Monarch Award: Illinois’ K-3 Readers’ Choice Award
2014 Master List

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2013 Monarch Award Winner

Pete the Cat
Rocking in My School Shoes

Story by Eric Litwin (aka Mr. Eric) Art by James Dean
Elliot, a very proper young man, feels a kinship with the penguins at the aquarium and wants to take one home with him.
The Trouble with Chickens
by Doreen Cronin

A hard-bitten former search-and-rescue dog helps solve a complicated missing-chicken case.
Clever Jack Takes the Cake
by Candace Fleming

A poor boy named Jack struggles to deliver a birthday present worthy of the princess.
Mister Bud, the family dog, has a satisfying routine to his life, but when another dog joins the family and disrupts his schedule, Mister Bud must learn to adapt.
Chicken Big
by Keith Graves

A giant chicken hatches from an enormous egg, but the other chickens cannot accept that he is one of them.
Perfect Square
by Michael Hall

A perfect square that is perfectly happy is torn into pieces, punched with holes, crumpled, and otherwise changed but finds in each transformation that I can be something new, and just as happy.
Meet the Dogs of Bedlam Farm
by Jon Katz

Contains photographs and the stories of Rose, Izzy, Frieda, and Lenore, four dogs that perform various jobs on Bedlam Farm.
A bear almost gives up his search for his missing hat until he remembers something important.
Pen pals Elliot and Kailash discover that even though they live in different countries – America and India – they both love to climb trees, own pets, and ride school buses.
The Gingerbread Man Loose in School
by Laura Murray

A gingerbread man searches all over the school for the group of children that made him and then left him behind.
11 Experiments that Failed
By Jenny Offill and Nancy Carpenter

A young child tries a series of wacky experiments, such as seeing if a piece of bologna will fly like a Frisbee, and then must suffer the consequences of experiments gone awry.
I Wanna New Room
by Karen Kaufman Orloff

Through a series of brief letters to his parents, Alex presents all the reasons why he should not have to share a room with his younger brother.
One
by Kathryn Otoshi

Red picks on Blue while Yellow, Orange, Green, and Purple wonder what they can do until One unites the colors and helps everybody learn about acceptance, tolerance, and boundaries amidst bullying while the reader learns numbers and primary and secondary colors.
President Theodore Roosevelt and John Muir take a camping trip in California to discuss the future of the nation’s wilderness areas in this book based upon a true story.
Tales for Very Picky Eaters
by Josh Schneider

A father tells outlandish stories while trying to get his young son, who is a very picky eater, to eat foods he thinks he will not like.
Stuey makes his way through second grade facing reading problems, pulling off a great Halloween caper, joining a soccer team, and more with the help of family, friends, and a special teacher.
Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature
by Joyce Sidman

An illustrated exploration of various examples of spirals appearing in nature, looking at snail shells, flower petals, elephant tusks, crashing waves, and more.
Balloons Over Broadway
by Melissa Sweet

Tells the story of puppeteer Tony Sarg, the man who first invented the helium balloons that have become the trademark of the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.
Brothers At Bat
by Audrey Vernick

Shares the story of the Acerras and their sixteen children, who had enough members to fill every position on a baseball team.
Biblioburro: a True Story from Colombia
by Jeanette Winter

Luis and his trusty burros, Alfa and Beto, travel far and wide to bring treasured books to eager children in the remote villages of rural Colombia.