

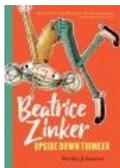
## Sunshine State Young Readers Award Program

### Grades 3-5, 2020-2021 Nominated Titles

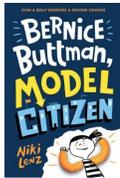
Co-sponsored by the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Association for Media in Education, SSYRA is a statewide reading motivation program for students in Florida. Those who read three or more books may participate in the statewide vote. Students in 3rd grade are encouraged to read three books. Students in grades 4 & 5 are required to read and pass RC quizzes on three books by March 31st. All books will be quizzes in the fall. Titles are available on the Sora app or at <http://soraapp.com>.



**Attack of the Not-So-Virtual Monsters by Kim Harrington** - What happens when your virtual-reality game...becomes REAL? Monsters Unleashed—where you catch virtual-reality monsters on your cellphone—is one of the hottest mobile games around, and Bex and Charlie just can't stop playing. But when they find a strange machine, switch it on - the WiFi goes down... and Bex's entire catalog of monsters vanishes! But worst of all: the creatures she's collected on her phone escape into the real world. Can the friends nab the beasts before they become monster lunch? 550 Lexile, no quiz yet



**Beatrice Zinker, Upside Down Thinker by Shelley Johannes** - Beatrice does her best thinking upside down. She was definitely upside down when she and her best friend, Lenny, agreed to wear matching ninja suits on the first day of third grade. But when Beatrice shows up at school dressed in black, Lenny arrives with a cool new outfit and a cool new friend. Even worse, she seems to have forgotten all about the top-secret operation they planned! Can Beatrice use her topsy-turvy way of thinking to save the mission, mend their friendship, and flip things sunny-side up? 570 Lexile, RC5pts.



**Bernice Buttman, Model Citizen by Niki Lenz** - When you're a Buttman, the label "bully" comes with the territory, and Bernice lives up to her name. But life as a bully is lonely. After her mom leaves her in a new town with her aunt, Bernice decides to mend her ways and become a model citizen. If her plan works, she just might be able to get herself to Hollywood Hills Stunt Camp! But it's hard to be kind when no one shows you kindness, so a few cheesy pranks may still be up her sleeve... 780 Lexile, RC11pts.



**Caterpillar Summer by Gillian McDunn** - Cat and her brother Chicken have always had a very special bond--Cat is one of the few people who can keep Chicken happy. One summer, Cat and Chicken end up spending three weeks with grandparents they never knew. For the first time in years, Cat has the opportunity to be a kid again, and the journey she takes shows that even the most broken or strained relationships can be healed if people take the time to walk in one another's shoes. 540 Lexile, RC13pts.



**Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliott** - When Jaxon is sent to spend the day with a mean old lady his mother calls Ma, he finds out she's not his grandmother—but she is a WITCH! She needs help delivering baby dragons to a magical world where they'll be safe. There are two rules when it comes to the dragons: don't let them out of the bag and don't feed them any "thing" sweet. Before he knows it, Jax and his friends have broken both rules! Will Jax get the baby dragons delivered safe and sound? 740 Lexile, RC8pts.



**Klawde: Evil Alien Warlord Cat by Johnny Marciano and Emily Chenoweth** - Klawde is not your average cat. He has sharp claws. Fine fur. And, being the High Commander of the planet Lyttorboks, has an entire world of warlike cats at his command. He's an emperor from another planet until he is exiled to Earth. He's cruel. He's cunning. He's brilliant... and he's about to become Raj Banerjee's best friend. From Dav Pilkey, "Two Paws Up!" 590 Lexile, no quiz yet



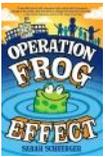
**How I Became a Spy: a Mystery of WWII London** by Deborah Hopkinson - Bertie Bradshaw never set out to become a spy. He never imagined traipsing around war-torn London, practicing surveillance, and searching for a traitor to the Allied forces. But when a young woman goes missing, leaving behind a coded notebook, Bertie is determined to solve the mystery. With the help of his friends and his trusty pup, can he keep the biggest secret of all from the Nazis? 630 Lexile, no quiz yet



**Inkling** by Kenneth Oppel - Dad's got writer's block. Ethan promised to illustrate a group project at school-- even though he can't draw. Enter Inkling who begins life in Mr. Rylance's sketchbook as a blob of ink that leaps off the page! Needless to say, everything changes! And it's not until Inkling goes missing that this family has to face the larger questions of what they-- and Inkling--truly need. 650 Lexile, RC11pts.



**Olga and the Smelly Thing from Nowhere** by Elise Gravel - When Olga crosses paths with a weird creature and discovers the species olgamus, she is ecstatic! What does an olgamus eat? How does it poop? Why does its burp sound like the word rubber? With her trusty observation notebook and the help of a librarian, a shopkeeper, and some friends, Olga sets out to do science—learning the facts about her smelly, almost-furry pal and searching for him when he goes missing. No Lexile or quiz yet.



**Operation Frog Effect** by Sarah Scheerger - Everyone makes mistakes. But what happens when your mistake hurts someone else? Told in eight perspectives—including one in graphic novel form, Operation Frog Effect celebrates standing up and standing together and tells the unforgettable story of how eight very different kids take responsibility for their actions and unite for a cause they all believe in. 680 Lexile, 10pts.



**Planet Earth is Blue** by Nicole Panteleakos - Nova and her big sister, Bridget, share a love of astronomy and the space program. They planned to watch the space shuttle *Challenger* launch together. But Bridget has disappeared, and Nova is in a foster home. While foster families and teachers dismiss Nova as severely autistic and nonverbal, Bridget understood how intelligent and special Nova is. Every day Nova is counting down to the launch and Bridget's hopeful return. 740 Lexile, 11pts.



**Power Forward** by Hena Khan - Fourth grader Zayd Saleem has some serious hoop dreams. He's not just going to be a professional basketball player. He's going to be *a legend*. The first Pakistani-American kid to make it to the NBA. There are only a few small things in his way - his mom and dad. They want him to practice his violin *way* more than his jump shot. When he gets caught skipping his violin lessons, Zayd's parents give him an ultimatum. Zayd has to find the courage to stand up for himself and chase his dream.

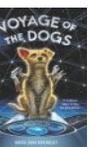
600 Lexile, 5pts.



**Strongheart: Wonder Dog of the Silver Screen** by Candace Fleming - When a movie director travels to Berlin searching for his next big star--a dog!--he finds Etzel, a fierce, highly trained three-year-old German shepherd police dog. He sees past the snarls and growls and brings Etzel back to Hollywood, where the dog is renamed Strongheart. Strongheart soon becomes a movie sensation. 560 Lexile, 6pts.



**The Unicorn in the Barn** by Jacqueline K Ogburn - For years people have claimed to see a mysterious white deer in the woods around Chinaberry Creek. One evening, Eric Harper thinks he spots it. But a deer doesn't have a coat that shimmers like a pearl, or a curly, ivory horn. When Eric discovers that a unicorn is hurt and being taken care of by the vet next door and her daughter, Allegra, his life is transformed. Sometimes ordinary life can take extraordinary turns. 720 Lexile, 12pts.



**Voyage of the Dogs** by Greg Van Eekout - Dogs in space! The Barkonauts on spaceship Laika are en route to set up an outpost on a distant planet. When the mission takes a disastrous turn, the Barkonauts on board suddenly find themselves completely alone on their severely damaged ship. Survival seems impossible. Will their mission be accomplished? 760 Lexile, no quiz yet.