

Winner, Transitional Non-Fiction

Time for Kids: Butterflies! By David Bjerklie

HarperTrophy Publisher, Ages 5 - 9
Butterfly anatomy, metamorphosis, and monarch migration are some of the amazing facts explained in this book. Close up views of the butterflies are featured with full-page, colorful photos. A short glossary with easy-to-read text will inform and captivate young readers.

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The Day the Dinosaurs Died by Charlotte

Lewis Brown, Illustrated by Phil Wilson
HarperCollins Publishers, Ages 5 – 9
Kaboom! and it's all over for the dinosaurs. From the death of a massive T-Rex to the survival of rat-like mammals, young readers get a unique glimpse into the demise of the dinosaurs. Vivid graphic illustrations and readable text will have young dinosaur enthusiasts wanting to read this one again.

Scoop, Seesaw, and Raise: A Book About

Levers by Michael Dahl, Illustrated by Denise Shea, Picture Window Books, 5 – 10
Large, computer-generated illustrations on double-page spreads show how the concept of levers apply to everyday objects such as, seesaws, ice cream scoops, bottle openers, brooms and brushes. Classes of levers and the use of levers in sports are explained with concise paragraphs. Even a marshmallow lever experiment is included!

Time for Kids: Frogs! by Katheryn Hoffman
HarperTrophy Publisher, Ages 5 – 9

Send this book hopping towards a child who doesn't like to read. The wonderful photos and simple text will delight and intrigue any child. It's a spectacular look at frogs!

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Dirk Bones And The Mystery of The Haunted House by Doug Cushman, HarperCollins Publisher, Ages 5 – 9
Spooky noises and ghoulish appearances! This is a story not for the weak of heart. Dirk Bones, skeletal reporter, is sent to report on a haunted house. This may sound scary, but the humor of the story keeps you reading. The vocabulary is suitable for young readers and the story is fun for everyone.

Beginning Fiction Honors

Mrs. Wow Never Wanted A Cow by Martha Freeman, Illustrated by Steven Salerno, Random House publisher, Ages 5 – 9
Poor Mrs. Wow! Meow won't chase mice, Bow-Wow won't guard the house, and Cow won't shoo. What's Mrs. Wow to do? This delightful story with colorful illustrations and comical text puts the fun into reading for beginning readers.

Dancing Dinos Go To School by Sally Lucas
Illustrated by Margeaux Lucas, Random House Publisher, Ages 5 – 9
Dinosaurs leap from the pages and spend an exuberant day dancing, learning, cleaning, snacking, and playing at school. Vibrant cartoon illustrations extend the humor of the story told in very large-font words.

Super Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold
Scholastic Publisher, Ages 5 – 9
Buzz takes his pet fly to school and an exciting adventure follows. The cartoon illustrations add to the fun of the story. Young readers will grow fond of Super Fly Guy and the simple, repetitive text will keep them reading.

Winner, Beginning Non-Fiction

Emperor Penguins by Patricia Trattles
Lerner Publications, Ages 3 – 8
Stunning photographs and short, simple text tells us where emperor penguins live and what they eat. We also find out what happens after the chicks hatch. The world of the emperor penguin is beautifully displayed and many more penguin questions are answered in this petite-sized gem.

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After The Dinosaurs: Mammoths and Fossil Mammals by Charlotte Lewis Brown, Illustrated by Phil Wilson, HarperCollins Publisher, Ages 6 – 8
Mammoths! And Tigers! And Basilosaurus! oh my. These are just some of the now-extinct mammals described with a sound-it-out guide for their long names. Large colorful illustrations frame each page. This book will keep young readers enthralled by the monstrous animals that were once hunted and painted by prehistoric humans.

Giant Pandas by Michelle Levine
Lerner Publications, Ages 3 – 8
Colorful photographs and simple sentences introduces us to the giant panda's home in the mountains of China. Boldface text and easy vocabulary tells us more about the panda's body, basic needs, growth, and survival skills.

Time for Kids: Storms! by Leslie Dickstein
HarperTrophy Publisher, Ages 5 – 9
Over 25 facts about storms are brought to life with captivating, double-page color photographs. Short, simple sentences and a brief glossary makes this book ideal for beginning readers.

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Pirate Mom by Deborah Underwood
Illustrated by Stephen Gilpin, Random House Publisher, Ages 6 - 8
Playing pirates is fun and games until the day a magic trick turns Pete's mother into a nasty pirate who wants to steal everyone's loot. The magic trick won't wear off and Pete is running out of excuses. Arrr!

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Mercy Watson Fights Crime by Kate DiCamillo, Illustrated by Chris Van Dusen, Candlewick Press, Ages 5 - 9
Sound asleep in her bed, Mercy awakens to what she believes is the toaster. When she trots down stairs to investigate, the porcine wonder discovers a burglar. In grand Mercy fashion, she thwarts a crime and gets what she wants most – mounds and mounds of hot buttered toast! This is the third installment about the pampered pig, and it will keep fans waiting for the next adventure of Mercy Watson.

Clementine by Sara Pennypacker
Illustrated by Marla Frazee, Hyperion Publisher, Ages 7 - 10
She's named after a fruit and everyone tells her to pay attention. Clementine lives life at full tilt, but bounces back from all the trials of a third grader. If you like Junie B. Jones and Ramona the Pest, you'll laugh out loud all through this story.

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