

NEWBERY AWARD WINNERS

Here is a list of kids favorite Newbery winners. If you go to our website (weberpl.org) you can find descriptions of all the books.

The one and Only Ivan by Applegate - a heartwarming tale of a gorilla and a baby elephant stuck inside a circus side-show.

Dead End in Norvelt by Gantos - this is super funny but is slow-paced, so not for your action-adventure lovers

The Graveyard Book by Gaiman - Ghost story that has a gruesome and very graphic murder at the beginning. Kids love it.

The Tale of Despereaux by Dicamillo - sweet tale of a heroic mouse

Holes by Sachar - Sent to a work-camp as punishment for a crime he did not commit, Stanley must dig holes for the summer.

The Midwife's Apprentice by Cushman - this is EXCELLENT historical fiction and also very short. Good for those who want the shortest book possible, but also good for kids who like reading about Medieval times (like how they threw sewage out their windows because they had no plumbing).

The Giver by Lowry - Dystopian fiction, this is dark like the Hunger Games, but written for a younger audience.

Shiloh by Naylor - great tale about dogs

Maniac Magee by Spinelli - This is an OUTSTANDING historical fiction title about the civil rights movement and one young boy who brings a segregated town together.

The Newbery awards go back to 1922, so there are a ton more titles, but these are the most popular. Most of them are "concept" books, with some discussion-worthy topic (animal abuse, slavery, genocide) that some children and/or parents may not be comfortable with or might find upsetting. It's hard to find one that is a "light" read, but Despereaux and the One and Only Ivan would fit the bill if needed.