

Crown Award List – Covenant Christian Academy 2011/12

The True Gift, by Patrica MacLachlan and illustrated by Brian Floca, RL 3. Lily spends Christmas at her grandparents' farm. While there, she is convinced along with her brother that White Cow is lonely and need a companion

Adventure According to Humphrey, by Betty G. Birney, RL 4. Humphrey, the classroom hamster, has many adventures in the library, learning about the ocean, and even sailing across a pond on a sailboat.

Anna Maria's Gift, by Janice Shefelman and illustrated by Robert Papp, RL 3. Anna Maria lives in an orphanage in Venice. It is also a famous music school that allows her to continue to play the violin until a rival throws it in the canals.

The Boxcar Children, Special Edition, by Gertrude Chandler Warner, RL 3. Four orphaned children run away and live in a boxcar until they are found by their grandfather.

Cars on Mars, by Alexandra Siy, RL 5. Twin robotic Rovers searched for clues on Mars to help scientists determine if life ever existed there. This book chronicles some of the trials and discoveries experienced.

The Cats of Roxville Station, by Jean Craighead George and illustrated by Tom Pohrt, RL 5. Mike, a fourteen-year-old foster boy, is not allowed to have a pet. He aides a young tiger striped cat fighting to survive after being thrown into a river.

Christian the Lion, by Anthony Bourke and John Rendall, RL 5. This is the true story of two friends who purchase a lion cub for sale in Harrods. They have a year of fun and mischief, but soon realize Christian needs to be free and live among other lions.

The Comeback Dog, by Jane Resh Thomas and illustrated by Troy Howell, RL 3. Daniel, a Midwestern farm boy, finds a battered dog in a ditch. He nursed the dog back to health, but is disappointed that the dog doesn't immediately respond to his affection.

The Day-Glo Brothers, by Chris Barton and illustrated by Tony Persiani, RL 4. Bob and Joe Switzer are the two brothers that invented a whole new kind of color. Through years of experimenting, the two brothers developed fluorescent colors after many trials and errors.

The Dog Days of Charlotte Hayes, by Marlane Kennedy, RL 4. Charlotte who is 11 years old is the only one who remembers to take care of the St. Bernard her father brought home. Not being a dog person she spends time trying to find the dog a home, but during the year becomes a dog lover and discovers new friends.

Down Down Down, by Steve Jenkins, RL 4. This book is a journey from the surface of the ocean to the bottom, discovering all that lives and exists at each level.

Extra Credit, by Andrew Clements, RL 5. Sixth grader Abby, tenth grader Amira, and eleven-year-old Sadeed speak and listen to one another as they exchange letters between Illinois and Afghanistan across cultural and religious divides.

The Last Newspaper Boy In America, by Sue Corbett, RL 5. Wil's twelfth birthday is approaching and he finally is able to take over the delivering of the newspapers. However, home delivery service is to be cancelled and Wil fights the odds of keeping this service available to his rural community.

Marsupials, by Nic Bishop, RL 4. This book explores marsupials of all sizes. It further tells about their habits, physical appearance, and environment

Noah Webster: Weaver of Words, by Pegi Deitz Shea and illustrated by Monica Vachula, RL 4. Noah Webster is a true story about a man that felt he could help unite the thirteen colonies by creating a national language. This would also help break the bond with England.

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A Wild Life, by Jeff Corwin, RL 4. Jeff Corwin shares his story of how his love for all animals such as snakes and turtles developed his interest in the conservation of endangered species and ecosystems around the world.

Willow King, by Chris Platt, RL 5. Katie Durham refuses to allow newborn colt Willow King to be put down just because he has twisted legs. Katie knows it will be a tough road, but she's determined to help the brave little colt grow into the thoroughbred champion he was born to be.

You Are the First Kid on Mars, by Patrick O'Brien, RL 3. This is a firsthand experience of what it would be like to visit Mars. The experience of a rocket ship and walking the surface of Mars are explored.

You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?, by Jonah Winter and illustrated by Andre Carrilho, RL 3. This is the true story of Sandy Koufax who was a gifted young athlete who went from unpredictable to otherworldly. Along the way he faces many obstacles