

# Nominees for the CALIFORNIA YOUNG READER MEDAL

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## PRIMARY CATEGORY:

*A Frog Thing*  
Eric Drachman  
Kidwick

*Do Unto Otters: A Book About  
Manners*  
Laurie Keller  
Holt

*My Life as a Chicken*  
Ellen Kelley  
Harcourt

*Velma Gratch and the Way Cool  
Butterfly*  
Alan Madison  
Schwartz & Wade

*Millie Waits for the Mail*  
Alexander Steffensmeier  
Walker

## INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY:

*No Talking*  
Andrew Clements  
Simon & Schuster

*A Friendship for Today*  
Patricia C. McKissack  
Scholastic

*A Crooked Kind of Perfect*  
Linda Urban  
Random House

## MIDDLE SCHOOL/JUNIOR HIGH CATEGORY:

*Blood on the River: James Town 1607*  
Elisa Carbone  
Viking

*Alabama Moon*  
Watt Key  
Straus & Giroux

*The Wednesday Wars*  
Gary D. Schmidt  
Clarion Books

## YOUNG ADULT CATEGORY:

*The Absolutely True Diary of a  
Part-Time Indian*  
Sherman Alexie  
Little Brown and Company

*Saint Iggy*  
R.L. Going  
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*Story of a Girl*  
Sara Zarr  
Brown

## PICTURE BOOKS FOR OLDER READERS:

*Armando and the Blue Tarp School*  
Edith Hope Fine &  
Judith Pinkerton Josephson  
Lee & Low

*Owney: The Mail-Pouch Pooch*  
Mona Kerby  
Frances Foster/Farrar, Straus and  
Giroux

*Willy & Max: A Holocaust Story*  
Amy Little sugar  
Philomel/Penguin

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