**Kentucky Bluegrass Awards**

**2015 Master Lists**

**K-2**

***Flight of the Honey Bee* / Raymond Huber; Brian Lovelock, ill. Candlewick Press, 2013**

Demonstrates how Scout the bee searches for nectar to sustain her hive and pollinates flowers to produce seeds and fruits.

***A Good Trade* / Alma Fullerton; Karen Patkau, ill. Pajama Press, 2013.**

Early morning in Uganda sees a small boy struggle with jerry cans filled with the day’s supply of water. At the village square he spies an aid truck filled with something amazing. What can such a small, barefoot boy do to earn the treasure inside that truck?

***Hi, Koo! A Year of Seasons* / Jon J. Muth. Scholastic Press, 2014.**

Jon J. Muth – and his delightful little panda bear, Koo – challenge readers to stretch their minds and imaginations with twenty-six haiku about the four seasons.

***The Invisible Boy* / Trudy Ludwig; Patrice Barton, ill. Alfred A. Knopf, 2013.**

Brian has always felt invisible at school, but when a new student, Justin, arrives, everything changes.

***Ribbit!* / Rodrigo Folgueira; Poly Bernatene, ill. Alfred A. Knopf, 2013.**

When a pig visits a frog pond, sits on a rock, and says only “Ribbit!,” news spreads fast but only the wise old beetle has an explanation.

***Tap the Magic Tree* / Christie Matheson. Greenwillow Books, 2013.**

Invites the reader to tap, rub, touch, and wiggle the illustrations to make an apple tree bloom, produce fruit, and lose its leaves.

***This is the Rope: A Story from the Great Migration* / Jacqueline Woodson; James Ransome, ill. Nancy Paulsen Books, 2013.**

A rope passed down through the generations frames an African American family’s story as they journey north during the time of the Great Migration.

***The Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree-Loving Woman Changed a City Forever* / H. Joseph Hopkins; Jill McElmurry, ill. Beach Lane Books, 2013.**

Learn about horticulturalist Katherine Olivia Sessions who brought trees to San Diego and created what eventually became Balboa Park.

***Trouper* / Meg Kearney; E.B. Lewis, ill. Scholastic Press, 2013.**

Trouper, a three-legged dog, remembers his life as a stray, before he was adopted.

***The Watermelon Seed* / Greg Pizzoli. Disney Hyperion, 2013**

After swallowing a watermelon seed, a crocodile imagines a scary outcome.

**3-5**

***Flora and Ulysses: the Illuminated Adventures* / Kate DiCamillo; K.G. Campbell, ill. Candlewick Press, 2013.**

A girl named Flora and a squirrel named Ulysses, whose life was saved by Flora after he was involved in an incident with a vacuum cleaner, team up to use Ulysses' superpowers to conquer villains and protect the weak.

***Fortunately, the Milk/* / Neil Gaiman; Skottie Young, ill. Harper, 2013.**

What seems to be a quick trip for milk for his children’s cereal turns into a whimsical adventure for a father who is abducted by aliens in this hilarious story involving traveling through time and space.

***Giants Beware* / Jorge Aguirre; Rafael Rosado, ill. First Second Books, 2012.**

Tough and spunky, Claudette, who has big goals of becoming a giant slayer, sets off on a super-secret quest outside of the safe walls of her city with her best friend and her brother in order to kill the rumored local giant.

***Gone Fishing: a Novel in Verse* / Tamera Will Wissinger; Matthew Cordell, ill. Houghton Mifflin, 2013**

In this novel told through poems, nine-year-old Sam loves fishing with his dad, so when his pesky little sister horns in on their fishing trip, he is none too pleased.

***The Matchbox Diary* / Paul Fleischman; Bagram Ibatoulline, ill. Candlewick Press, 2013**

A young girl visits her great-grandfather and explores his collection of matchboxes and small curios that document his poignant immigration journey from Italy to a new country.

***A Tangle of Knots* / Lisa Graff. Philomel Books, 2013.**

Destiny leads 11-year-old Cady to a slightly magical world, including a peanut butter factory, a family of children searching for their own Talents, and a Talent Thief who will alter her life forever.

***Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made* / Stephan Pastis. Candlewick Press, 2013.**

Timmy Failure, the founder, president, and CEO of the best detective agency in town, probably the nation, and his lazy, polar bear sidekick, Total, seek to become rich off the earnings of Total Failure, Inc., but Timmy has to face his own problems at home and at school.

***The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp* / Kathi Appelt. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2013.**

Twelve-year-old Chap Brayburn, the ancient Sugar Man, and the raccoon-brother Swamp Scouts Bingo and J'miah try to save Bayou Tourterelle from feral pigs Clydine and Buzzie, greedy Sunny Boy Beaucoup, and world-class alligator wrestler and would-be land developer Jaeger Stitch.

***The Water Castle* / Megan Frazer Blakemore. Walker Books for Young Readers, 2013.**

Moving into an inherited mansion in Maine with their mother and stroke-afflicted father, three siblings uncover a mystery involving hidden passageways, family rivalries, and healing waters.

***White Fur Flying* / Patricia MacLachlan. Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2013.**

A sad and silent nine-year-old boy finds his voice when he moves next to Zoe and her family who rescue dogs in need.