

**CCYAL's Best of the Best 2012 Workshop**  
**Friday July 20, 2012**  
**Morning Session: Books for Birth thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*Lisa Meidl's List*

**Realistic Fiction**

**Precious and the puggies : Precious Ramotswe's very first case** -- McCall Smith, Alexander, 1948- {IL 3-6, -Fic-} -- Black & White, 2011, c2010., RL 3.8, 79p. When her friend is accused, eight-year-old Precious Ramotswe must discover who is stealing the food the children have brought to school.

**The mighty Miss Malone** -- Curtis, Christopher Paul [ BKL+ BUL+ HRN+ KIR\* PWK\* SLJ+ ] {IL 3-6, -Fic-} -- Wendy Lamb Books, c2012., RL 3.8, 307p. 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. They end up in a Hooverville outside of Flint, Michigan, and her brother attempts to be a performer while Deza and her mother search for a home.

**Letters to Missy Violet** -- Hathaway, Barbara, 1944- [ BKL+ HRN+ KIR+ SLJ+ ] {IL K-3, -Fic-} -- Houghton Mifflin, 2012., RL 4.1, 157p. Viney looks forward to letters from her friend, Missy Violet, who is away in Florida, while she tries to carry on with their efforts to comfort ailing neighbors, but the loss of her favorite teacher and her cousin Charles's mischievous antics cause Viney further turmoil.

**Kindred souls** -- MacLachlan, Patricia [ BKL+ BUL\* HRN+ KIR\* PWK\* SLJ+ ] {IL 3-6, -Fic-} -- Katherine Tegen Books, c2012., RL 3.5, 119p. Ten year-old Jake shares a special bond with his grandfather, Billy, but when Billy asks Jake to build him a sod house, Jake is not sure he wants to do it.

**Star time** -- Giff, Patricia Reilly [ HRN+ KIR+ ] {IL K-3, -Fic-} -- Wendy Lamb Books, c2011., RL 1.6, 67p. Gina wants more than anything to be the star of the show that her class will perform, but everything seems to go wrong until she makes a generous choice.

**Captain Awesome to the rescue!** -- Kirby, Stan [ BKL+ KIR\* PWK+ SLJ+ ] {IL K-3, -Fic-} -- Little Simon, c2012., RL 3, 105p. When second-grader Eugene and his family move to a new neighborhood and he starts at a new school, he has a chance to bring out his superhero alter ego, Captain Awesome, to find the kidnapped class hamster.

**Lost! : a dog called Bear** -- Orr, Wendy, 1953- [ BKL+ BUL+ KIR+ LMC+ ] {IL 3-6, -Fic-} -- Henry Holt, 2011., RL 4.4, 103p. When Logan's dog runs away as he and his

mother are moving to a new home after his parents separate, a girl named Hannah, who longs for a dog of her own, finds him.

## **Fantasy**

**Earwig and the witch** -- Jones, Diana Wynne [ BKL+ BUL+ HRN+ KIR+ PWK\* SLJ+ ] {IL 3-6, -Fic-} -- Greenwillow Books, c2012., RL 5.4, 115p. Earwig enjoys life at St. Morwald's, where she manages to make everyone do her bidding, until she is taken in by a foster parents--who are actually a witch and a demon--and struggles to turn the situation to her advantage.

**Nicholas St. North and the battle of the Nightmare King** -- Joyce, William, 1957- [ BKL+ BUL+ HRN+ LMC\* PWX+ SLJ+ ] {IL 3-6, -Fic-} -- Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2011., RL 4.9, 228p. Nicholas St. North, a daredevil swordsman seeking treasure in the fiercely guarded village of Santoff Claussen finds, instead, the great wizard Ombric Shalazar and a battle against the Nightmare King and his evil Fearlings--a battle Nicholas can win only if he finds five other Guardians in time.

**A monster calls : a novel** -- Ness, Patrick, 1971- [ BKL\* BUL+ CARW HRN+ KIR\* LMC\* NBKL NYT+ PWK\* SLJ\* VOY+ ] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Candlewick Press, 2011., 204p. Thirteen-year-old Conor awakens one night to find a monster outside his bedroom window, but not the one from the recurring nightmare that began when his mother became ill--an ancient, wild creature that wants him to face truth and loss.

**The adventures of Sir Balin the Ill-fated** -- Morris, Gerald, 1963- [ KIR\* SLJ+ ] {IL 3-6, -Fic-} -- Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2012., RL 4.8, 93p. Follows the adventures of Sir Balin the Ill-Fated, one of King Arthur's loyal and gallant knights who does not shy away from a challenge even when things inevitably go sour.

**Daisy Dawson and the big freeze** -- Voake, Steve [ HRN+ SLJ+ ] {IL K-3, -Fic-} -- Candlewick Press, 2010., RL 4.3, 82p. When one of the lambs on the farm gets lost on the other side of the river, Daisy, who can communicate with animals, and her dog Boom help return him to the flock.

## **Science Fiction**

**Benjamin Franklinstein meets the Fright brothers** -- McElligott, Matthew [ HRN+ KIR+ SLJ+ ] {IL 3-6, -Fic-} -- G. P. Putnam's Sons, c2011., RL 4.9, 147p. Benjamin Franklin returns from the dead, moves into Victor Goodwin's downstairs apartment, and faces peril from vampires in Philadelphia, a pair of bike shop owners, and a shadowy figure known as "the Emperor."

**Horten's miraculous mechanisms : magic, mystery & a very strange adventure** -- Evans, Lissa [ BKL+ HRN+ KIR\* PWK+ SLJ+ ] {IL 3-6, -Fic-} -- Sterling Children's Books, c2012., RL 6.1, 270p. Ten-year-old Stuart is forced to move far away from all his friends. But on his very first day in his new home, Stuart is swept up in a quest to

find his great-uncle Tony--a famous magician who literally disappeared off the face of the earth--and Tony's marvelous, long-lost workshop.

**A hero for WondLa** -- DiTerlizzi, Tony [ BKL+ SLJ+ VOY+ ] {IL 5-8, -Fic-} -- Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2012., RL 6.8, 445p. Raised underground by a robot, twelve-year-old Eva Nine finally finds all she ever wanted in the human colony of New Attica, but something very bad is going on there and unless Eva and her friends stop it, it could mean the end of life on Orbona.

## Graphic Novels

**Earthling!** -- Fearing, Mark [ BKL+ KIR+ PWK+ VOY+ ] {IL 3-6, 741.5} -- Chronicle Books, c2012., RL 2.6, 244p. When Bud gets on the wrong school bus he finds himself at Cosmos Academy on another planet, where Earthlings are considered extremely dangerous he must conceal his identity as a native of Earth.

**Michael Townsend's Amazing Greek myths of wonder and blunders.** -- Townsend, Michael (Michael Jay), 1981- [ BKL+ BUL+ KIR+ LMC+ PWK+ SLJ+ VOY+ WCC+ ] {IL 3-6, 398.2} -- Dial Books For Young Readers, c2010., RL 3, 160p. A collection of comics that interpret Greek myths, depicting stories about characters such as King Midas, Pandora, Arachne, Icarus, Hercules, and others.

**Explorer : the mystery boxes : seven graphic stories** -- [ BKL+ HRN+ KIR\* PWK+ SLJ\* VOY+ ] {IL 3-6, 741.5} -- Amulet Books, 2012., RL 2.4, 126p. An anthology of short graphic works by such artists as Kazu Kibuishi, Dave Roman, and Raina Telgemeier, all on the theme of a mysterious box and the marvels, or mayhem, inside.

**The mothman's shadow** -- Strange, Jason {IL 3-6, -Fic-} -- Stone Arch Books, c2011., RL 3.6, 64p. High school senior Ben takes his younger brother Noah and three friends to their family's abandoned cabin, where Noah is frightened by the legendary mothman but the others do not believe him.

**Miss Annie. Book 1, Freedom!** -- Le Gall, Frank, 1959- [ BKL+ KIR+ PWK+ SLJ+ ] {IL 3-6, 741.5} -- Graphic Universe, 2012., RL 2.4, 40p. At four months of age, Miss Annie the kitten is eager to leave her masters' house and find freedom in the outdoors, but she soon learns that there are important rules to be followed there, as well.

## Poetry

**Forgive me, I meant to do it : false apology poems** -- Levine, Gail Carson [ BKL\* BUL+ HRN+ KIR+ NYT+ PWK\* ] {IL K-3, 811} -- Harper, c2012., RL 5, 79p. A collection of poems with false apologies from author Gail Carson Levine.

## Mystery

**The golden ghost** -- Bauer, Marion Dane [ BKL+ HRN+ KIR+ SLJ+ WCC+ ] {IL K-3, - Fic-} -- Random House, c2011., RL 3.3, 86p. On a bike outing to the abandoned houses by the old cement mill, Delsie and her friend Todd discover one of the houses is not empty--and a ghost dog haunts the area.

### **Myths/Legends**

**Odysseus and the Cyclops : a retelling** -- Meister, Cari [ LMC\* ] {IL 3-6, 398.20938} -- Picture Window Books, c2012., RL 3.7, 32p. An illustrated retelling of the classic Greek myth, in which Odysseus and his men come to a cave on an island that is home to a man-eating Cyclops named Polyphemus and must use cunning to escape.

**Greek myths** -- Turnbull, Ann [ BUL\* HRN+ SLJ+ WCC+ WMJ+ ] {IL 5-8, 398.2} -- Candlewick Press, 2011, c2010., 165p. An illustrated collection of Greek myths that includes the stories of Persephone, the Minotaur, Perseus, Medusa, King Midas, and others

### **Non-Fiction**

**Titanic sinks!** -- Denenberg, Barry [ BKL\* HRN+ KIR\* LMC+ NYT+ PWK\* SLJ\* ] {IL 5-8, 910.9163} -- Viking, 2011., RL 8.9, 72p. Retells the events surrounding the sinking of the RMS "Titanic," describing the ship's construction and launch, and featuring authentic photographs and illustrations from the period.

### **A Picture Book I Can't Resist:**

**Over and under the snow** -- Messner, Kate [ BKL+ HRN\* HRN+ KIR+ LMC\* NBKL NYT+ PWK\* SLJ+ ] {IL K-3, 591.4} -- Chronicle Books, c2011., RL 3, 38p. During a cross country ski trip through the winter woods, adventurers can discover all sorts of animals living under the snow.