



Arkansas Diamond Primary Award

Nominations List 2025-2026

Voting for this list will take place in May 2026.

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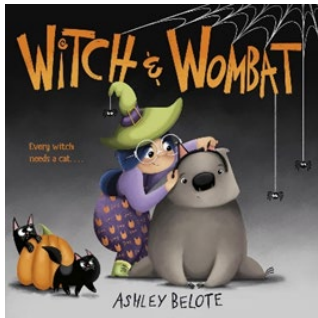
Little Rosetta and the Talking Guitar

By Charnelle Pinkney Barlow;
Published February 28, 2023 by Doubleday Books for Young Readers



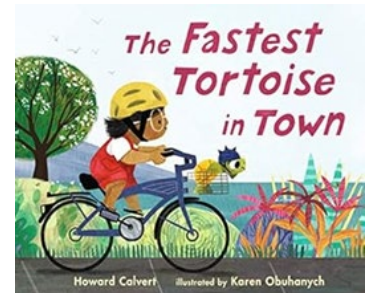
Pepita Meets Bebita

By Ruth Behar & Gabriel Frye-Behar
Illustrated by Maribel Lechuga
Published September 12, 2023 by Knopf Books for Young Readers



Witch and Wombat

By Ashley Belote;
Published July 4, 2023 by Random House Books for Young Readers



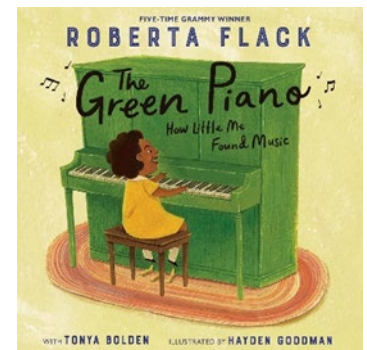
The Fastest Tortoise in Town

By Howard Calvert
Illustrated by Karen Obuhanych
Published April 11, 2023 by Candlewick



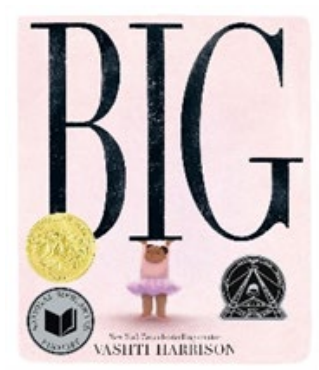
The Brilliant Ms. Bangle

By Cara Devins
Illustrated by K-Fai Steele
Published June 20, 2023 by Feiwel & Friends



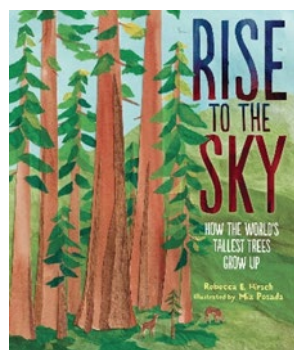
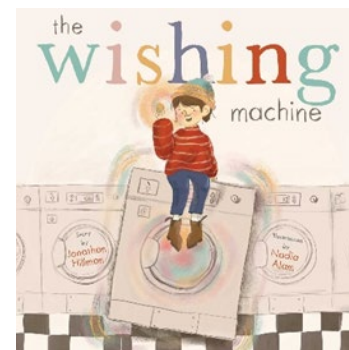
The Green Piano: How Little Me Found Music

By Roberta Flack & Tonya Bolden
Illustrated by Hayden Goodman
Published January 10, 2023 by Anne Schwartz Books



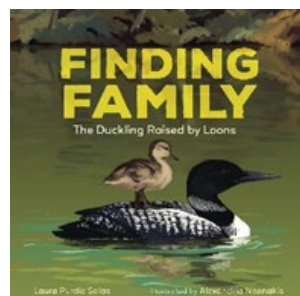
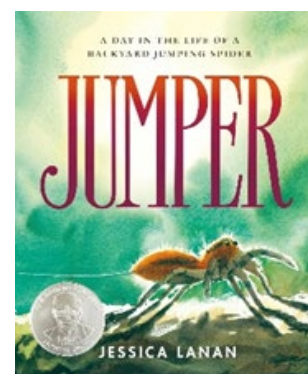
Big
By Vashti Harrison
Published May 2, 2023 by Little Brown Books
for Young Readers

The Wishing Machine
By Johnathan Hillman
Illustrated by Nadia Alam
Published October 17, 2023
By Simon & Schuster Books for
Young Readers



Rise to the Sky
By Rebecca E. Hirsch
Illustrated by Mia Posada
Published April 4, 2023 by Millbrook Press

**Jumper: a Day in the Life of a
Backyard Jumping Spider**
By Jessica Lanan
Published April 11, 2023 by Roaring Brook Press



Finding Family: The Duckling Raised by Loons
By Laura Pudie Salas
Illustrated by Alexandria Neonakis
Published March 7, 2023 by Millbrook Press

Simon and the Better Bone
By Corey R. Tabor
Published May 9, 2023 by Greenwillow Books

