- *Black Boy Joy: 17 Stories Celebrating Black Boyhood* edited by Kwame Mbalia (Delacorte Press, Penguin Random House)
- *The Chance to Fly* written by Ali Stroker (Harry N. Abrams, Abrams)
- *The Curse of the Mummy: Uncovering Tutankhamun's Tomb* written by Candace Fleming (Scholastic Focus, Scholastic)
- *Deadman's Castle* written by Iain Lawrence (Margaret Ferguson Books, Holiday House)
- *The Golden Hour* written and illustrated by Niki Smith (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, Hachette Book Group)
- *The Last Cuentista* written by Donna Barba Higuera (Levine Querido, Chronicle Books)
- *Red, White, and Whole* written by Rajani LaRocca (Quill Tree Books, HarperCollins)
- *Starfish* written by Lisa Fipps (Nancy Paulsen Books, Penguin Random House)
- *Violets Are Blue* written by Barbara Dee (Aladdin, Simon & Schuster)
- *Worst-Case Collin* written by Rebecca Caprara (Charlesbridge)

Grades 9-12 (Teen):

- *Any Sign of Life* written by Rae Carson (Greenwillow Books, HarperCollins)
- *Cheer Up!: Love and Pompoms* written by Crystal Frasier, illustrated by Val Wise (Oni Press)
- *Don't Hate the Player* written by Alexis Ned (Bloomsbury YA, Bloomsbury)
- *Firekeeper's Daughter* written by Angeline Boulley (Henry Holt and Co. Books for Young Readers, Macmillan)
- *House of Hollow* written by Krystal Sutherland (G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House)
- *Indivisible* written by Daniel Aleman (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, Hachette Book Group)
- *Kneel* written by Candace Buford (Inkyard Press, HarperCollins)
- *Little Thieves* written by Margaret Owen (Henry Holt and Co. Books for Young Readers, Macmillan)
- *One of the Good Ones* written by Maika Moulite and Maritza Moulite (Inkyard Press, HarperCollins)
- *Perfectly Parvin* written by Olivia Abtahi (G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House)

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