

# RI Children's Book Award 2012 Nominees

**ALL incoming fifth grade students** are required to read at least one book from this list.

## **Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger**

Is Origami Yoda real? Or is it just Dwight who is answering everyone's questions with his Origami Yoda? Tommy enlists the help of his classmates, gathering stories and sketches to find out the truth. Tommy needs to know if Origami Yoda is real because he needs to know if he can trust him with a very important question...

## **Anything But Typical by Nora Raleigh Baskin**

Jason is a boy with autism. Kids at school think he is "weird" and usually avoid him. Jason finally finds friendship with a girl in his online writing group. Will a face-to-face meeting change their friendship?

## **Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer Holm**

It's 1935, and 11-year-old Turtle moves to Key West to live with her Aunt Minnie. Her Mom is a live-in housekeeper, and her new employer doesn't want children around. Key West turns out to be fascinating, complete with a Diaper Gang, hidden pirates' treasures, and first cousins named Beans, Buddy, and Kermit.

## **Emily's Fortune by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor**

Eight year old Emily sets off on a rip-roarin' ride as she travels by stagecoach in a Wild West adventure. She teams up with a boy named Jackson to outsmart her wicked uncle who wants her fortune.

## **Green by Laura Peyton Roberts**

Lilybet Green's 13th birthday begins with a bang. Literally! An exploding present is the start of a colorful adventure. Kidnapped by a trio of leprechauns, Lily is next in line to be Keeper for the Clan of Green's gold – but only if she passes three tests that could change her life forever!

## **The Dancing Pancake by Eileen Spinelli**

Can eating pancakes make tough times better? When her mom opens a restaurant Bindi gets a taste of a new life with new friends, new experiences and a new apartment.

## **What Happened on Fox Street by Tricia Springstubb**

Mo Wren, Dad and "wild child" younger sister live on Fox Street. The long, hot summer is full of alarming letters, mysterious packages and difficult changes. Growing friendships and the hope of finding a real fox in her neighborhood inspire Mo to find the courage she needs.

## **Gator on the Loose by Sue Stauffacher**

Carter's Urban Rescue is the place to call when you find a wild animal where it shouldn't be. Especially, when it's a baby alligator - loose at the city pool! Follow the fun and adventures of this delightful family who work together to get the job done.

## **One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia**

As they board a plane to visit their mother in California, Delphine and her sisters imagine themselves visiting Disneyland, and meeting movie stars. Instead they learn about the Black Panthers, and a mother who's a mystery to them.