



## 2026 Master List

### Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award

### Illinois Children's Choice Award

Author	Title	Publisher	Pub Date	Interest Levels
Baptist, Kelly J.	Eb & Flow	Crown	2023	5-8
Bow, Erin	Simon Sort of Says	Disney Hyperion	2023	5-8
Green, Tim	Final Season	HarperCollins	2021	4-8
Krampien, Celia	The Bellwoods Game	Atheneum Books	2023	4-7
Lai, Remy	Ghost Book	Henry Holt	2023	4-7
Lerner, Jarrett	A Work in Progress	Aladdin	2023	4-7
Lincoln, Beth	The Swifts: A Dictionary of Scoundrels	Dutton Books	2023	4-7
Maldonado, Torrey	Hands	Nancy Paulsen	2023	5-8
Marsh, Katherine	Medusa: The Myth of Monsters	Clarion	2024	4-7
Martín, Pedro	Mexikid	Dial Books	2023	5-8
Moulton, Deke	Don't Want to Be Your Monster	Tundra	2023	5-8
Ostertag, Molly Knox & Bouma, Xanthe	D&D Dungeon Club: Roll Call	HarperAlley	2022	4-8
Pla, Sally J.	The Fire, the Water, and Maudie McGinn	Quill Tree Books	2023	5-8
Polonsky, Ami	World Made of Glass	Little, Brown	2023	6-8
Sheinkin, Steve	Impossible Escape: A True Story of Survival and Heroism in Nazi Europe	Roaring Brook	2023	7-8
Swinarski, Claire	What Happened to Rachel Riley?	Quill Tree Books	2023	6-8
Tafolla, Carmen	Warrior Girl	Nancy Paulsen	2023	5-7
Tang, Betty C.	Parachute Kids	Graphix	2023	4-8
Thomson, Pari	Greenwild: The World Behind the Door	Farrar, Straus & Giroux	2023	4-6
Yee, Lisa & Santat, Dan	The Misfits: A Royal Conundrum	Random House	2024	4-7

Interest levels reflect a title's combination of ability and appeal for young readers as suggested by the RCYRBA Board of Directors. With each annual list, participants should evaluate, purchase, and promote only those books which they determine appropriate for their students and the grade levels served. Be reminded, to participate in the program, you need only offer 12 of the titles.