2015
Rhode Island Children’s Book Award
Nominations

1. *Athlete vs. Mathlete* by W.C. Mack (Grades 4 and up)
   When their two worlds collide in seventh grade, fraternal twins and opposites Owen and Russell find themselves in direct competition at school, on the court, and at home.

2. *Bats: Biggest! Littlest!* by Sandra Markle (Nonfiction. Grades 3 and up)
   Award-winning author Sandra Markle explores the diverse world of bats. How does being big help one kind of bat? How does being little help another kind? Sometimes these extremes offer the key to survival.

3. *The Blessing Cup* by Patricia Polacco (Grades 3 and up)
   As a young Russian Jewish girl in the early 1900s, Anna and her family lived in fear of the Czar’s soldiers. The family lived a hard life and had few possessions—their treasure was a beautiful china tea set.

4. *Charlie Bumpers vs. the Teacher of the Year* by Bill Harley (Grades 3 and up)
   Charlie Bumpers is sure he does not stand a chance of getting along with his fourth grade teacher and despite his best efforts to be neat and well-behaved, he always seems to be in trouble until he discovers her secret.

5. *Doll Bones* by Holly Black (Grades 5 and up)
   Zach, Alice, and Poppy, friends from a Pennsylvania middle school who have long enjoyed acting out imaginary adventures with dolls and action figures, embark on a real-life quest to Ohio to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl.

6. *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library* by Chris Grabenstein (Grades 4 and up)
   Kyle Keeley is the class clown and a huge fan of all games. His hero, Luigi Lemoncello, the most notorious and creative gamemaker in the world, just so happens to be the genius behind the construction of the new town library. Kyle wins a coveted spot as one of twelve kids invited for an overnight sleepover in the library, hosted by Mr. Lemoncello.

7. *The Fourteen Fibs of Gregory K.* by Greg Pincus (Grades 4 and up)
   Gregory Korenstein-Jasporten is an eleven-year-old boy who likes to write stories and poems and is not excited by math, but he has a problem—he is the middle child in a family of math geniuses and his father expects him to participate in the City Math contest.

8. *Gaby, Lost and Found* by Angela Cervantes (Grades 3 and up)
   Gaby Ramirez Howard volunteers at the animal shelter by writing adoption advertisements and would like to adopt a cat named Feather but with her mother deported to Honduras Gaby has no home herself.

9. *Gone Fishing: A Novel in Verse* by Tamera Will Wissinger (Grades 3 and up)
   In this novel told through poems, nine-year-old Sam loves fishing with his dad, so when his pesky little sister horn in on their fishing trip, he is none too pleased. Includes primer on rhyme, poetry techniques, rhythm, stanzas, and poetic forms.

10. *Hiding Out at the Pancake Palace* by Nan Marino (Grades 4 and up)
    When eleven-year-old musician Elvis freezes during a competition, he's whisked away to tiny Wares Grove, New Jersey. Misfit local girl Cecilia, meanwhile, is trying to coax music out of trees. With Aaron's help, Cecilia's wish is fulfilled--only not in the way they expect. The tall-tale element adds depth to this story about a kid coping with the pressures of fame.

11. *Island: A Story of the Galapagos* by Jason Chin (Nonfiction. Grades 3 and up)
    A history of the Galapagos Island, describing how the island formed and animals came to inhabit it.

12. *Kelsey Green, Reading Queen* by Claudia Mills (Grades 3 and up)
    Kelsey Kline is the best reader in the third grade—well, maybe tied for best with know-it-all Simon Ellis. When the principal, Mr. Boone, announces a school-wide reading contest—complete with a pizza party for the winning class and a special certificate for the top readers in each grade—she knows she's just the person to lead Mrs. Molina's third graders to victory.

13. *Legend of the Ghost Dog* by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel (Grades 3 and up)
    Twelve-year-old Tee moves to Nome, Alaska with her father, brother, and dog Henry, and one day when Tee is walking Henry down the street, a mysterious shadow appears to be following them.

14. *The Mighty Miss Malone* by Christopher Paul Curtis (Grades 4 and up)
    Deza Malone, the smartest girl in her class in Gary, Indiana, accompanies her mother and older brother on a trip to find her father, an African American man who left to find work after the Great Depression hit.

15. *Mountain Dog* by Margarita Engle (Grades 3 and up)
    When Tony's mother is sent to jail, he is sent to stay with a great uncle he has never met in Sierra Nevada.

16. *Navigating Early* by Clare Vanderpool (Grades 3 and up)
    When Jack Baker’s mother dies, his father deposits him in the Morton Hill Academy for Boys in Maine, far from the only home he has ever known—Kansas.

17. *Nelson Mandela* by Kadir Nelson. (Nonfiction. Grades 3 and up)
    In this picture book biography, award-winning author and illustrator Kadir Nelson tells the story of Mandela, a global icon, in poignant free verse and glorious illustrations.

18. *Odessa Again* by Dana Reinhardt (Grades 3 and up)
    Fourth grader Odessa Green-Light lives with her mom and her toad of a little brother, Oliver. Her dad is getting remarried, which makes no sense according to Odessa. If the prefix “re” means “to do all over again,” shouldn't he be remarrying Mom?

19. *Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin* by Liesl Shurtliff (Grades 5 and up)
    Relates the tale of Rumpelstiltskin's childhood and youth, explaining why his name is so important, how he is able to spin straw into gold, and why a first-born child is his reward for helping the miller's daughter-turned-queen.

20. *Wild Born (Spirit Animals book 1)* by Brandon Mull (Grades 4 and up)
    As a dark force engulfs the land, the fate of Erdas has fallen on the shoulders of four young strangers who each have forged a rare bond with their spirit beasts -- a bond that gives great powers to all of them.