

## 2020 – 2021 Kentucky Bluegrass Award Master List for 3-5 KBA

**Annie's Life in Lists** / Kristin Mary Mahoney / Alfred A. Knopf, 2018.

Shy, fifth-grader Annie writes lists to keep track of things -- family, friends, and life in general -- when they can seem a little out of control, which is especially important when her family moves from Brooklyn to the small town of Clover Gap.

**Because of the Rabbit** / Cynthia Lord / Scholastic Press, 2019.

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. At her new school, 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.

**Caterpillar Summer** / Gillian McDunn / Bloomsbury Children's Books, 2019.

Since her father's death, Cat has taken care of her special needs brother, Chicken, for their hard working mother as she is one of the few people that can keep him happy. When their summer plans change and they get to spend time with grandparents they never knew, Cat has the chance to be a child again.

**Lifeboat 12** / Susan Hood / Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2018.

Set In 1940, this novel in verse tells the harrowing story a group of British children, their escorts, and some sailors who struggle to survive in a lifeboat when the ship taking them to safety in Canada is torpedoed

**Max and the Midknights** / Lincoln Peirce / Crown Books for Young Readers, 2019.

Max wants to be a knight. At first, that dream seems about as likely as finding a friendly dragon, but when Max's uncle Budrick is kidnapped by the cruel King Gastley, Max is joined by a band of brave adventurers--the Midknights--and sets out on a thrilling quest: to save Uncle Budrick and restore the realm of Byjovia to its former high spirits!

**Missing Mike** / Shari Green / Pajama Press, 2018.

Twelve-year-old Caera Donovan and her family flee a wildfire bearing down on their hometown of Pine Grove, with no time to find Caera's beloved dog Mike. Faced with the loss of everything she knows, Caera seeks a way to sneak back to Pine Grove to search for Mike, but soon realizes she must learn to embrace a new definition of 'home.'

**The Rhino in Right Field** / Stacy DeKeyser / Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2018.

In 1948, twelve year-old Nikko Spirakis loves baseball, but must get past his hard-working immigrant parents--and the rhino in the outfield--to become a batboy for the local minor league team.

**Song for a Whale** / Lynne Kelly / Delacorte Press, 2019.

Iris, a twelve-year-old tech genius who is deaf, feels a special connection to a whale known as Blue-55 whose song can't be heard by his species. Iris and her grandmother, who is also deaf,

make the 3,000 mile journey from Texas to Alaska to put Iris' plan into place to help Blue-55 be able to communicate with other whales.

**Stay** / Bobbie Pyron / Katherine Tegen Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2019  
Piper's life is turned upside down when her family moves into a shelter in a whole new city, which brings her new challenges and new friendships, including the Firefly Girls Troop 423 and a street dog named Baby. When Baby's owner goes missing, Piper has to find the courage to trust herself and her new friends, no matter what anyone says about them, before Baby gets taken away for good.

**The Unstoppable Garrett Morgan: Inventor, Entrepreneur, Hero** / Joan DiCicco and Ebony Glenn (illustrator) / Lee & Low Books Inc., 2019.  
Using his ingenuity and tenacity, Garrett A. Morgan, an African American born in Paris, KY, overcomes racial barriers and builds a successful career as an entrepreneur and prolific inventor. In an especially trying moment, Morgan must test his latest invention in a daring rescue attempt to save the 20 men trapped in a tunnel collapse.