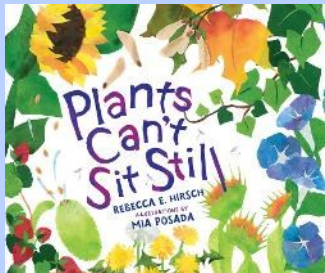


Beginning Nonfiction

Winner

Plants Can't Sit Still
by Rebecca E. Hirsch
illustrated by Mia Posada
Millbrook Press, 2016



Rebecca Hirsch and Mia Posada capture the vibrant life of plants with a combination of action-filled vocabulary,

expressive fonts, and brilliant cut paper collage artwork, all carefully arranged on bright white backgrounds. As we see plants “tumble on a breeze,” or “fling their seeds,” these pages open up to the young reader a new, lively perspective on familiar sights. Well-designed back matter, including a glossary, additional print and electronic resources, and details about each plant, adds to the book’s informative impact.

Honor Books

Can I Eat That? by Joshua David Stein
Phaidon Press Inc.

I Am NOT a Dinosaur! by William Lach
Sterling Children's Books

Octopuses One to Ten by Ellen Jackson
Beach Lane Books

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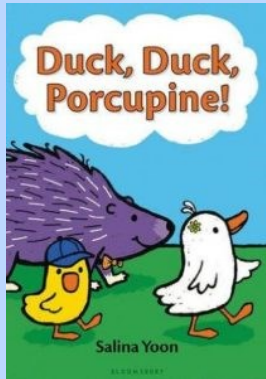
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Beginning Fiction

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Duck, Duck, Porcupine!
by Salina Yoon
Bloomsbury, 2016



Follow siblings Big Duck and Little Duck and their friend, Porcupine as they set off on three big adventures with a little humor along the way. Big Duck thinks she runs the show since she is the

oldest and wisest. Little does Big Duck realize, her brother has a better grasp on the situation at hand. Little Duck's subtle humor, actions and unique expressions provide for an engaging storyline to his bossier big sister. Bright, colorful illustrations and the use of speech bubbles will catch and maintain the beginning reader's attention.

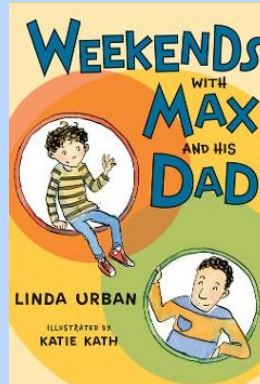
Honor Books

Billions of Bricks by Kurt Cyrus
Henry Holt and Company
Bunny Slopes by Claudia Rueda
Chronicle Books
Good Night Owl by Greg Pizzoli
Disney Hyperion

Transitional Fiction

Winner

Weekends with Max and His Dad
by Linda Urban; illustrated by Katie Kath
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016



Agents Pepperoni and Cheese (Max and his Dad) are on the case to solve mysteries in a different setting: Dad's new apartment. While Max is confused and sad that his Dad isn't at home with his Mom anymore, he learns to

look forward to the weekends he spends in Dad's new place and the neighborhood that surrounds his weekend home. Full of fun, interesting characters and relatable feelings of anxiety in the midst of change, this charming book helpfully navigates the difficult subject of divorce for young readers.

Honor Books

Hippopotamister by John Patrick Green
First Second
The Infamous Ratsos by Kara LaReau
Candlewick Press
My Life in Pictures by Deborah Zemke
Dial Books for Young Readers

Transitional Nonfiction

Winner

Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions
by Chris Barton; illustrated by Don Tate
Charlesbridge, 2016



As a child, Lonnie Johnson was always tinkering and inventing new ideas. This love of building and creating led him to a career as an engineer for NASA. One day, by mistake, he invents one of the most beloved

summer toys for children: the Super Soaker. The road to success was not an easy one for Lonnie though, as any good engineer will tell you. He had design flaws and difficulties finding a toy company willing to purchase his design but his perseverance paid off in the end after an impromptu meeting and a flight to Philadelphia. Pulling his latest prototype out of his wife's suitcase, Lonnie Johnson wowed everyone at the meeting with a WHOOSH!

Honor Books

Giant Squid by Candace Fleming
Roaring Brook Press
I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark by Debbie Levy
Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers
The Secret Subway by Shana Corey
Schwartz & Wade Books