

* = Outstanding Merit



= Read Aloud

(5-8) = Suggested Age Range



= Graphic Format

**Miracle on 133rd Street**

by Sonia Manzano, illustrated by Marjorie Priceman
(Atheneum BFYR/ Simon & Schuster Children's
Publishing, \$17.99) 978-0-689-87887-9

It's Christmas Eve. Everyone is grumpy and the roast
won't fit in the oven. Will José's solution be the
Christmas miracle everyone needs? Colorful gouache
illustrations. (5-8)

Oskar and the Eight Blessings

by Richard Simon and Tanya Simon, illustrated by Mark
Siegel

(Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$17.99)

978-1-59643-949-8

Sent to America for his safety after Kristallnacht, a boy
walks up Broadway on Hanukkah to his aunt's
apartment and encounters caring strangers. Soft
watercolor and pencil illustrations. (5-8)

**Over the River & Through the Wood: A Holiday
Adventure**

by Linda Ashman, illustrated by Kim Smith
(Sterling Children's Books/Sterling Publishing, \$14.95)
978-1-4549-1024-4

Four diverse families make their way to grandma's
house by various means of transportation, but they all
end up getting there the old-fashioned way. A
contemporary take on the classic song. Colorful digital
art. (6-8)

The Parakeet Named Dreidel

by Isaac Bashevis Singer, illustrated by Suzanne Raphael
Berkson

(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99)

978-0-374-30094-4

The rescue, on a cold, snowy Hanukkah, of a Yiddish-
speaking parakeet results in an unexpected, happy
match. Gentle cartoon watercolor illustrations. (5-8)

Humor***Buddy and Earl**

by Maureen Fergus, illustrated by Carey Sookocheff
(Groundwood Books/House of Anansi Press, \$16.95)
978-1-55498-712-2

A dog and a hedgehog forge a joyous friendship and
banish boredom using their imaginations. Exuberant
watercolors. (5-7)

I Don't Want to Be a Frog

by Dev Petty, illustrated by Mike Boldt
(Doubleday BFYR/Random House, \$16.99)

978-0-385-37866-6

A humorous dialogue between a young dissatisfied frog
and a bespectacled adult frog comes delightfully to life
with mixed-media illustrations. (4-8)

***It's Only Stanley**

written and illustrated by Jon Agee
(Dial BFYR/Penguin, \$17.99) 978-0-8037-3907-9

It's very late, and the Wimbledon family keeps being
awakened by strange sounds. It's only their dog,
Stanley, but what is Stanley really doing? Humorous
watercolors. (5-8)

**Mother Bruce**

written and illustrated by Ryan T. Higgins
(Disney-Hyperion Books, \$17.99) 978-1-4847-3088-1
When eggs produce goslings, Bruce, the bear, has a
problem. Humorous illustrations. (5-8)

My Family Adventure (Sofia Martinez series)

by Jacqueline Jules, illustrated by Kim Smith
(Picture Window Books/Capstone, P \$4.95)

978-1-4795-5790-5

Sofia, an outgoing seven-year-old, makes every day
memorable. Three stories recount her adventures with
simple Spanish words interwoven into the text. Colorful,
cheerful illustrations. (5-7)