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FIVE WAYS TO PLAY WITH YOUR NF PICTURE BOOK IDEA & APPROACH TO WRITING

A list of tips and just a VERY, VERY FEW book examples

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1. REMARKABLE WRITING.

GOOD VERBS, CAPTIVATING or LYRICAL TEXT, ACTION, OR ADVENTURE

Plants Can't Sit Still by Rebecca E. Hirsch, illus. Mia Posada

Giant Squid by Candace Fleming, illus. Eric Rohmann

Hiawatha and the Peacemaker by Robbie Robertson, illus. David Shannon

Manfish by Jennifer Berne, illus. by Eric Puylear

2. ELEMENT OF SURPRISE.

LITTLE KNOWN SUBJECT MATTER, INCREDIBLE FACTS, OR FIRST PB ON THE TOPIC

One Plastic Bag by Miranda Paul

Manjhi Moves a Mountain by Nancy Churnin illustrations by Danny Popovici

Here to There and Me To You: A Book of Bridges by Cheryl Keely, illus. Celia Krampien

Emmanuel's Dream by Laurie Ann Thompson illus. Sean Qualls

Note: *Most NF PB submissions are in the social studies/historical categories. If you can write NF in other content areas, your submission will stand out.

3. UNIQUE STYLE, FOCUS, or ANGLE.

FRESH TAKE, INTERESTING LENS, STRONG VOICE, OR THOUGHTFUL POV

Water is Water by Miranda Paul, illus. Jason Chin

Water Can Be by Laura Purdie Salas, illustrations by Violeta Dabija

A Beetle Is Shy by Dianna Hutts Aston, illustrations by Sylvia Long

4. ORIGINAL FORMAT (that suits the function/content/age).

FLIPS, FLAPS, POETRY, RIDDLES, INNOVATION & ORIGINALITY

Baby Loves Quantum Physics by Ruth Spiro, illus. Irene Chan

The Split History of the American Revolution by Michael Burgan

Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow? by Susan A. Shea, illus. Tom Slaughter

Whose Hands are These? by Miranda Paul, illus. Luciana Navarro Powell

5. TRUE KID APPEAL.

GROSS, WEIRD, ANIMALS, HUMOR, FOOD, FUN, SCIENCE, RELEVANCE/RELATABILITY

Get the Scoop on Animal Snot, Spit & Slime by Dawn Cusick

Pink is for Blobfish by Jess Keating

The Hole Story of the Doughnut by Pat Miller, illus. Vincent X. Kirsch

BONUS: GROWN-UP APPEAL (And ONLY as a bonus! After all, they do buy the books)

-NOSTALGIA, CURRICULUM TIE-INS, HOBBIES, INTERESTS, TRENDS

IS IT FICTION OR NONFICTION? Look at the Library of Congress Catalog Data.

Juvenile Literature - NONFICTION

Juvenile Fiction - FICTION

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