



Texas Bluebonnet Award 2011-2012 Master List

Angleberger, Tom. 2010. *The Strange Case of the Origami Yoda*. New York: Amulet Books. (Hardcover) ISBN: 9780810984257.

A nerd you say Dwight is, but on his side Yoda is. Tommy is starting an investigation to figure out how the origami Yoda puppet that Dwight insists on keeping on his finger doles out such relevant advice. Kids present evidence (or lack thereof) trying to figure out if Yoda is real or something out of Dwight's imagination.

Barnett, Mac. 2009. *The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity*. Illustrated by Adam Rex. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. (Hardcover) ISBN: 9781416978152; (Paperback) ISBN: 9781416978169; (Audiobook on CD, unabridged) ISBN: 9780307710406, read by Arte Johnson, published by Random House/Listening Library; (Downloadable audio file) ISBN: 9780307710437; (e-book) ISBN: 9781416997696.

Little does Steve Brixton, aspiring detective, know that checking out a book on quilting from the library will be the beginning of his first case. Falsely accused of working for a criminal mastermind by ninja librarians, Steve turns to his trusty Bailey Brothers' Detective Handbook to solve this case of mistaken identity. Adventure and humor fill this fast paced clever mystery. *The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity* is the first volume in the Brixton Brothers Series.

Bildner, Phil. 2010. *The Hallelujah Flight*. Illustrated by John Holyfield. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons. (Hardcover) ISBN: 9780399247897.

They fly through the air with the greatest of ease...well, to the best of their ability anyway! Known as the "Flying Hoboes," James Banning and his co-pilot Thomas Allen made history by becoming the first African American pilots to fly across the United States. Their mission was to inspire people brought low by the Great Depression. They relied on the help of the townspeople they met along the way, who helped them keep

their “flying jalopy” going. Based on a true story, *The Hallelujah Flight* is an adventurous tale of strength, courage and ingenuity.

Butler, Dori Hillestad. 2010. ***The Buddy Files: The Case of the Lost Boy***. Illustrated by Jeremy Tugeau. Chicago: Albert Whitman & Co. (Hardcover) ISBN: 9780807509104; (Paperback) ISBN: 9780807509326.

King is a lovable mutt with an unmistakable voice. Although loyal and true to his family, King finds himself in the P-O-U-N-D when his owners suddenly vanish. Thankfully, he is rescued, renamed Buddy, and soon smack dab in the middle of another mysterious disappearance when his new master also goes missing. Will Buddy’s mental lists of clues and his strong sense of smell be enough to bring Connor home? Follow Buddy’s adventures in *The Case of the Lost Boy*, the first book in “The Buddy Files” series.

Carris, Joan. 2009. ***Wild Times at the Bed and Biscuit***. Illustrated by Noah Z. Jones. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press. (Hardcover) ISBN: 9780763637057.

Grampa Bender along with Ernest the mini pig run The Bed & Biscuit, a boardinghouse for wounded animals. In this second adventure, the local wildlife shelter calls on Grampa and the animals to nurse a wounded Canada goose, a cranky old muskrat and two feisty fox kits back to health. When the fox kits run away, Ernest and the residents of the Bed & Biscuit scramble to make sure the wild animals are ready to return to their natural habitat. Will Ernest finally make the kits understand that they only want to help?

Catanese, P. W. 2009. ***Happenstance Found***. New York: Aladdin. (Hardcover) ISBN: 9781416975199; (Paperback) ISBN: 9781416953821; (Audiobook on CD, unabridged) ISBN: 9781440721250, Read by Richard Poe, published by Recorded Books.

Happenstance awakens in a cavern beneath an active volcano, remembering nothing about himself or his life. When he is rescued by the extraordinary Lord Umber, the irascible Oates, and the mysterious Sophie, he begins a fast-paced adventure full of peril and discovery. As he tries to evade the watchful eyes of the assassin on his trail, will Happenstance discover his true identity—or the real reason that Umber has chosen him? Find out in this first installment in the Books of Umber series.

de Seve, Randall. 2009. ***The Duchess of Whimsy: An Absolutely Delicious Fairy Tale***. Illustrated by Peter de Seve. New York: Philomel Books. (Hardcover) ISBN: 9780399250958.

Will a simple sandwich unite an extraordinary royal with an ordinary fellow? This beautifully illustrated, delicious, delectable, divine, and whimsical fairy tale proves that people are not always who they seem, and that simple things mean a lot.

Draper, Sharon. 2010. ***Out of My Mind***. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers. (Hardcover) ISBN: 9781416971702; (e-book) ISBN: 9781416980452; (Audiobook on CD, unabridged) ISBN: 9781440756153, read by Sisi Aisha Johnson, published by Recorded Books.

Melody is just a regular kid that wants all the same things that every fifth grader wants. The only difference is she is confined to a wheelchair and she cannot speak because she has cerebral palsy. Do you think you know what that's like? Sharon Draper defies your every pre-conceived notion about kids with special needs in this powerful novel.

Fleming, Candace. 2009. ***Imogene's Last Stand***. Illustrated by Nancy Carpenter. New York: Schwartz & Wade Books. (Hardcover) ISBN: 9780375836077.

"I have not yet begun to fight!" quotes Imogene Tripp when the town Mayor wants to tear down the historical museum in order to build a shoelace factory. Imogene begins her own battle of presidential proportions to save the museum.

Holm, Jennifer L. 2010. ***Turtle in Paradise***. New York: Random House. (Hardcover) ISBN: 9780375836886; (Audiobook on CD, unabridged) ISBN: 9780307738301, read by Becca Battoe, published by Random House Listening Library; (Downloadable audio file MP3) ISBN: 9780307738332; (e-book) ISBN: 9780375893162.

Life for Turtle in 1935 is no day at the beach. Her mother's new job means that she gets shipped off to live with family members she has never even met. Life in Key West, Florida is definitely not like those annoying Shirley Temple movies. Her new encounters and adventures help her come out of her shell. Photos and notes at the back of the book show what life was really like for author Jennifer Holm's great grandmother, whose memories inspired this humorous historical novel.

Hopkins, Lee Bennett. 2010. ***Amazing Faces***. Illustrated by Chris Soentpiet. New York: Lee & Low Books. (Hardcover) ISBN: 9781600603341.

"The night is beautiful, so the faces of my people" says Langston Hughes in this multicultural collection of 16 poems by various well-known authors. The verses portray varied emotions and backgrounds, while the

watercolor illustrations perfectly capture the differences and similarities within all of us.

Javaherbin, Mina. 2010. ***Goal!***. Illustrated by A. G. Ford. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press. (Hardcover) ISBN: 9780763645717.

Soccer is played all over the world and brings people together in sport. In this picture book, set in a dusty township in South Africa, a group of boys gather to play with a new regulation ball. But danger lurks in a gang of bullies that roam the streets. Can they keep their ball and play their game?

Kerley, Barbara. 2010. ***The Extraordinary Mark Twain (According to Susy)***. Illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham. New York: Scholastic Press. (Hardcover) ISBN: 9780545125086.

According to Susy Twain, her father Mark is “perfect except he hasn’t extraordinary teeth.” And so begins this innovative biography partially written by thirteen-year old Susy. Complete with energetic illustrations and instructions on how to write your own biography, this book shows a whole other side of a beloved American author.

Lewin, Ted and Betsy Lewin. 2009. ***Balarama: A Royal Elephant***. New York: Lee & Low Books. (Hardcover) ISBN: 9781600602658.

Meet Balarama the Royal Elephant who is leading the celebration on the last day of Dasara in India. His debut as the specially selected chariot carrier is imminent. Will he be successful? Filled with vivid images and fascinating pageantry this book is an amazing tribute to these popular animals.

McDonough, Yona Zeldis. 2009. ***Louisa: The Life of Louisa May Alcott***. Illustrated by Bethanne Andersen. New York: Henry Holt and Co. (Hardcover) ISBN: 9780805081923.

Louisa May Alcott loved to have strawberry parties with her sisters and enjoyed their frequent pillow fights. But, her first love was writing. She spent the majority of her time outdoors where she composed poetry and stories that grew quickly in popularity. Discover little-known facts about the well-known author of *Little Women* in this intriguing biography of Louisa’s complicated rags-to-riches story.

McGowan, Keith. 2009. ***The Witch’s Guide to Cooking with Children***. Illustrated by Yoko Tanaka. New York: Henry Holt and Co. (Hardcover) ISBN: 9780805086683; (Audiobook

on CD) ISBN: 9781423384878, read by Laurel Merlington, published by Brilliance Audio; (Downloadable audio file MP3) ISBN: 9781423384915.

So you think Hansel and Gretel is only a fairy tale, right? Meet Sol and his little sister Connie who have just moved into a suburban neighborhood curiously devoid of children. Their father and stepmother are acting very strange, meanwhile the next door neighbor's dog keeps digging up funny looking bones. With unique illustrations by Yoko Tanaka, this modern twist on the classic fairy tale is creepy fun.

Nelson, S. D. 2010. ***Black Elk's Vision: A Lakota Story***. New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers. (Hardcover) ISBN: 9780810983991.

"Everyone must choose to walk with the water of life or the weapon of destruction." These are the words Black Elk receives from the Six Grandfathers to share with his people. Told from Black Elk's point of view, S.D. Nelson vividly describes the plight of the Lakota and their struggles to maintain their way of life. His message of hope is further brought to life by historical photographs and dynamic illustrations.

Phelan, Matt. 2009. ***The Storm in the Barn***. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press. (Hardcover) ISBN: 9780763636180.

Eleven-year old Jack Clark is beginning to think he may have dust dementia, a new disorder in 1937 Kansas where it hasn't rained for so long people are starting to see strange things. There is water and a presence in the barn that he cannot explain. Is his imagination playing tricks on him? By combining history and fantasy, this original graphic novel explores the hardships of the Dust Bowl era in a distinctive magical way.

Singer, Marilyn. 2010. ***Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse***. Illustrated by Josée Masse. New York: Dutton Children's Books. (Hardcover) ISBN: 9780525479017.

Fairytales written	Unveiled poetry
Up and down	Reversed
Back and front	Bad and good characters
Characters good and bad	Front and back
Reversed	Down and up
Poetry unveiled.	Written fairytales.

West, Jacqueline. 2010. ***The Shadows***. Illustrated by Poly Bernatene. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers (Hardcover) ISBN: 9780803734401; (Large Print, Published by

Thorndike) ISBN: 9781410431394; (Audiobook on CD. unabridged) ISBN: 9780143145714, read by Lexy Fridell, published by Penguin Audio; (e-book) ISBN: 9781101434468; (Downloadable audio file) ISBN: 9781101223420.

Olive and her parents have always lived in very bland apartment complexes with plain white walls and no surprises. When they suddenly buy an old completely furnished house, Olive is curious to explore it. She begins to discover very strange things including secrets in the basement and cats that are much more than they seem. Olive must confront her deepest fears as she races to protect her newfound friends from the darkness lurking inside the house. *The Shadows* is the first volume in the Books of Elsewhere series.