

2nd Grade Reading

November 2013

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The end of November saw the launch of our sixth site, geared toward sixth grade readers. Second Grade Reading published reviews for six titles in November. Many fun and educational titles are out there.

Don't miss our other five grade reading sites – first through sixth grades.



'Tis the Season

'Tis the season for choosing the best publications of the past year. Everyone has an opinion, and we at Grade Reading are no exception. Mostly, we like to point to how proud we are to have reviewed some of the titles that appear on the most prestigious lists, though.

The National Book Awards were announced November 20, 2013 at a gala event during which Toni Morrison presented a lifetime achievement award to Maya Angelou. Just that much should give you goose bumps. The list of winners (including the finalists and nominees) is available at [2013 National Book Award](#). The winner for young people's literature was Cynthia Kadohata for *The Thing About Luck*. Our review of this wonderful book appeared at [The Thing about Luck](#). Kathi Appelt's *The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp* was a finalist. We were privileged to recognize this book at [The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp](#).

When Kirkus Reviews published their list of the best of 2013 ([Best Fiction Books of 2013](#)), Cal Armistead's *Being Henry David* ([Being Henry David](#)), Helen Frost's *Salt: A Story of Friendship in a Time of War* ([Salt: A Story of Friendship in a Time of War](#)), and *The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp* all appeared.

The National Science Teachers Association recently released its list for 2014 ([Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K-12: 2014](#)).

Goodreads ran a vote of its members' favorites from 2013. Neil Gaiman's *Fortunately, the Milk* was a middle grade winner ([Fortunately, the Milk](#)).

Another list that appeared recently was National Public Radio's Guide to 2013 Great Reads ([Best Books of 2013 : NPR](#)). That list included many great kids' books.

Many more lists appear this time of year.

November Titles

I Hate Picture Books! by Timothy Young

Noisy Frog Sing-Along by John Himmelman

Over in a River: Flowing Out to the Sea

by Marianne Berkes

They're Coming! by Timothy Young

Caleb's Hanukkah by Lisa Bullard

The Visit: The Origin of the Night before Christmas by Mark Kimball Moulton

The Visit: The Origin of the Night before Christmas "The book works well as a read aloud for small children and as an independent reader for late second to early third grade readers."

Valuable Links

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