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Newbery/Caldecott 2020: Fall Prediction Edition

Do you hear that grinding and clanking of gears? That’s the ALA YMA prediction machines getting ready to blast us with the full force of their knowledge and expertise. This is about the time when Heavy Medal begins in earnest. Calling Caldecott is much in the same boat. But those slowpokes having nothing on Guessing Geisel, which has been posting thought after thought after thought in wicked quick succession for weeks now. It’s all coming together.

I’ve done two of these posts so far this year, and for fun I wanted to see how last year’s fall predictions went. NOT SO GOOD! Oh my stars and garters, that may have been my most horrendously off-base posting yet. And yet, in spite of the overwhelming evidence that I have NO ability to predict these awards, or even get close, I persist. Why? Because it is fun. And I like to have fun.

Here then, are thoughts on the Newbery/Caldecott announcements coming this January. Whee!

**2020 Caldecott Predictions**

*Fly* by Mark Teague
IN SEPTEMBER BETSY BIRD WAS PREDICTING THESE BOOKS FOR NEWBERY AND CALDECOTT:

**NEWBERY**
A Good Kind of Trouble
The Line Tender
Look Both Ways
The Mighty Heart of Sunny St. James
New Kid
A Place to Belong
Queen of the Sea
The Remarkable Journey of Coyote
Sunrise
Spy Runner
This Promise of Change - NF
Torpedoed - NF

**CALDECOTT**
Fly!
The Full House and the Empty House
Going Down Home With Daddy
Hey, Water!
My Papi Has a Motorcycle
A Place to Land - NF
Rise! - NF
A Stone Sat Still
Truman
The Undefeated
Vroom!
Why?
Review of the Day: Mr. Nogginbody Gets a Hammer by David Shannon

SEPTEMBER 6, 2019 BY ELIZABETH BIRD  LEAVE A COMMENT

- **Mr. Nogginbody Gets a Hammer**
- **By David Shannon**
- **Norton Young Readers (an imprint of W.W. Norton & Co.)**
- **$17.95**
- **ISBN: 978-1-324-00344-1**
- **Ages 4-7**
- **On shelves September 3rd**

You know that old phrase, “A victim of your own success”? I think about it a lot in terms of bestselling children's authors. If you’ve done marvelously well because you’ve taken risks in the past, are you less inclined to take more risks in the future? Do you feel hampered in some way by the expectations set upon you? I think for some creators, you have to find a backdoor. And that backdoor, honestly, tends to be found in small publishing houses and small imprints. That's why you might see Mac Barnett do a book with McSweeney's or watch people like Philip and Erin Stead follow their editor Neal Porter over to Holiday House. And maybe it’s why David Shannon, beloved star of Scholastic with his *No, David* books and other titles, has brought *Mr. Nogginbody Gets a Hammer* to the new imprint of W.W. Norton and Company, Norton Young Readers. Happily, this book is wacky, weird, strange, and downright hilarious. It’s the readaloud oddity you’ve been looking for, if you’re the kind of parent or librarian who likes alternately befuddling and amusing children. I don’t know what it took to make Mr. Nogginbody come into the world, but whatever confluence of the planets allowed this madcap exercise in increasing hijinks to happen, I say let’s have more of it! In a sea of
Now on the latest tally: *New Kid* by Jerry Craft stays as the leading suggested title – other titles that saw strong new support include *To Night Owl from Dogfish, Other Words for Home* and *Queen of the Sea*.

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Let's Dive In: The List Is Here

by Julie Danielson
Sep 09, 2019  |  Filed in Features & Opinion

We're here today with our list of 2020 Caldecott-eligible books. We’ve asked the books (and our guest...
- *Another* by Christian Robinson
- *Bear Came Along*, written by Richard T. Morris and illustrated by LeUyen Pham
- *The Bell Rang* by James E. Ransome
- *A Big Bed for Little Snow* by Grace Lin
- *Daniel's Good Day* by Micha Archer
- *Double Bass Blues*, written by Andrea J. Loney and illustrated by Rudy Gutierrez
- *Field Trip to the Moon* by John Hare
- *The Fisherman and the Whale* by Jessica Lanam
- *Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story*, written by Kevin Noble Maillard and illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal
- *Gittel's Journey: An Ellis Island Story*, written by Lesléa Newman and illustrated by Amy June Bates
- *Going Down Home with Daddy*, written by Kelly Starling Lyons and illustrated by Daniel Minter
- *Good Boy* by Sergio Ruzzier
- *Hey, Water!* by Antoinette Portis
- *The Little Guys* by Vera Brosgol
- *My Heart* by Corinna Luyken
- *My Papi Has a Motorcycle*, written by Isabel Quintero and illustrated by Zeke Peña
- *Nine Months: Before a Baby Is Born*, written by Miranda Paul and illustrated by Jason Chin
- *A Place to Land: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Speech That Inspired a Nation*, written by Barry Wittenstein and illustrated by Jerry Pinkney
- *River* by Elisha Cooper
- *Saturday* by Oge Mora
• *Sea Bear: A Journey for Survival* by Lindsay Moore
• *A Stone Sat Still* by Brendan Wenzel
• *Two Brothers, Four Hands: The Artists Alberto and Diego Giacometti*, written by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan and illustrated by Hadley Hooper
• *The Undefeated*, written by Kwame Alexander and illustrated by Kadir Nelson
• *¡Vamos! Let's Go to the Market* by Raúl The Third
• *Vroom!* by Barbara McClintock
• *What Is Given from the Heart*, written by Patricia C. McKissack and illustrated by April Harrison
• *When Aidan Became a Brother*, written by Kyle Lukoff and illustrated by Kaylani Juanita
• *You Are Home: An Ode to the National Parks* by Evan Turk
July 2019 Starred Reviews

July 2019 stars tally:

- 786 books published in 2019 have been awarded 1245 starred reviews as of the end of July. 2 books have 0 starred reviews, 8 books have 1 starred review, 32 books have 4 starred reviews, 74 books have 3 starred reviews, 173 books have 2 starred reviews, 497 books have 1 starred review.


5 starred reviews:  8 books – Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up With Me and Other Words for Home move up to 5 starred reviews from 4 starred reviews
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New Year, Past Winners | Pondering Printz

by Kefira Philippe
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This fall, SLJ will reprise our monthly awards season column, Pondering Printz, which features expert predictions and analysis of the annual Michael L. Printz Award for Young Adult Literature. Slated to be announced on January 27, 2020, as part of the Youth Media Awards at the Midwinter Meeting of the American Library Association, the Printz honors the best book for teens and is among the most prestigious prizes in children’s literature.

This awards season celebrates the 20th anniversary of the Printz, the first of which went to Walter Dean Meyers’ s Monster in 2000, and marks a significant milestone for the YA world.
In case you missed it! The National Book Award long lists are out. Which books made the cut in the Young People’s Literature category? The long list will be pared down to the finalists on October 8th, and the winner will be announced on November 20th.
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Review: Science Comics: Cats, Nature and Nurture

First Second’s line of Science Comics looks at the not-so-humble cat, from prehistory to the domestic breeds of today.
Guts GN – Raina Telgemeier, #1 New York Times-bestselling, multiple Eisner Award-winning author, returns to Scholastic with another true story from her past. Raina wakes up with a terrible upset stomach. At first she thinks it is just a stomach bug, but she starts to have these stomach problems regularly. They also coincide with worries she has about sharing and eating certain types of food, school, and changing friendships. She must learn to manage her stress and anxiety, but it’s a problem she may not be able to handle alone. Once again, Telgemeier brings a true story that is thoughtful, charming, and funny about growing up and gathering the courage to face and conquer fear. This will be another must-have for any library or fan of Telgemeier.
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Starred Review

Our Favorite Day
by Joowon Oh

Papa is an elderly creature of habit: every day begins with a cup of tea, tending to his plants, tidying up and getting dressed to ride the bus into town. His regular walk takes him by familiar stores and lands him at the same restaurant for his “usual” lunch of dumplings before he makes his return homeward. Thursdays, however—although they start the same, with tea, plants, town—are different: he shops at the craft store and takes his double order of dumplings to go. Back at home, the ecstatic cry of “Papa!”

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<td><em>My Beijing: Four Stories of Everyday Wonder</em></td>
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<td><em>Survivors of the Holocaust: True Stories of Six Extraordinary Children</em></td>
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<td>The art is quite simple - I wish it was a little more detailed. However the stories that the six people relate to of their own Holocaust stories are very important, all from different places in Europe. This can be used for elementary grades.</td>
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<td><em>Mr. Nogginbody Gets a Hammer</em></td>
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Who will read this? YA Bio of a man most young people never heard of. Ballet dancer (one of the best ever) choreographer, bisexual, Russian, protégé of Diagheliv, and interpreter of Igor Stravinsky, Debussy, and many more. I'm not sure I wanted to know all these details. What teen will pick this up?

An African American cowboy, living in Oregon, learns the ways of riding bucking horses and wins a lot of rodeos this way. The main story is about how unfairly George Fletcher is treated by judges and rodeos when he actually would win. It is very interesting, but not a lot there to hang onto. However, very recommended to youngsters. Beautiful illustrations.
I hope this book is already on your library shelves or in your hold queue. "They Called Us Enemy" is a profoundly moving memoir of one of the U.S.'s darkest periods. Bringing history to life through deeply emotional personal reflections, it is one of the best books I've read this year.

Ages 12+
Follows Malaka from childhood to present adulthood. A funny & authentic look at being part of multiple cultures. The ever-changing layout format, self-deprecating tone, illustrations & real exploration of family culture makes this a hit. Ages 15+
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- Booktalk among colleagues and friends
- Choose a different genre each month
- Bring a picture book to the group if you can’t read something longer
- Make a schedule that is reasonable - monthly?
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