



# BHISD's Elementary Blue Eagle Award

## Annotated 2020-2021 Master List

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***Because of the Rabbit*** by Cynthia Lord

**AR Level: 4.3 – Points: 4.0**

On the last night of summer, Emma and her Maine game warden father rescue a small domestic rabbit stuck in a fence. The very next day Emma starts fifth grade after years of being home schooled, excited and apprehensive about making new friends, but she is paired with Jack, a hyperactive boy, who does not seem to fit in with anyone--except that they share a love of animals, which draws them together, because of the rabbit.

***Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Wrecking Ball*** by Jeff Kinney

**AR Level: 5.5 – Points: 3.0**

Once the walls come down, all sorts of problems start to crop up. Rotten wood, toxic mold, unwelcome critters, and something even more sinister all make Greg and his family wonder if the renovations are worth the trouble. When the dust finally settles, will the Heffleys be able to stay . . . or will they need to get out of town?

***Hank the Cowdog: The Case of the Buried Deer*** by John R. Erickson

**AR Level: 4.4 – Points: 3.0**

Happy the Lab is back on the ranch, and it looks like he's up to his usual good-natured, bumbling ways! And, it just so happens that he has wandered onto Hank's ranch on a particularly exciting day: rain has finally come to their drought-stricken land, and – what's even more exciting – radio reports claim that there's a mountain lion on the prowl in their area! As the day unfolds, it appears that the mountain lion report was bogus, which is a good thing, since Hank already has his paws full surviving a bout of food-poisoning and a treacherous investigation of the machine shed, not to mention keeping an eye on Hap! Nevertheless, while Hank might find Hap a little exasperating at times, this latest adventure proves that a loyal lab is a great friend to have by your side when the going gets tough...then again, so is a cowdog!

***I Survived: The Great Molasses Flood, 1919*** by Lauren Tarshis

**AR Level: 4.4 – Points: 2.0**

A deadly - and strange - disaster. It's been four years since Carmen and Papa moved from Italy to Boston. Life here is exciting, but not always easy. And then there's the massive metal tank that rises up over their crowded North End neighborhood. The ugly tank, filled with sticky brown molasses, has always leaked. But nobody imagined that it could one day explode apart, sending a tsunami of molasses into the streets. Caught in the flood, Carmen must fight for her life - the life that she and Papa built together in America. But where will she find the strength?

***Miss Porter is Out of Order!*** by Dan Gutman

**AR Level: 3.7 – Points: 1.0**

In this second book in the My Weirder-est School series, A.J. and his friends are getting a substitute. Miss Porter isn't your average teacher, though. She's a Personal Digital Assistant that literally knows everything. She can tell a million hundred weird jokes and get pizza delivered by drone in seconds! But what happens when Miss Porter's system is no longer set to fun? Will anyone be able to shut her down before she takes over Ella Mentry?



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### ***Phobia: Don't Look Down*** by Brandon Terrell

**AR Level: 3.9 – Points: 1.0**

Simone Yang is afraid of heights. Like, REALLY afraid of heights. Even flying alone on an airplane to visit her grandma for the summer freaks her out. So when a creepy old broken-down carnival comes to town, only the idea of impressing her new friends is enough to get Simone to ride the Ferris wheel. But as the ride creaks slowly toward the sky, can Simone keep her cool, or is her worst fear about to come true?

### ***Ranger in Time: Escape From the Twin Towers*** by Kate Messner

**AR Level: 4.1 – Points: 2.0**

Ranger has never needed his search-and-rescue training more than when he arrives at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. There he meets Risha Scott and her friend Max who have come to work with Risha's mother for a school project. But when the unthinkable happens and the building is evacuated, Risha is separated from her mom. Can Ranger lead Risha to safety and help reunite her family?

### ***Ruff vs. Fluff*** by Spencer Quinn

**AR Level: 4.3 – Points: 9.0**

Queenie is a cat, deeply aware of her own perfection, and Arthur is a dog who normally likes everyone (except Queenie who is devoted to making his life a misery). They both live at the Blackberry Hill Inn in the Northeast in snow country with their human twins (Harmony and Bro), and Mom. One winter's day an unpleasant and suspicious stranger comes to stay at the inn, and soon the twin's uncle is framed for murder--and Queenie and Arthur must put aside their differences and work together to solve the mystery and protect their humans.

### ***Whatever After: Spill the Beans*** by Sarah Mlynowski

**AR Level: 3.3 – Points: 4.0**

Abby and Jonah take a trip through the magic mirror and finally end up in Jack and the beanstalk (which happens to be Jonah's favorite story ever)--but things soon start to go wrong. The children have to try and set the tale right, even if it means trading their dog, Prince, for the magic beans, climbing the beanstalk (three times!), and reaching an agreeable settlement with the giants (Magnus and Philippa, who are really quite nice), and the sneaky trader, Devin, to get their dog back.

### ***Who Was Mister Rogers?*** by Diane Bailey

**AR Level: 5.3 – Points: 1.0**

Even though he's best known for his successful PBS series *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, Fred Rogers never dreamed of working in television. In fact, he hated the very first program that he ever watched! Join author Diane Bailey as she takes readers through the journey that brought Mister Rogers into our living rooms. From his childhood interest in puppet-making and music, to his courageous visit to Russia during the Cold War, this book details Mister Rogers's quest for kindness and his gentle appeal to be more neighborly.