

**CYRM Nominated
Books: 2014-15**

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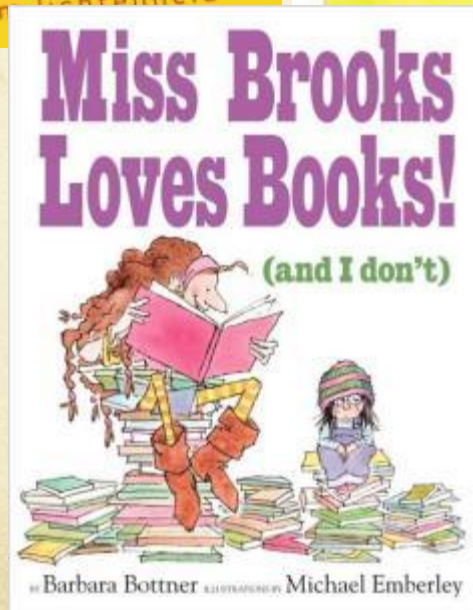
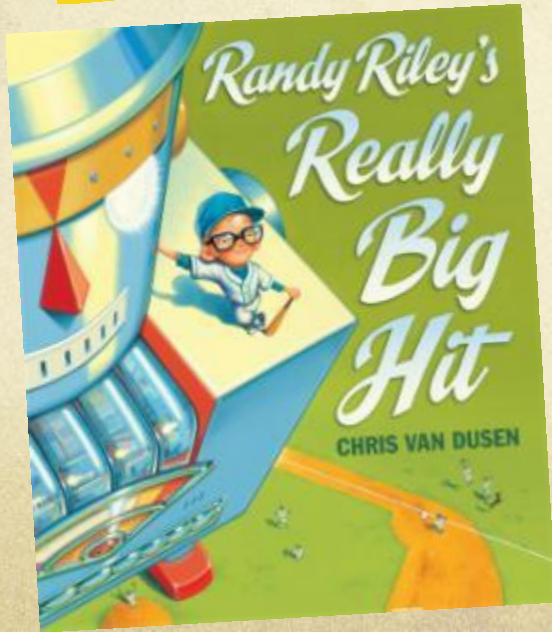
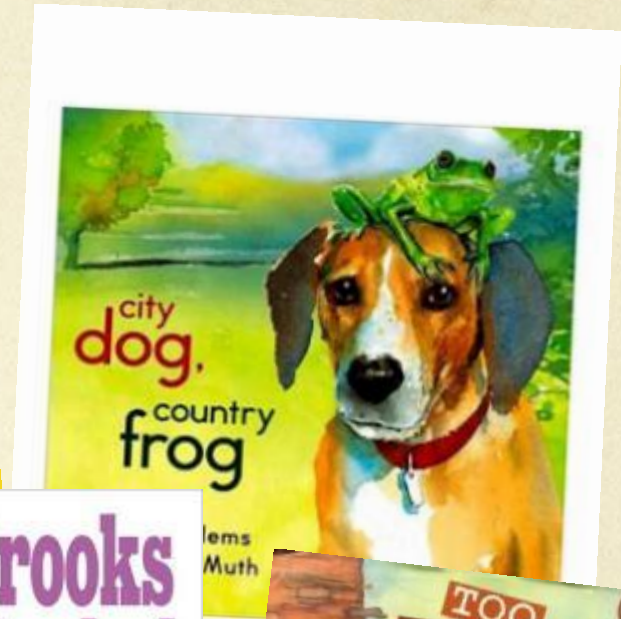
- Established in 1974: Celebrating 40 years this year!
- Designed to encourage the children of California to READ, READ, READ!
- Promotes recreational reading of popular literature; books must be by a living author and published within the last 4 years
- Students, teachers, librarians, and parents may nominate books
- The CYRM committee reads all nominated books and selects a well-balanced list for each category
- There are five categories: Picture Book, Picture Books for Older Readers, Intermediate, Middle School, and Young Adult; **students must read all books in a category to be eligible to vote**

Nominated Picture Books

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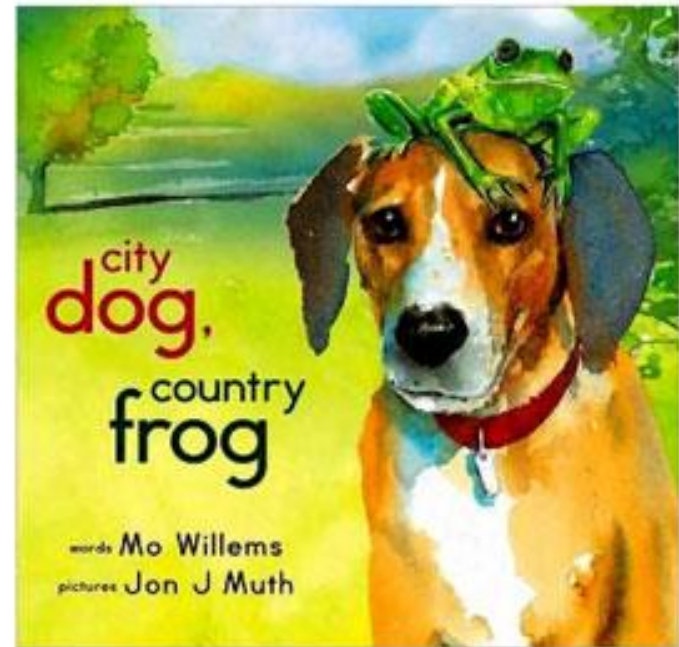
- *City Dog, Country Frog* by Mo Willems (2010)
- *Exclamation Mark* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal (2013)
- *Miss Brooks Loves Books and I Don't* by Barbara Bottner (2010)
- *Randy Reilly's Really Big Hit* by Chris Van Dusen (2012)
- *Too Tall Houses* by Gianna Marino (2012)

Nominated Picture Books 2014-2015



City Dog, Country Frog

- Author: Mo Willems
- Illustrator: Jon J. Muth
- Explores the friendship between two creatures with different life spans
- Compare life cycles of frogs and dogs as well as the pleasures of city and country life



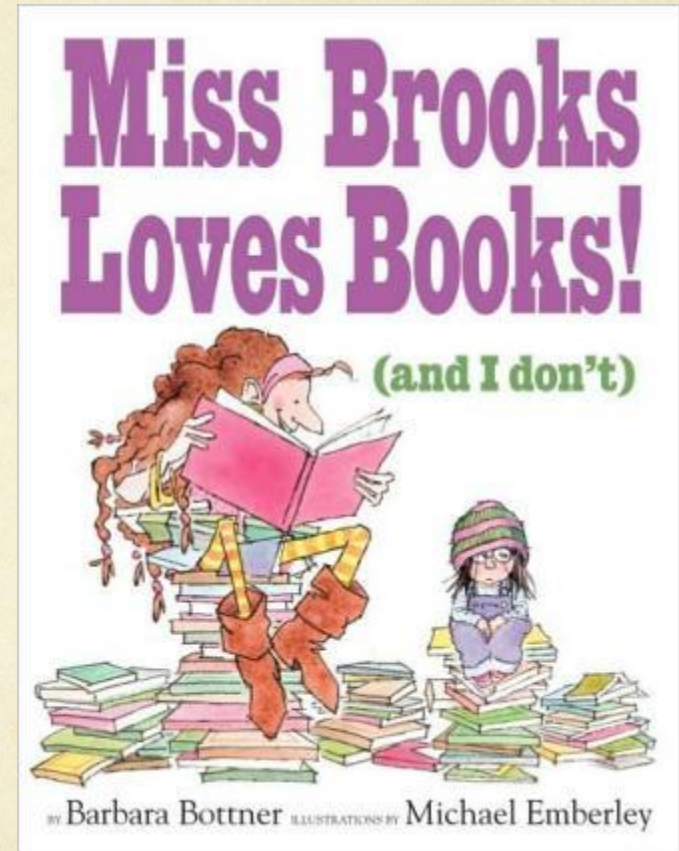
Exclamation Mark

- Author: Amy Krouse Rosenthal
- Illustrator: Tom Lichtenheld
- An Exclamation Mark does not like being different; a unique story to celebrate individuality
- Use to begin a punctuation lesson, having students write declaratory, interrogatory, and exclamatory sentences



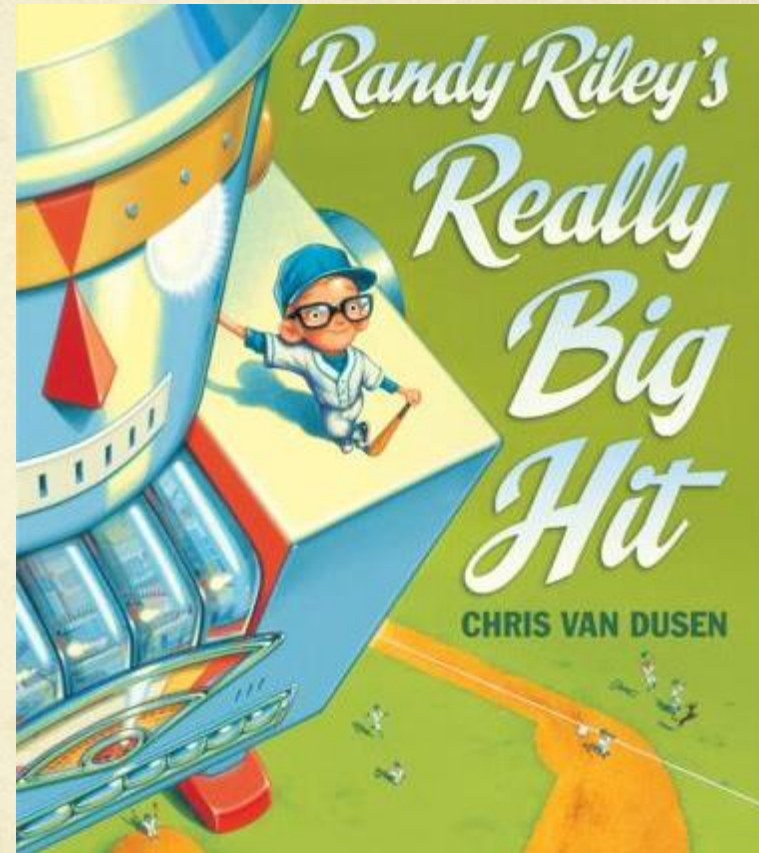
Miss Brooks Loves Books and I Don't

- Author: Barbara Bottner
- Illustrator: Michael Emberley
- Celebrates the power of reading and the value of librarians
- Encourage students to dress as a character from a favorite book



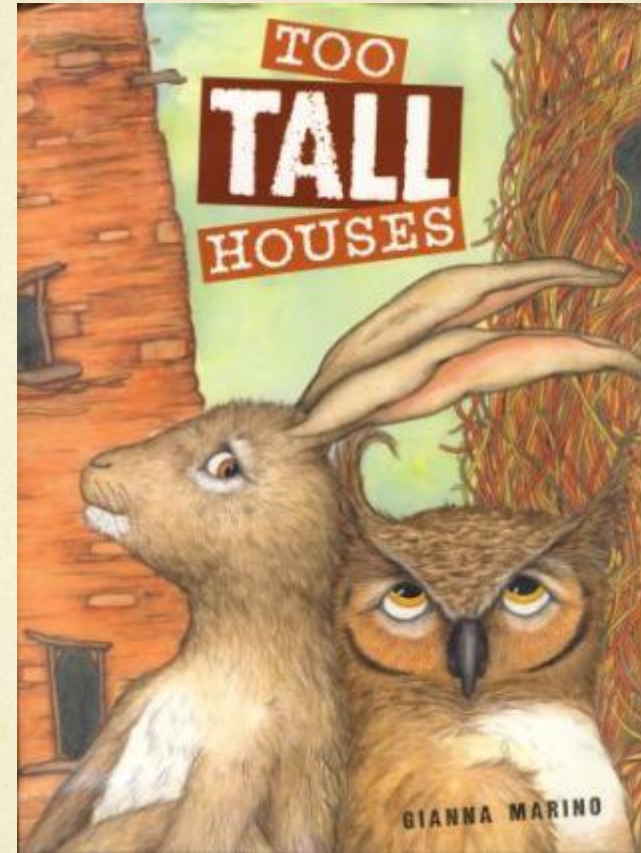
Randy Reilly's Really Big Hit

- Author and Illustrator:
Chris Van Dusen
- A boy uses his knowledge of baseball, science, and robotics to destroy a space fireball
- Have students create their own robot or baseball cards



Too Tall Houses

- Author and Illustrator:
Gianna Marino
- Best friends and neighbors owl and rabbit discover the dangers of competition
- Have students design and build their own home—what issues must they consider?

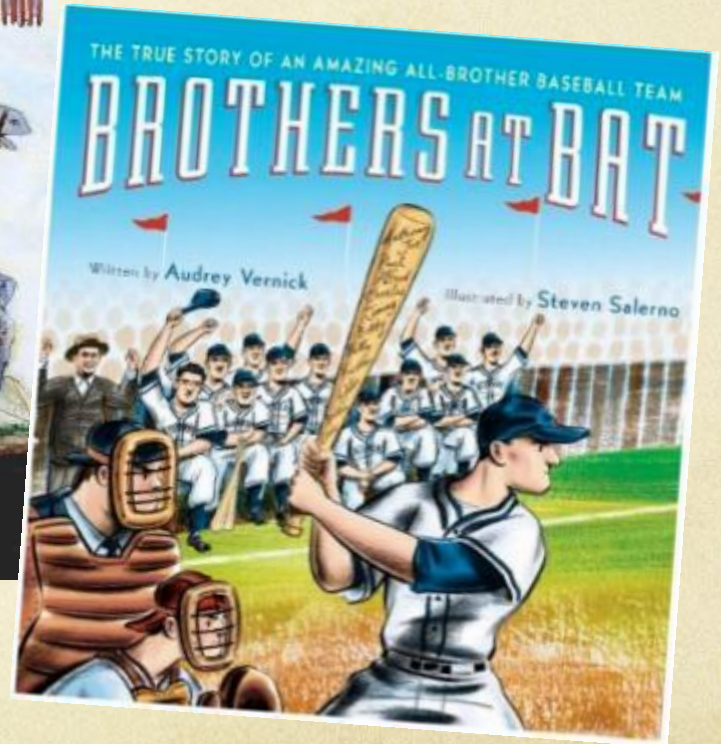
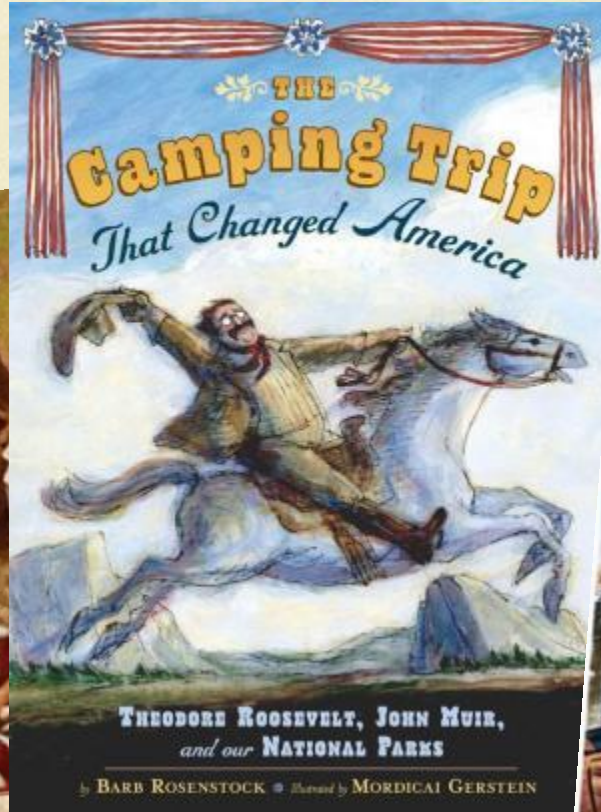


Picture Books for Older Readers

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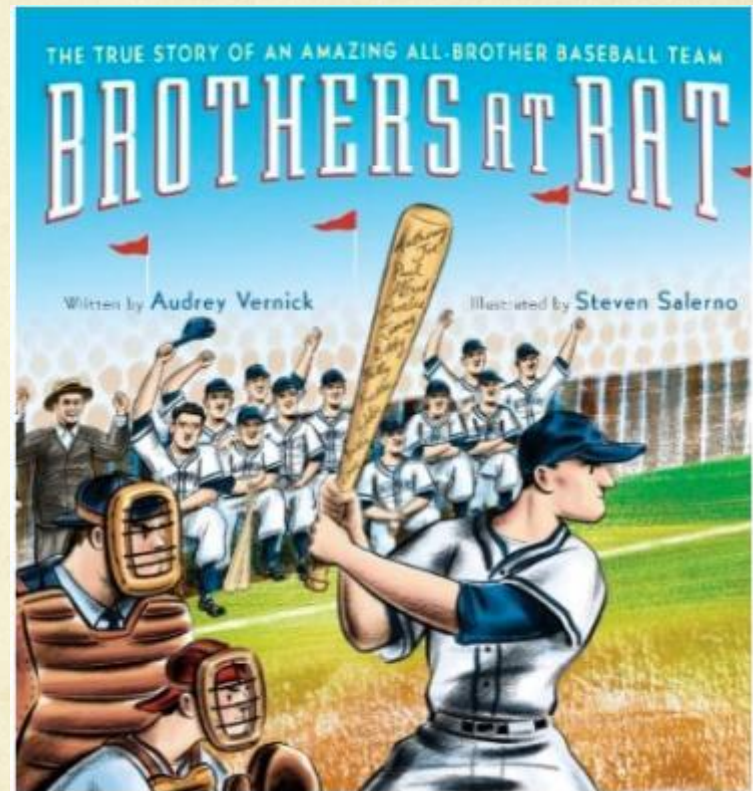
- *Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an Amazing All-Brother Team* by Audrey Vernick (2012)
- *The Camping Trip That Changed America: Theodore Roosevelt, John Muir and Our National Parks* by Barb Rosenstock (2012)
- *These Hands* by Margaret H. Mason (2010)

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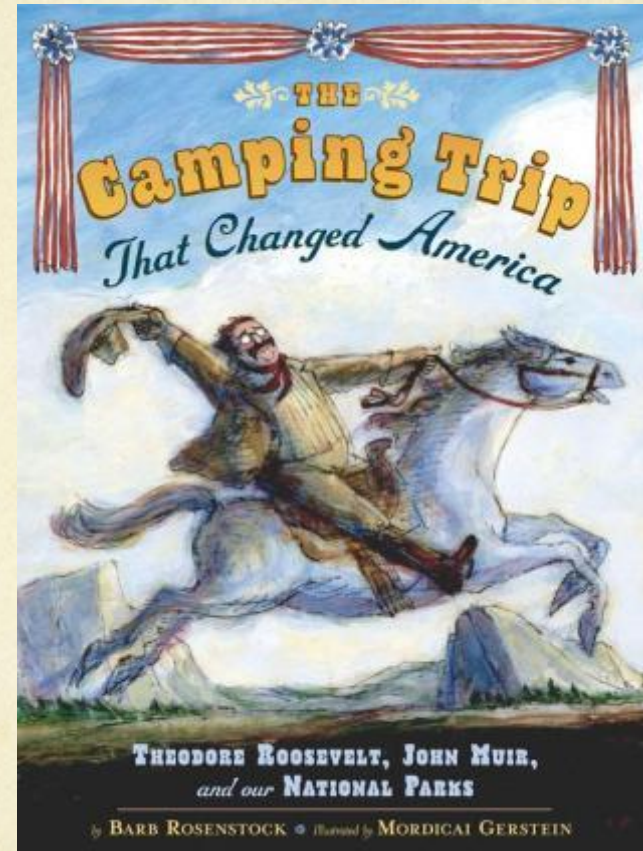
Brothers at Bat

- Author: Audrey Vernick
- Illustrator: Steven Salerno
- Documents the story of an all-brother semi-pro team from New Jersey that were honored by the Hall of Fame
- Strengthen math skills by generating baseball statistics
- Learn about special pitches (the knuckleball!) and talents needed for baseball positions



The Camping Trip That Changed America

- Author: Barb Rosenstock
- Illustrator: Mordacai Gerstein
- The story behind the creation of the National Park Service
- Develop persuasive writing and campfire storytelling skills



These Hands

- Author: Margaret H. Mason
- Illustrator: Floyd Cooper
- In spite of the strength and capability of a grandfather's hands, he was not allowed to handle bread at the Wonder Factory
- Have students share things they can do
- Give background of civil rights movement

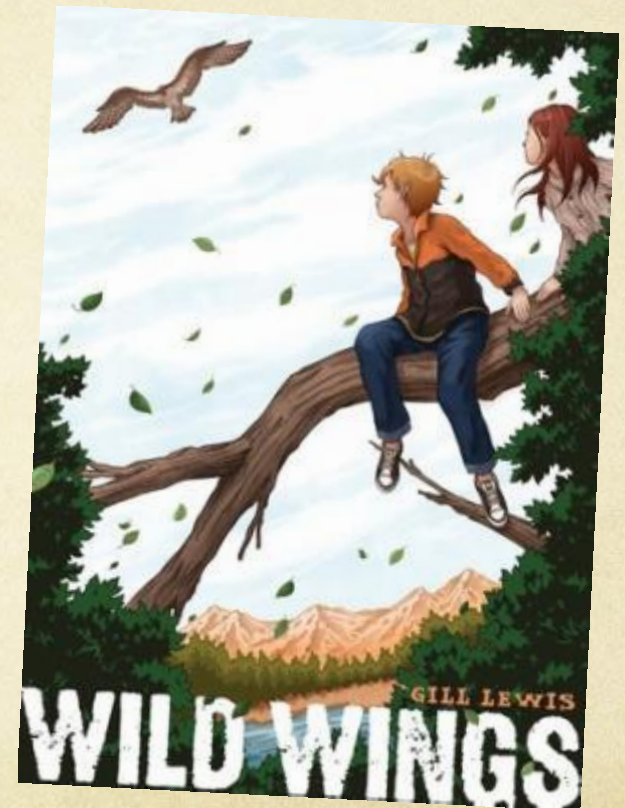
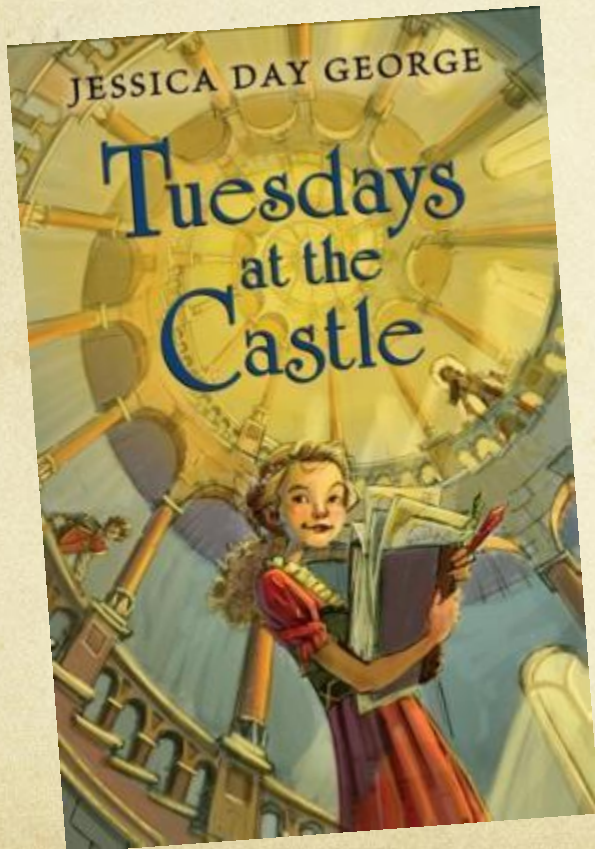


Intermediate Books

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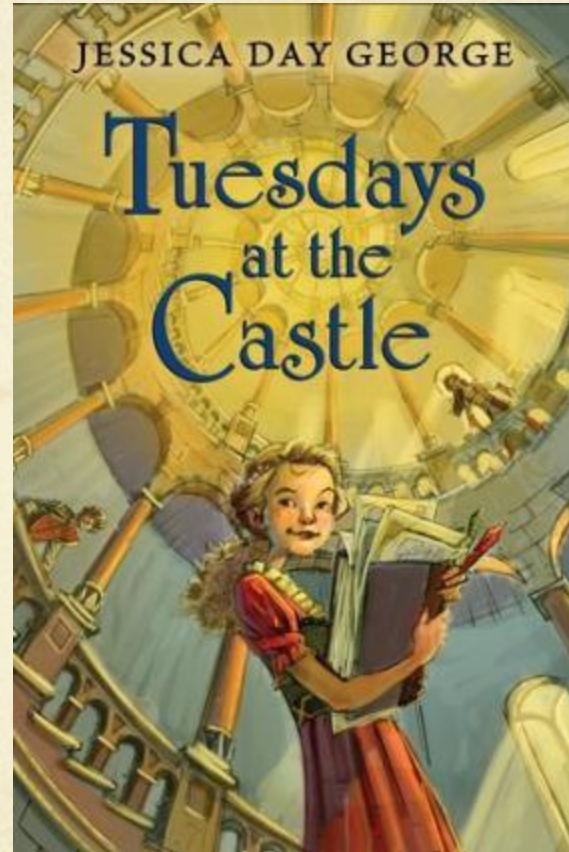
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- *Wild Wings* by Gill Lewis (2011)
- *Wonder* by RJ Palacio (2012)

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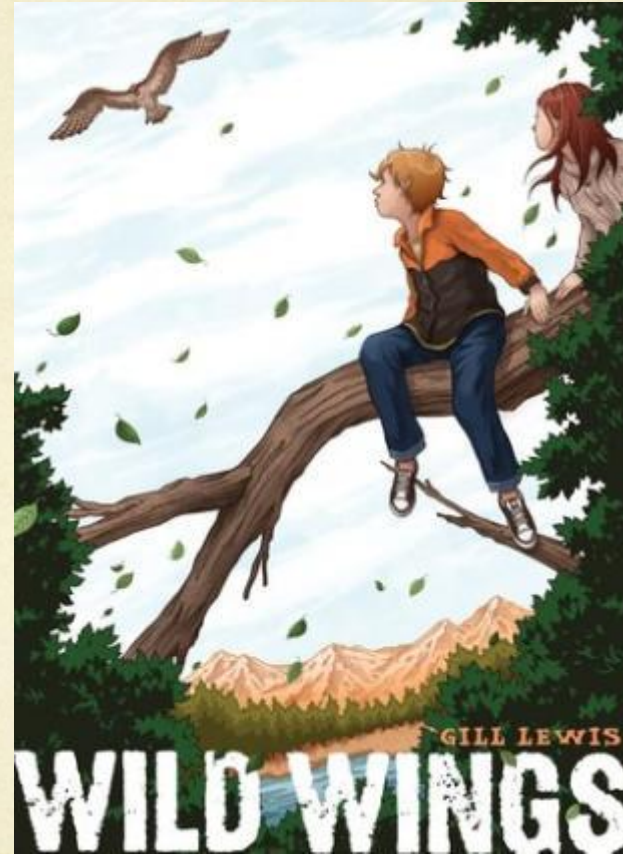
Tuesdays at the Castle

- Author: Jessica Day George
- It is up to a young girl, with the help of her magical castle, to save her kingdom and discover the fate of her parents
- Learn about the Middle Ages and locate real castles around the world



Wild Wings

- Author: Gill Lewis
- Illustrator: Yuta Onoda
- Set in Scotland and Africa, a boy and a girl discover and protect an endangered osprey
- Track osprey migrations and learn about other endangered animals or habitats



Wonder

- Author: RJ Palacio
- A fifth grade boy with extreme facial deformities begins middle school; told from a variety of perspectives
- Explore themes of bullying, kindness, and friendship
- Create your own precepts
- Re-write chapters using a different perspective



Remember to Vote and Recommend!

- Votes for 2014-15 nominees must be received by April 1, 2015.
- Recommendations for new books to be considered must also be received by April 1, 2015. Recommendation forms are available online.
- Send all Ballots and recommendations to CYRM, c/o Vivian Boyd, 100 Emerson Court, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
- Complete materials for 2014-2015 Nominated Books are available online.
- CRYM is sponsored by 4 statewide organizations: CSLA, CRA (California Reading Association), CLA (California Librarian's Association), and CATE (Californian Association of Teachers of English)
- Website: <http://www.californiayoungreadermedal.org/>

Join the CYRM Committee

- CYRM members serve for 3 years; rolling terms
- 4 meetings a year, alternating between northern and southern California
- 3 members from each sponsoring organization
- Applications are accepted yearly
- Contact Chair Sally James (sjames@hcsd.k12.ca.us) for further information