

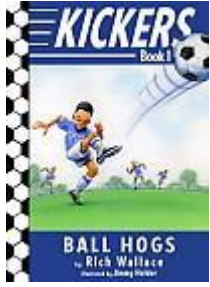

# GATE CITY BOOK AWARD

Sponsored annually by the elementary librarians of the Nashua School District, Nashua New Hampshire.

<p>Gate City★ Award Winner 2010-2011</p>	 <p><u>Never Glue your Friends to Chairs</u> by Katherine Applegate</p>	<p>Roscoe Riley, upset with the notion that his teacher could get in trouble, comes up with a plan to keep the bee antennae on the first graders' heads, and help the drummers stay in their seats for the open house play.</p>
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## Gate City Book Award Nominees 2011-2012

\*All summaries and images are from Follett Library Resources (<http://www.titlewave.com/>) except where otherwise noted.

 <p><u>The Ball Hogs</u> (Kickers Series #1) by Rich Wallace</p>	<p>Nine-year-old Ben, a natural athlete and member of the Bobcats co-ed soccer team, wants to overcome his inexperience and prove himself on the field, but his obnoxious teammate, Mark, keeps hogging the ball.</p>	 <p><u>The Curse of the Ancient Mask and Other Case Files</u> (Saxby Smart, Private Detective Series) by Simon Cheshire</p>	<p>Ten-year-old Saxby Smart, the best detective in the world-- for his age-- investigates three cases while sharing clues with the reader so they can help solve the mysteries.</p>
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Dog Heaven  
(Calvin Coconut Series)  
by Graham Salisbury

Fourth-grader Calvin creates a unique way to express his desire for a dog after his teacher asks him to write a persuasive argument about something he really wants.



Eleven  
by Patricia Reilly Giff

When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, it brings forth memories from his past, and, with the help of a new friend at school and the castle they are building for a school project, his questions are eventually answered.



Emily's Fortune  
by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

While traveling to her aunt's home in Redbud by train and stagecoach, quiet young Emily and her turtle, Rufus, team up with Jackson, fellow orphan and troublemaker extraordinaire, to outsmart mean Uncle Victor, who is after Emily's inheritance.



Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester  
by Barbara O'Connor

After Owen captures an enormous bullfrog, names it Tooley Graham, then has to release it, he and two friends try to use a small submarine that fell from a passing train to search for Tooley in the Carter, Georgia, pond it came from, while avoiding nosy neighbor Viola.



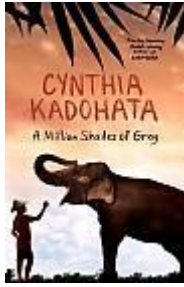
Keena Ford and the Secret Journal Mix-up  
by Melissa Thomson

When she accidentally leaves her journal in Tiffany's apartment, Keena is afraid that Tiffany will reveal all of her secrets.



Kid vs. Squid  
by Greg Van Eekhout

Spending the summer after sixth grade at his great-uncle's oceanside museum, Thatcher and local girl Trudy team up to help Shoal, one of the people of Atlantis cursed by a witch whose head still survives, and who has an army of monstrous creatures helping her.



[A Million Shades of Gray](#)  
by Cynthia Kadohata

A boy takes refuge in the jungle with his elephant when the Viet Cong launch an attack on his village in the aftermath of the Vietnam War.



[Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse](#)  
by Marilyn Singer

A collection of short poems which, when reversed, provide new perspectives on the fairy tale characters they feature.



[Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum](#)  
by Meghan McCarthy

A collection of amusing historical facts on the invention of bubble gum.



[Storm Runners](#)  
by Roland Smith

Twelve-year-old Chase Masters travels the country with his father, a "storm runner," but he is tested in ways he never could have imagined when he and a new friend are caught in a hurricane near St. Petersburg, Florida.



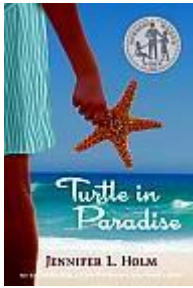
[Swimming with Sharks](#)  
by Betty Hicks

Rita tries to improve her times and flip turns as she struggles to decide whether to remain the best swimmer on the Dolphins team or the worst on the Sharks team, where she could be with her friends.



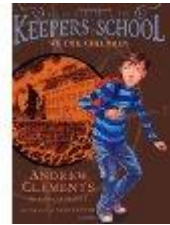
[Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer](#)  
by John Grisham

Thirteen-year-old Theodore Boone, who knows every judge, police officer, and court clerk in the small town of Strattenburg, finds himself involved in a murder trial because of knowledge he might have about a cold-blooded killer.



Turtle in Paradise  
by Jennifer L. Holm

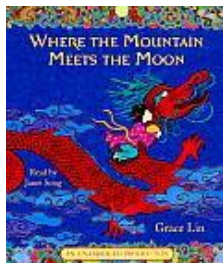
In 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who does not like children, eleven-year-old Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in far away Key West, Florida.



We the Children  
(Benjamin Pratt and the Keepers of the School Series #1)  
by Andrew Clements

Benjamin's parents have just split up, his school is about to be torn down, and the janitor sneaks him a mysterious gold coin...hours before he dies unexpectedly. The coin, of course, sets the story in motion, leading Ben and his friend Jill towards untold adventures.

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Where the Mountain Meets the Moon  
by Grace Lin

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River.



Wild River  
by P.J. Petersen

Considered lazy and unathletic, twelve-year-old Ryan discovers a heroic side of himself when a kayak trip with his older brother goes horribly awry.



Word After Word  
After Word  
by Patricia MacLachlan

A visiting poet, Ms. Mirabel, teaches five friends in grade school about the power of words and writing.



Zombiekins  
by Kevin Bolger

The boring town of Dementedville is livened up by a mysterious stuffed animal called Zombiekins that turns things upside down when exposed to moonlight.

