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2017  **Ghost** by Jason Reynolds  
(Atheneum Books for Young Readers)

**Honor Books:**
- *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill  
  (Algonquin Young Readers)
- *Ms. Bixby's Last Day* by John David Anderson  
  (Walden Pond Press)
- *The Night Gardener* by Eric and Terry Fan  
  (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)
- *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown  
  (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers)
- *Worm Loves Worm* by J.J. Austrian, Illustrated by Mike Curato  
  (Baltzer & Bray)

**Recommended Books:**
- *A Bandit's Tale: The Muddled Misadventures of a Pickpocket*  
  by Deborah Hopkinson  
  (Knopf Books for Young Readers)
- *Hoot and Peep* by Lita Judge  
  (Dial Books)
- *Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog*  
  by Adam Gidwitz, illustrated by Hatem Aly  
  (Dutton Books for Young Readers)
- *Luis Paints the World* by Terry Farish, Illustrated by Oliver Dominguez  
  (Carolrhoda Books)
- *One Half from the East* by Nadia Hashimi  
  (Harper Collins)
- *The Princess and the Warrior: A Tale of Two Volcanoes* by Duncan Tonatiuh  
  (Harry N. Abrams)
- *The Seventh Wish* by Kate Messner  
  (Bloomsbury)
- *Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk  
  (Dutton Books for Young Readers)

2016  **Stella by Starlight** by Sharon M. Draper  
(Atheneum Books for Young Readers)

**Honor Books:**
- *Little Tree* by Loren Long  
  (Philomel Books)
- *New Shoes* by Susan Lynn Meyer, illustrated by Eric Velasquez  
  (Holiday House)
- *Paper Things* by Jennifer Richard Jacobson  
  (Candlewick)
- *Strictly No Elephants* by Lisa Mantchev, illustrated by Taeeun Yoo  
  (Simon & Schuster)
- *Tiger Boy* by Mitali Perkins, illustrated by Jamie Hogan  
  (Charlesbridge)

**Recommended Books:**
- *Circus Mirandus* by Cassie Beasley  
  (Dial Books for Young Readers)
- *Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate  
  (Feiwel & Friends)
- *Francine Poulet Meets the Ghost Raccoon: Tales from Deckawoo Drive, Volume Two*  
  by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Chris Van Dusen  
  (Candlewick)
- *George* by Alex Gino  
  (Scholastic Press)
- *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson  
  (G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers)
- *Little Elliot, Big Family* by Mike Curato  
  (Henry Holt and Company)
- *Sidewalk Flowers* by JonArno Lawson, illustrated by Sydney Smith  
  (Groundwood Books)
- *Two White Rabbits* by Jairo Buitrago, illustrated by Rafael Yockteng, translated by Elisa Amado  
  (Groundwood Books)
2015 *Rain Reign* by Ann M. Martin (Feiwel and Friends)

**Honor Books:**
- *Absolutely Almost* by Lisa Graff (Philomel)
- *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
- *El Deafo* by Cece Bell (Harry N. Abrams)
- *The Farmer and the Clown* by Marla Frazee (Beach Lane)
- *Revolution* by Deborah Wiles (Scholastic)

**Recommended Books:**
- *A Snicker of Magic* by Natalie Lloyd (Scholastic)
- *Draw* by Raul Colon (Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books)
- *The Madman of Piney Woods* by Christopher Paul Curtis (Scholastic)
- *The Meaning of Maggie* by Megan Jean Sovern (Chronicle Books)
- *The Most Magnificent Thing* by Ashley Spires (Kids Can Press)
- *Otis and the Scarecrow* by Loren Long (Penguin Group)
- *The Secret Hum of a Daisy* by Tracy Holczer (Putnam)
- *The Turtle of Oman* by Naomi Shihab Nye (Greenwillow Books)

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