According to ALSC policy, the current year’s Newbery, Caldecott, Belpré, Sibert, Geisel, and Batchelder Award and Honor books automatically are added to the Notable Children’s Books list.

According to the ALSC Notable Children’s Books Committee manual, these categories loosely represent the following: Younger Readers – Preschool-grade 2 (age 7), including easy-to-read books; Middle Readers – Grades 3-5, ages 8-10; Older Readers – Grades 6-8, ages 11-14; All Ages – Has appeal and interest for children in all of the above age ranges

**YOUNGER**

**Alfie.** By Thyra Heder. Illus. by the author. Abrams (9781419725296).

The reader gets both sides of the story in this clever tale of a lost pet and the search for a perfect birthday gift.

**All Around Us.** By Xelena González. Illus. by Adriana M. Garcia. Cinco Puntos (9781941026762).

A young girl and her grandfather explore the world around them and discover how circles are relevant to and shape their experiences. (Belpré Illustrator Honor Book)

**All the Way to Havana.** By Margarita Engle. Illus. by Mike Curato. Henry Holt (9781627796422).

In this beautifully illustrated book, a family drives to Havana, Cuba, in their well-worn car, experiencing the sights and sounds of the streets.


In a vibrant Nigerian marketplace, mama shops while baby delights the various vendors, picking up a few unexpected items along the way.

**Big Cat, Little Cat.** By Elisha Cooper. Illus. by the author. Roaring Brook (9781626723719).

Distinctly expressive lines, boldly contrasting illustrations, and minimal text draw the reader into this beautifully poignant story of love, learning, and loss. (Caldecott Honor Book)


Strikingly beautiful paintings and just a few words invite readers to rethink the meaning of patriotic phrases and ideas.


Stunning illustrations illuminate the creative process about how mistakes are not always negative and can open the door to a bigger picture.


A young boy faces a moral choice when a whale gets caught in the family fishing net.

**Charlie & Mouse.** By Laurel Snyder. Illus. by Emily Hughes. Chronicle (9781452131535).

Charlie and Mouse, two hilarious brothers, talk to bed lumps, plan a spontaneous neighborhood party, sell rocks, and invent new bedtime traditions. (Geisel Award Book)

**Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos.** By Monica Brown. Illus. by John Parra. North-South (9780735842694).
A fictional account of the life of young artist Frida Kahlo that celebrates her connection to the animals she loved and painted. (Belpre Illustrator Honor Book)

**Good Night, Planet.** By Liniers. Illus. by the author. TOON (9781943145201).

Stuffed animal Planet makes new friends and has adventures all while his owner sleeps in this gentle, engaging graphic novel for young readers.


Brand new friends, greyhound and groundhog, romp together through the enchantingly illustrated pages in this clever chase of words, rhythm, and shape.


During a long drive home from Grandmother's in the rain, Francie and her mother discover profound beauty and comfort in ordinary moments.

**I See a Cat.** By Paul Meisel. Illus. by the author. Holiday (9780823436804).

Youngest readers will find success in the story of a dog that is increasingly frustrated by the glass door that separates it from the things it sees outside. (Geisel Honor Book)


Today is the day Jabari is going to jump from the high dive and he is almost, absolutely sure he is ready.


King, the dog, and Kayla, his human, solve the mystery of missing dog treats and make some interesting discoveries along the way. (Geisel Honor Book)


This lively, playful retelling of the classic fairy tale is set in Peru and incorporates Peruvian cultural elements. (Belpre Illustrator Award Book)

**Life on Mars.** By Jon Agee. Illus. by the author. Dial (9780399538520).

In this sly, well-paced story, a young space explorer, certain there is life on Mars, sets out to prove it.

**The Little Red Cat Who Ran Away and Learned His ABC’s (the Hard Way).** By Patrick McDonnell. Illus. by the author. Little, Brown (9780316502467).

In this engaging, unconventional book, Little Red Cat is chased across the pages and experiences all the letters of the alphabet.

**My Kite Is Stuck! And Other Stories.** By Salina Yoon. Illus. by the author. Bloomsbury (9781619638877).

Bold, vibrant illustrations, word recognition, and repetition make these short and hilarious stories of three friends a fun experience for early readers. (Geisel Honor Book)

**Noodleheads See the Future.** By Tedd Arnold, Martha Hamilton, and Mitch Weiss. Illus. by Tedd Arnold. Holiday (9780823436736).
With a nod to folktales, two zany brothers named Mac and Mac (who happen to be macaroni noodles) wow audiences with their hilarity and gullibility. (Geisel Honor Book)

**Now.** By Antoinette Portis. Illus. by the author. Roaring Brook/Neal Porter (9781626721371).

A young girl's simple joys and experiences will guide readers into appreciation of the here and now in this charmingly illustrated meditation.

**The Only Fish in the Sea.** By Philip C. Stead. Illus. by Matthew Cordell. Roaring Brook/Neal Porter (9781626722828).

Pack your fishing poles and paint buckets and embark on a quest with Sadie and Sherman to rescue Ellsworth the goldfish.

**A Perfect Day.** By Lane Smith. Illus. by the author. Roaring Brook (9781626725362).

The cat, the dog, the chickadee, and the squirrel are having a perfect day until the bear shows up and invites the reader to rethink what perfect means.


This wordless, charming book follows Mr. Crocodile through his morning routine and commute to a job for which he is perfectly suited.


The new mayor of La Paz has outlawed singing of any kind, but a rooster arrives that will just not be quiet.

**Snail & Worm Again.** By Tina Kügler. Illus. by the author. HMH (9780544792494).

Good friends support each other through three easy-to-read, gently humorous stories. (Geisel Honor Book)


A gentle tale of the warm love between a girl and her aging dog and the value of time well spent together.


A miner’s son thinks about his father, deep underground, with both respect for and quiet resignation about his own future.


Triangle decides to play a mean joke on Square, but things don’t quite turn out the way he hoped.

**Walk with Me.** By Jairo Buitrago. Illus. by Rafael Yockteng. Groundwood (9781554988570).

A young girl shows great courage as she takes on adult tasks and waits for her mother to come home from the factory.


Dapper wolf Edmond Bigsnout attempts to eat a fellow city-dwelling rabbit but is thwarted at every turn by the bunny and his neighbors. (Batchelder Honor Book)

A child clamors to know the answer to the most important question of all in this cheerful celebration of self.


On a walk through the neighborhood, a child invites readers to imagine what might be happening behind the windows he passes every day.


In this wordless picture book, a girl and a wolf pup, both lost in a snowstorm, need help from each other to find their way home. (Caldecott Medal Book)

**The Wolf, the Duck, & the Mouse.** By Mac Barnett. Illus. by Jon Klassen. Candlewick (9780763677541).

A mouse and duck discover that there are upsides to being swallowed by a wolf.


Cause and effect is explored in this imaginative and unexpected tale of a rose, a cat, a gardener, and a broken heart. (Batchelder Honor Book)


The 1963 Birmingham protest was successfully accomplished by youth. The youngest, nine-year-old Audrey Faye Hendricks, proved that even the smallest voice makes a difference.

**MIDDLE**

**All's Faire in Middle School.** By Victoria Jamieson. Illus. by the author. Dial (9780525429999).

Witness Imogene's growth and pride in her family and in herself as she quests for connection and identity in this graphic novel.

**Bronze and Sunflower.** By Cao Wenxuan. Illus. by Meilo So. Tr. by Helen Wang. Candlewick (9780763688165).

While navigating the challenges of poverty in rural China in the 1970s, a mute boy named Bronze and an orphan named Sunflower develop a powerful friendship.

**Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix.** By Jacqueline Briggs Martin and June Jo Lee. Illus. by Man One. Readers to Eaters (9780983661597).

Graffiti-inspired illustrations bring to life the story of food-truck and fresh-food-movement pioneer Chef Roy Choi. (Sibert Honor Book)


Clayton idolizes his grandfather and mentor, blues legend Cool Papa Byrd. When Cool Papa dies, Clayton adventures underground and emerges with a true blues voice.