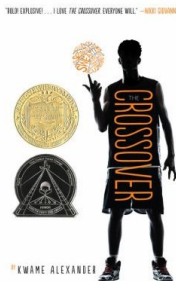


2017 Charlie May Simon and Arkansas Diamond Book Award Winners

The Arkansas Department of Education, the Arkansas State Library, and the Arkansas Reading Association are pleased to announce the results of the voting for the 2017 Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award and the 2017 Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award. Almost 56,000 ballots have been cast and the results have been tabulated. The choice of the voting students is as follows:

Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award

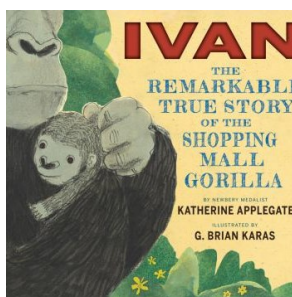


The Crossover by Kwame Alexander, published by Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt, is the winner of the 2017 Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award.

El Deafo by Cece Bell, published by Abrams/ Amulet, is the Honor Book for the 2017 Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award.



Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award



Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla written by Katherine Applegate and illustrated by G. Brian Karas, published by Houghton Mifflin/ Clarion, is the winner of the 2017 Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award.

My Teacher Is A Monster! (No, I Am Not.), written and illustrated by Peter Brown, published by Little Brown, is the Honor Book for the 2017 Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award.



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