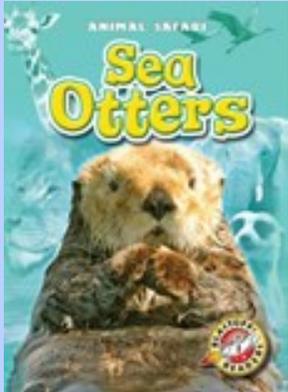


## Beginning Nonfiction

### Winner

#### Sea Otters

By Margo Gates  
Bellwether Media, 2014



Sea otters may look like they are just lounging around, but these water dwellers are busy little creatures! Beginning readers will love learning how otters care for their young, eat their dinner, and

stay snug in their water beds in this installment of the Animal Safari series. With all the features an early reader looks for in a nonfiction text, as well as vivid photographs, this book pairs leveled reading with detailed information for an accessible and fun read. Complete with links to more information online, this book is sure to spark readers' interest.

### Honor Book

#### Jumbo Jets

By Aaron Carr  
Av2 by Weigl, 2014



## 2015 Maryland Blue Crab Committee Roster

Allison Holbrook - Co-Chair

Pam Taylor - Co-Chair

Melisa Bailey

Julie Dietzel-Glair

Kate Flynn

Ellie Mullen Carey

Teresa Piovesan

Robbie Reasoner

Sharyn Yenzer

Katie Zang-Foster

For more information on the



Visit

<http://www.mdlib.org/content.asp?contentid=195>



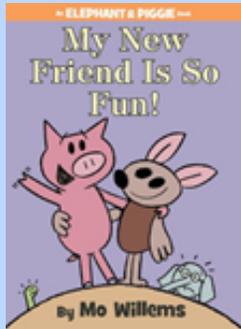
**Maryland Library  
Association  
Children's Services  
Division**

1401 Hollins Street, Baltimore MD 21223

## Beginning Fiction

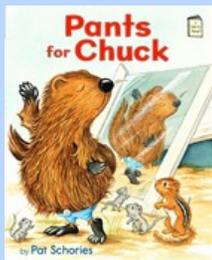
### Winner

My New Friend is So Fun  
By Mo Willems  
Disney-Hyperion, 2014



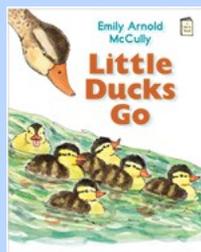
Elephant and Piggie are back for more fun in this new adventure that questions what would happen if your best friend found a new best friend. Exploring familiar topics of friendship, change and the worry that comes along with both, Willems uses limited vocabulary, easy to follow color coded speech bubbles, and expressive illustrations to take beginning readers for a ride. Fans of the series and newcomers alike will enjoy this funny and relatable tale.

### Honor Books



Pants for Chuck  
By Pat Schories  
Holiday House, 2014

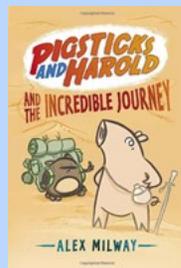
Little Ducks Go  
By Emily Arnold McCully  
Holiday House, 2014



## Transitional Fiction

### Winner

Pigsticks and Harold and the Incredible Journey  
By Alex Milway  
Candlewick, 2014



Following in the steps of his forepigs, Pigsticks decides to be a great explorer and travel to the Ends of the Earth. But, Pigsticks needs an assistant and in walks the unsuspecting hamster, Harold. Persuaded with the promise of cake, Harold follows Pigsticks on an adventure through jungles, across deserts, and up mountains. They miraculously escape a herd of hungry goats, only to find themselves in a familiar place; their own hometown. This brightly illustrated chapter book features simple, bold text for the novice reader and quirky humor, making it a great read for all ages.

### Honor Books

Extraordinary Warren: A Super Chicken  
By Sarah Dillard  
Aladdin, 2014



Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure  
By Doreen Cronin and Kevin Cornell  
Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2014

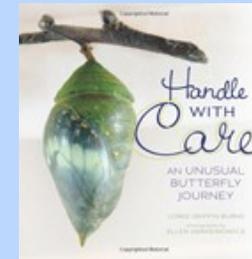
Kung Pow Chicken: Let's Get Cracking!  
By Cyndi Marko  
Scholastic Inc., 2014



## Transitional Nonfiction

### Winner

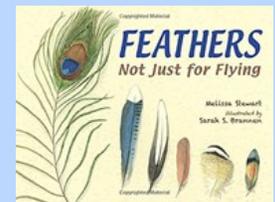
Handle With Care: An Unusual Butterfly Journey  
By Loree Griffin Burns and Ellen Harasimowicz  
Millbrook Press, 2014



This beautifully photographed book explains how butterflies' life cycles begin on a farm in Costa Rica from egg to larva to pupa. Their journey continues as the pupae are sorted, packed, and shipped to butterfly exhibits all over the world where they emerge as beautiful creatures! The finely detailed photographs support the clear text, and the narrative is aimed at the young scientist. The author and photographer spent two weeks at the butterfly farm researching and photographing the material. This book is sure to create a desire to visit the nearest live butterfly exhibit for any reader!

### Honor Books

Feathers: Not Just for Flying  
By Melissa Stewart  
Charlesbridge, 2014



Tuesday Tucks Me In: The Loyal Bond Between a Soldier and His Service Dog  
By Luis Carlos Montalvan and Brett Witter  
Roaring Book Press, 2014