

### Okra Stew

by Natalie Daise

Excited to learn how to make okra stew like his ancestors, Bobo helps Papa pick veggies from the garden, catch shrimp from the creek, rain down rice in the pot, simmer the stew, and even make a tasty side of cornbread.

### 100 Mighty Dragons All Named Broccoli

by David LaRochelle



This comical counting adventure follows 100 mighty dragons all named Broccoli as they each embark on their own journey until there's one dragon left.

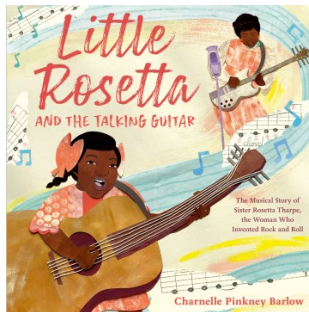
# 2025-2026 South Carolina Picture Book Award Nominees



### Little Rosetta

by Charnelle Pinkney Barlow

Sister Rosetta Tharpe, a pioneering Black artist whose rural roots inspired rock-and-roll, shows how she made her dream become reality through hard work and dedication.



### Elena Rides

by Juana Medina

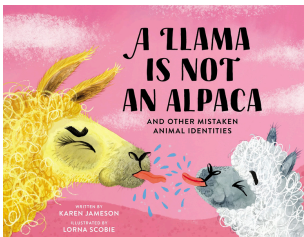
Elena wants to ride her bike. She steadies, she readies. She wobbles, she bobbles . . .  
KA-BANG!



Students: To be eligible to vote for your favorite book, you must read at least three of the nominee titles. Voting takes place in February.

### A Llama is Not an Alpaca

by Karen Jameson



A creative non-fiction picture book that teaches readers the difference between animals that are sometimes confused for each other.

### How This Book Got Red

by Margaret Chui Greanias



Red is a red panda who never gets to read about pandas like herself, only the black and white kind. Red decides to write her own story to share with the world!

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### Snake's Big Mistake

by Sarah Kurpiel

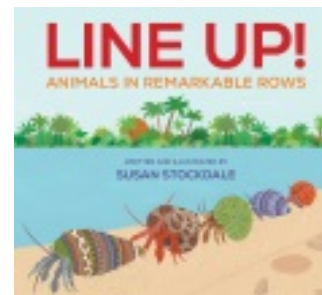
Snake loves art class--until his clay pot breaks and he makes a terrible decision.



### Line Up!

by Susan Stockdale

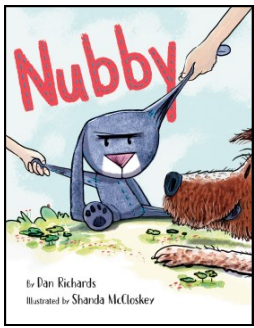
Line up for this fascinating exploration of animal behavior.



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### **Nubby**

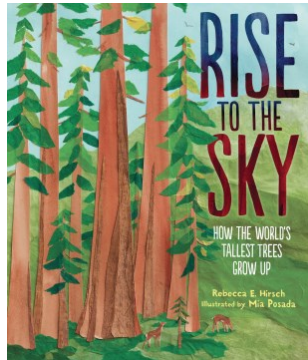
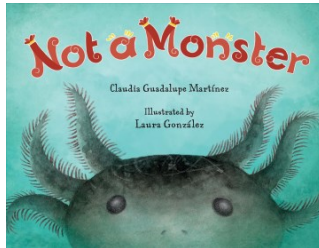
by Dan Richards

Striking out on his own, Nubby the beloved but overworked stuffed rabbit embarks on a grand adventure in search of treasure, fame and glory.

### **Not a Monster**

by Claudia Guadalupe Martinez

An axolotl egg hatches and matures in the Xochimilco canals in Mexico City.



### **Rise to the Sky**

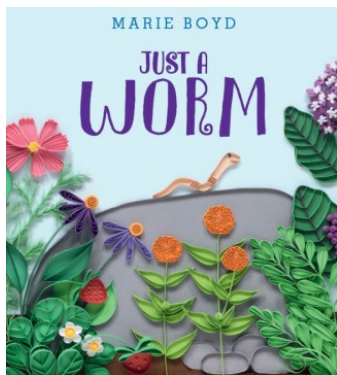
by Rebecca E Hirsch

What are the tallest living things on Earth? Trees! Discover what growing trees need so they can rise to the sky in this lyrical look at the tree life cycle.

### **Just a Worm**

By Marie Boyd

Upset at being called "just a worm," Worm sets out around the garden to find out what the other insects do, and discover his own role in keeping the garden healthy.



### **Thank a Farmer**

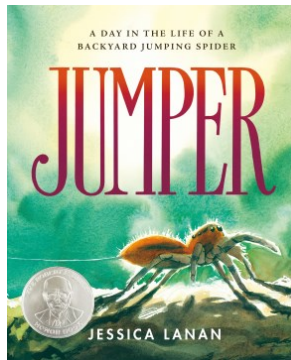
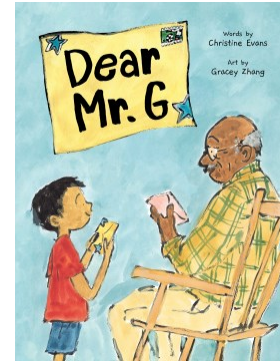
by Maria Gianferrari

This lyrical picture book emphasizes the importance of agriculture in our day-to-day lives.

### **Dear Mr. G**

by Christine Evans

A child forms a friendship with an elderly neighbor in a series of letters..



### **Jumper**

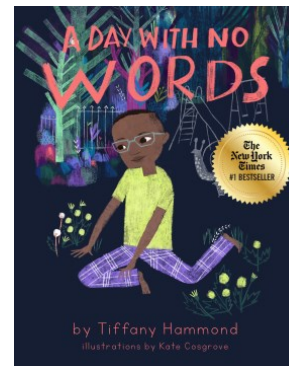
by Jessica Lanan

This nonfiction picture book brings to life the tiny, secret world of a backyard jumping spider as she goes about her day.

### **A Day With No Words**

by Tiffany Hammond

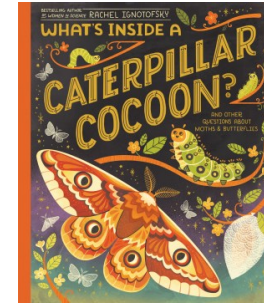
Learn what life can look like for a family with autism who use nonverbal communication. Follow mother and child on a day when they use a tablet to communicate.



### **What's Inside a Caterpillar Cocoon?**

by Rachel Ignotofsky

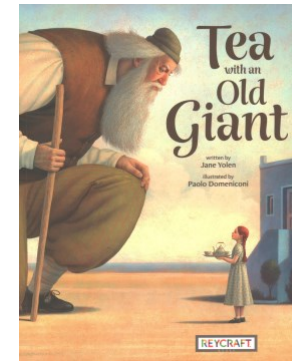
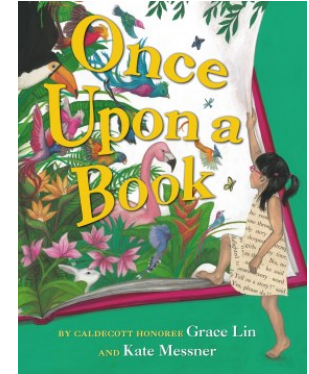
Young children will learn all about the similarities and differences between butterflies and moths, as well as their awe-inspiring metamorphoses.



### **Once Upon a Book**

by Grace Lin

A little girl named Alice opens on a book on a rainy day and travels around the world through its pages.



### **Tea With An Old Giant**

by Jane Yolen

The old giant at the top of the hill is lonely. He has no one to play games with, no one to read to, and no one to drink tea with.

### **I Am A Dragon!**

by Sabina Hahn

Mistaken for a very large frog, a grumpy dragon gets fired up when a group of frogs insist he's the one who's wrong.

