

2020 – 2021 Kentucky Bluegrass Award Master List for Preschool

Bear Came Along / Richard T. Morris / illus by LeUyen Pham / Little, Brown, 2019.
These very different animals took off downstream, but they didn't know they needed one another until thankfully, the river came along.

Fly! / Mark Teague / Beach Lane Books, 2019.
This silly wordless picture book will keep young readers giggling as Baby Bird figures out that he must flap his wings and learn to fly--whether he likes it or not!

Goodbye Friend! Hello, Friend! / Cori Doerrfeld / Dial Books for Young Readers, 2019.
Two best friends understand that saying goodbye to one experience means saying hello to the next, but that does not make it easier when one friend has to move away.

Hair Love / Matthew A. Cherry / illus by Vashti Harrison / Kokila, an imprint of Penguin House LLC, 2019.
Tender and empowering, Hair Love is an ode to loving your natural hair -- and a celebration of daddies and daughters everywhere.

Harold Loves His Woolly Hat / Vern Kousky / Schwartz & Wade Books, 2018.
In this sweet picture book that celebrates selflessness and the joy of helping others, a little bear named Harold loses his beloved woolly hat--only to discover that others need it more.

I Am A Tiger / Karl Newson / illus by Ross Collins / Scholastic Press, 2019.
This uproariously funny, read-aloud picture book encourages children to use their imaginations and be who they want to be!

I Can Only Draw Worms / Will Mabbitt / Penguin Random House, 2019.
This is part counting book, part introduction to worms, but all superbly silly.

Pinky Got Out! / Michael Portis / illus by Lori Richmond / Crown Books for Young Readers, 2019.
When he sees a young girl named Penny and her class touring the zoo, Pinky feels like they're birds of a feather and decides to make a break for it.

Skyscraper / Jorey Hurley / Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2019.
Watch as what once was a vacant lot becomes a towering skyscraper in this beautifully illustrated picture book about trucks and construction.

The Only Way is Badger / Stella J. Jones / illus by Carmen Saldana / Tiger Tales, 2019.
One morning, the animals wake up to find that someone has built a huge wall and put up posters on the trees that read "Badgers are best!" Badger wants everyone to be more like him, and when they can't do things as well as he does, he sends them away to the other side of the wall. But is being the best really the most important thing?