

December Youth Book List

Schneider Family Book Award Winners 2020-2022

(Award goes back to 2004)

The Schneider Family Book Awards are given annually in each of the following categories: children (age 0-10), middle grade (age 11-13) and teens (age 13-18) to an author or illustrator for a book that embodies an artistic expression of the disability experience for child and adolescent audiences. Learn more and access the entire list for all years here: https://www.ala.org/awardsgrants/awards/1/all_years

2022

Children

MY CITY SPEAKS written by Darren Lebeuf, illustrated by Ashley Barron

DB 106712

A little girl who is blind explores the city she loves on the way to her recital. Schneider Family Book Award. For preschool-grade 2. 2021.

Middle Grades

A FACE FOR PICASSO: COMING OF AGE WITH CROUZON SYNDROME by Ariel Henley

DB 106407

Ariel Henley recounts her own and her twin sister's experience living with Crouzon syndrome, a rare condition where the bones in the head fuse prematurely. Henley discusses the surgeries, the strength and resilience needed while dealing with the emotional toll of navigating life with a facial disfigurement. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2021.

Teens

WORDS IN MY HANDS written and illustrated by Asphyxia

DB 106281

Organicore, a company that produces perfectly balanced synthetic meals, replaces wild food. But sixteen-year-old Piper McBride, who is deaf, begins to wonder if natural food is as dangerous as Organicore's propaganda says. Schneider Family Book Award. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers. 2020.

2021

Children

I TALK LIKE A RIVER written by Jordan Scott, illustrated by Sydney Smith

DB 101830, BR 23736

When a child has a "bad speech day" at school, his father gives him a new perspective on his stuttering. Commercial audiobook. For grades K-3. 2020.

Middle Grades

SHOW ME A SIGN by Ann Clare LeZotte

DB 102083, BR 23598

1805. Mary Lambert has always felt safe among the deaf community of Chilmark on Martha's Vineyard where practically everyone communicates in a shared sign language. But a scientist determined to discover the origins of the islands' widespread deafness decides that she makes the perfect live specimen—and kidnaps her. For grades 4-7. 2020.

Teens

THIS IS MY BRAIN IN LOVE written by I.W. Gregorio

DB 101776

Rising high school juniors Jocelyn Wu and Will Domenici fall in love while trying to save the Wu family restaurant, A-Plus Chinese Garden. Meanwhile, mental health issues and family prejudices threaten their budding romance. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2020.

2020

Children

A FRIEND FOR HENRY by Jenn Bailey, illustrated by Mika Song

Not yet in our collection

Middle Grades

SONG FOR A WHALE by Lynne Kelly

DB 94077, BR 22668

Twelve-year-old Iris and her grandmother, who are both deaf, drive from Texas to Alaska armed with Iris's plan to help Blue 55, a whale unable to communicate with other whales. Commercial audiobook. For grades 4-7. 2019.

Teens

CURESED by Karol Ruth Silverstein

DB 97369, BR 23837 in process

Fourteen-year-old Erica "Ricky" Bloom struggles with her recent chronic illness diagnosis, which comes amid family upheaval and challenges at a new school. Strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2019.