Books for the Young and the Young at Heart

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Great Children Books of 2019 (so far)

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- Book 2
- Graphic novel format
- Humor & survival
- Community of sloths working together
- Jungle habitat
Grumpy & determined to be
Slowly begins to change
Rosie, the always positive tumbleweed
Michael Hall!

- Stylized tree mimics a clock
- Great title to reinforce learning the concept of time (an analog clock) with minutes and hours.
- Rhyming text
- Satisfies children’s curiosity
- There are different hijab design choices
- Women as their own persons
- Positive & upbeat
- Protective brother
- She names characteristics of her brother
- Surprised that she has each characteristic too
- Comes into her own – scares away the leopard
Loving parents
For a hug
To celebrate
Get dressed
High fives
Positive actions from what could be a frightening phrase
- Birch tree in the park
- Ties her poem to it
- Finds a new poem
- Walt, boy in her class
- Move beyond ownership and share
New imprint – Pixar...

Malaysia

Title means “dear mother”

Love

Caring
- Navajo tradition
- Extended family tries to get baby’s first laugh
- Hosts First Laugh Ceremony
A story needs a problem in order to be a story

Panda says, "Nope."

Narrator is stuck, so tries to find a problem
Schrödinger’s Cat – for kids!
- Concepts:
- Ownership
- Sharing
Entire book is written in Rap – so practice before share.

Rappy speaks in Rap

Rappy does not want to write a poem!

But, he did.
- Expressions to indicate mood
- Brief, rhyming phrases
- A very beginning reader
- Impersonation
- Realization of own characteristics
- One picture book length poem
- Honoring African Americans who were successful
- And who stood up for the rights of all
- Art by Kadir Nelson
■ 13 poems
■ Animal sounds
■ Added information in the back of the book
• Wonderful art
• Animal camouflage
• Tidbits of information
• Notes at the back
■ For fans of Inspector Flytrap
■ Hilarious, silly
■ Going too fast on roller skates
■ Evading a herd of angry yaks
■ Sliding through the mall to get to contest
- Frankie loves science & math
- Inventive
- Misunderstandings
- Final result is agreed upon
- (I read an ARC)
Four stories in one

Pakistani American family

Imagination is her tool for solving problems

Creative and confident
Diverse
Sweet
Self Love/Self Confidence
Written by a former NFL player.
● Funny
● Meaningful
● Twists and Turns
- Sad (heart wrenching)
- Timely
- Diverse
● Intriguing
● Spooky
● Diverse
● Fantastical
● Adventurous
● Fun

GRANTED
John David Anderson
Author of MS. BIXBY'S LAST DAY and POSTED
• Realistic Fiction
• Tough Stuff
• Yes, stuff like this really happens
• Realistic Fiction
• Erin Entrada Kelly=award winning author
• Yes, stuff like this really happens
- Scary!!!
- V.E. Schwab is a genius
- Engrossing
● Adventurous
● Biking (BMX)
● In the desert.
● This reminds me of holes so much!
● Historical fiction
● Diverse
● Small town living
Diverse

Kekla Magoon is an award winner: NAACP Image Award winner (for The Rock and the River)

Great for Middle Grade!
● Nonfiction!
● Interesting pictures and facts.
● WWII adjacent
- Diverse!
- Easy reads
- Juicy story
Realistic Fiction-ish
Action packed
Diverse!
● Graphic novels!
● Fun, beachy read
● Scooby Doo meets
● Older middle schoolers - YA
● LGBTQIA+
● Graphic novel!
• Older middle schoolers - YA
• LGBTQIA+
• Graphic Novel!
• Older middle schoolers-YA
• Mysterious
• Action packed!
● Realistic Fiction
● Sad!
● Lots and lots of animal facts.