

Cochecho Readers' Award 2011-12

Amazing Faces

Lee Bennett Hopkins

"Poems focusing on universal emotions, as expressed by poets from diverse backgrounds, including Joseph Bruchac, Nikki Grimes, Lee Bennett Hopkins, Pat Mora, Janet S. Wong, and many others" -- Publisher.

Attack of the Fluffy Bunnies

Andrea Beaty

At Camp Whatsitooya, twins Joules and Kevin and new friend Nelson face off against large, rabbit-like creatures from the Mallow Galaxy who thrive on sugar, but are not above hypnotizing and eating human campers.

The Day-Glo Brothers

Chris Barton

The story of Joe and Bob Switzer who experimented with ultraviolet lights and fluorescent paints and invented a new kind of color called Day-Glo.

Ellie Ever

Nancy Ruth Patterson

After losing her father and all their possessions in a hurricane, nine-year-old Ellie and her mother move to a small apartment on a horse farm in Virginia. There, her new classmates think that she lives in a mansion and is a princess.



Emily's Fortune

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

While traveling to her aunt's home in Redbud by train and stagecoach, quiet young Emily and her turtle, Rufus, team up with Jackson, fellow orphan and troublemaker extraordinaire, to outsmart mean Uncle Victor, who is after Emily's inheritance.

The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester

Barbara O'Connor

After Owen captures an enormous bullfrog, names it Tooley Graham, then has to release it, he and two friends try to use a small submarine that fell from a passing train to search for Tooley in the Carter, Georgia, pond it came from, while avoiding nosy neighbor Viola.

Felix Takes the Stage

Kathryn Lasky

Having been discovered, a family of poisonous but friendly brown recluse spiders must flee their cozy home in a symphony hall and go searching for a new place to live.

Gold! Gold from the American River

Don Brown

This introduces young readers to the history of the California gold rush, describing the journey to California, the process of panning for gold, and the fortunes that this gold brought many different people.

Justin Fisher Declares War

James Preller

When Justin Fisher, long-time class clown, realizes that his classmates are growing tired of his misdeeds, he declares war on their fifth-grade teacher, Mr. Tripp, in hopes of regaining his popularity.



Justin Case: school, drool, and other daily disasters

Rachel Vail

Justin is very nervous about starting third grade and must make the best of things when he does not get the teacher he wanted, his best friend is in another class, and his favorite stuffed animal disappears.

Keena Ford and the Secret Journal Mix-up

Melissa Thomson

When she accidentally leaves her journal in Tiffany's apartment, Keena is afraid that Tiffany will reveal all of her secrets.

Like the Willow Tree: the diary of Lydia Amelia Pierce

Lois Lowry

After being orphaned during the influenza epidemic of 1918, eleven-year-old Lydia Pierce and her fourteen-year-old brother are taken by their grieving uncle to be raised in the Shaker community at Sabbathday Lake.

Louisa: the life of Louisa May Alcott

Yona Zeldis McDonough

Louisa came from a family that was poor but freethinking and she started teaching when she was only seventeen years old. But writing was her passion. This biography captures the life of a compassionate woman who left an indelible mark on literature for all ages.

***School: adventures at the
Harvey N. Trouble Elementary School***
Kate McMullan

Each morning, student Ron Faster hurries to Harvey N. Trouble School, where he encounters such staff members as science teacher Ms. Roxanne Pebbles, music instructor Mrs. Doremi Fasollatido, and the resigning janitor Mr. Iquit.

Snook Alone

Marilyn Nelson

Through the power of faith, a monk named Abba Jacob and his loyal rat terrier, Snook, are reunited after being separated by a ferocious storm.

Trouble with Chickens

Doreen Cronin

A hard-bitten former search-and-rescue dog helps solve a complicated missing chicken case.

Tumbleweed Skies

Valerie Sherrard

Ellie's grandmother doesn't want her around the farm, but times are tough, and her salesman father can't take her on the road. Ellie's challenge is to break through her grandmother's isolation and find kinship among strangers.

Turtle in Paradise

Jennifer Holm

In 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who does not like children, eleven-year-old Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in far away Key West, Florida.



The Unusual Mind of Vincent shadow

Tim Kehoe

Eleven-year-old Vincent Shadow, inspired by the ideas of the inventor Nikola Tesla, has always kept his many unusual toy inventions secret from his family until he enters a contest whose prize is to spend a summer working with the eccentric Howard G. Whizz of Whizzer Toys.

Wild Times at the Bed and Biscuit

Joan Davenport Carris

Gramp Bender is temporarily caring for wild animals at the Bed and Biscuit animal boardinghouse. All the animals want to go home. Can Ernest, the capable mini-pig, help them behave?



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The Cochecho Readers' Award is sponsored by the Children's Librarians of Dover, New Hampshire. The award is named after the Cochecho River which runs through the heart of Dover. This award will be given each year to an author whose book receives the most votes from third and fourth graders in Dover. The criteria for selection are quality of writing and child appeal. Voting takes place in the spring. The following titles are the 2010-11 nominees.