2021 - 2022 Kentucky Bluegrass Award Master List for K-2 KBA

Cubs in the Tub: The True Story of the Bronx Zoo's First Woman Zookeeper / Candace Fleming and Julie Downing, ill. / Neal Porter Books, 2020.

The story of Helen Martini's care for lion and tiger cubs, and her emergence as the Bronx Zoo's first woman zookeeper.

Eyes That Kiss in the Corners / Joanna Ho and Dung Ho, ill. / HarperCollins Publishers, 2021.

A young Asian girl notices that her eyes look different from her peers'.

Federico and the Wolf / Rebecca J. Gomez and Elisa Chavarri, ill. / Clarion Books, 2020.

A modern retelling of Little Red Riding Hood in which Federico rides his bicycle to the market for Abuelo's groceries, then stands up to a hungry wolf.

Honey, the Dog Who Saved Abe Lincoln / Shari Swanson and Chuck Groenink, ill. / Katherine Tegen/HarperCollins, 2020.

Before he was president of the USA, Abe Lincoln was a young boy running barefoot through the hills of Knob Creek, Kentucky. This is the true story of one extra-special childhood rescue - a dog named Honey.

In the Woods / David Elliott and Rob Dunlavey, ill. / Candlewick Press, 2020.

Poems cycle through the year in a forest full of animals, some common and some not so well known.

Lift / Minh Lê and Dan Santat, ill. / Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2020.

A girl. An elevator. And a magic button. Iris loves pushing her apartment building's elevator buttons. Then her little brother comes along. Relegated to second class button pusher, Iris finds an elevator button panel that takes her on magical adventures and comes to realize some adventures are best shared.

My Bed: Enchanting Ways to Fall Asleep Around the World / Rebecca Bond and Salley Mavor, ill. / Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2020.

All across the world, beds take many forms and shapes, but each is beloved. With a poetic narrative and fabric-relief illustrations as comforting as a homemade quilt, this distinctive bedtime book celebrates sleeping traditions around the world.

Nana Akua Goes to School / Tricia Elam Walker and April Harrison, ill. / Schwartz & Wade Books, 2020.

Zura's Nana Akua is her favorite person in the whole universe. But will her class think so when Zura brings her to Grandparents' Day and they see the traditional tribal marks on Nana Akua's face?

On Account of the Gum / Adam Rex / Chronicle Books, 2020.

Humor abounds in this story about one kid's misadventures with gum, and the cumulative buildup of stuff stuck in hair.

Skulls! / Blair Thornburgh and Scott Campbell, ill. / Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2019.

A nonfiction picture book about skulls, and all the things they are good for.