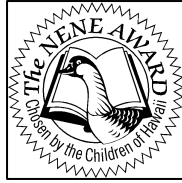


Nēnē Award: Suggested Reading List for 2009



The Nēnē Award is an annual award given by Hawai'i's children for the best children's fiction book. Students in grades 4, 5 and 6 may vote at schools or public libraries participating in the program. For more information about the Nēnē Award and the books listed, visit the website:

<http://nene.k12.hi.us>.

To be eligible for the Nēnē Award, a book must meet all of the following criteria.

- The book must be a work of fiction (a complete story) suitable for grades 4-6.
- The book must have been written by a living author who has not won the Nēnē Award in the last six years (since 2003).
- The book must have been published in the last six years (2003 or later).

Any book meeting these criteria is eligible for the Nēnē Award. Students are encouraged to recommend titles for next year's *Suggested Reading List*.

Buckley, Michael. **The Fairy Tale Detectives (Sisters Grimm: Book 1)**. 2005
Fantasy, humor

Clements, Andrew. **Lunch Money**. 2005
Humor, school story

Compestine, Ying Chang. **Revolution is Not a Dinner Party**. 2007
Historical fiction, Chinese Cultural Revolution

Curtis, Christopher Paul. **Elijah of Buxton**. 2007
Historical fiction, Canada, slavery, freedom

Davies, Jacqueline. **The Lemonade War**. 2007
Sibling rivalry, entrepreneurship

DiTerlizzi, Tony. **The Field Guide (Spiderwick Book 1)**. 2003
Fantasy, fairies

DuPrau, Jeanne. **The City of Ember**. 2003
Science fiction

Fleming, Candace. **The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School**. 2007
Humor, school story, fables

Freeman, Martha. **Who Stole Halloween?** 2005
Mystery, spooky

Funke, Cornelia. **Inkheart**. 2003
Fantasy, adventure

Gifford, Peggy. **Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little**. 2008
Realistic, humor

Gutman, Dan. **The Homework Machine**. 2006
School, friendship, values, cheating

Hahn, Mary Downing. **The Old Willis Place**. 2004
Ghost story, mystery

Hale, Shannon. **Princess Academy**. 2005
Fantasy, school

Jonell, Lynne. **Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat**. 2007
Fantasy, humor, friendship, animals

Kadohata, Cynthia. **Kira-Kira**. 2004
Historical, realistic, family

Kessler, Liz. **The Tail of Emily Windsnap**. 2004
Fantasy, humor

Korman, Gordon. **Swindle**. 2008
Adventure, crime

La Fevers, R. L. **Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos**. 2007
Fantasy, adventure, mystery, Egyptology

Lin, Grace. **The Year of the Dog**. 2006
Realistic, family

Lubar, David. **Punished!** 2006
Humor, school, word games

O'Connor, Barbara. **How to Steal a Dog**. 2007
Realistic, family, homelessness, animals

Ryan, Pam Muñoz. **Paint the Wind**. 2007
Adventure, horses, orphans

Sage, Angie. **Magyk**. 2005
Fantasy, wizards, foundlings

Salisbury, Graham. **The Night of the Howling Dogs**. 2007
Adventure, survival, Hawaii

Selznick, Brian. **Invention of Hugo Cabret**. 2008
Historical, mystery, orphans, automatons

Spinelli, Jerry. **Eggs**. 2007
Family, death, friendship, coming of age

Stone, Jeff. **Tiger**. 2005
Martial arts, adventure

White, Ruth. **Way Down Deep**. 2007
Foundlings, community, magic realism

Winthrop, Elizabeth. **Counting on Grace**. 2006
Historical fiction, child labor

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