**2015 USBBY Outstanding International Books**

**Submitted Books**

**Mona Kerby Nominated Titles**

**Bee**, William. *Digger Dog*. Illus. by Cecilia Johansson. Candlewick/Nosy Crow. (UK) PreK-2.

Annotation:

Digger Dog wants his bone, and he won’t stop until he gets a big digger and then a bigger digger and after that, the world’s biggest digger, and he gets that bone but completely misses something else even better.

* Large colorful illustrations will be easily seen by a large group.
* Simple, humorous text can be read by beginning readers and also be chanted by listeners at story-time. The last page opens up to display a fold out and surprising end that will be sure to engage young children. (MK)

**Dillon**, Patrick. *The Story of Buildings: From the Pyramids to the Sydney Opera House and Beyond.* Illus. by Stephen Biesty. Candlewick. (Walker, UK) (Gr 4-12)

Annotation:

With meticulous illustrations and polished writing rich with details, using a two-page spread and enhanced by a flap that unfolds to provide additional information, readers will learn about the world’s most famous buildings.

* The author is an historian and architect and loves stories and buildings and this book proves it. We learn about such buildings as the Notre Dame, the Tah Majal, Saint Petersburg, and the Sydney Opera House.
* The illustrations are outstanding. Incredible detail and lovely—no telling how long it took to complete them. (MK)

**Hodgkinson**, Leigh. *Troll Swap*. Candlewick/Nosy Crow. (UK)

Previously nominated

* Large, over-sized picture books will entertain a class as they listen to the story of nice, polite, and tidy Timothy Limpet, a troll who does not fit in with his family who decides to switch places with loud, loopy, and messy Tabitha Lumpit, a little girl who does not fit in with her family. The gentle humor and fine storytelling will reassure young listeners that is okay to be who they are. (MK)

**Imai**, Ayano. *Puss & Boots*. Tr. by Sayako Uchida. Adapted by Kate Westerlund. Michael Neugebauer/Minedition. (Hong Kong)

Previously nominated

* Large-over-sized picture book was first published in Japan. This tale ends with the shoemaker moving into the monster’s castle where they open up a new shop where the townspeople enjoyed looking at the odd collection of shoes, including the ones that were “hardly big enough for a mouse.” This version makes a fine addition to a collection of Puss in Boots titles. (MK)

**Mulder**, Michelle. *Every Last Drop: Bringing Clean Water Home*. (Orca Footprints). Orca. (Canada)

Previously nominated

* Everything you want to know about water—including fun historical tidbits such as public toilets in ancient Rome. Pleasing page layout includes colored photos throughout the book, at least four to a page, along with sidebars with interesting facts. (MK)
* This book will meet school curriculum, and the added plus, is the lively written text. (MK)

**Oxlade**, Chris. *Design Line: Planes, Trains, and Automobiles*. Illus. by Mike Lemanski. Candlewick/Big Picture Press. (UK)

Previously nominated

* Engaging interactive text—for visual learners as well as those students who are interested in transportation. Includes over 100 machines, including the Boeing 787 Dreamliner (2009), Sputnik 1 (1957), Hindenburg (1936), and Giffard’s Airship (1852). (MK)

**Picard**, Matthias. *Jim Curious: A Voyage to the Heart of the Sea.* Abrams. (Editions 2024, France)

Previously nominated

* The sheer delight of this book is that it is designed to be enjoyed by using 3D glasses. Young readers will discover a vibrant, moving world. I don’t remember another book like this that has been recently published. (MK)

**Price**, Jane. *Underworld: Exploring the Secret World Beneath Your Feet.* Illus. by James Gulliver Hancock. Kids Can. (Canada, first published in Australia in 2012) Gr. 3-6.

Previously nominated

* Book can be browsed for hours on end as each page has many illustrations and interesting facts. The table of contents includes sections on caves, animals that live underground, things and people who have been buried, the Paris Underground, the Tokyo Underground, and building tunnels in the modern age. An index is also provided. (MK)

**Senior**, Olive. *Anna Carries Water*. Illus. by Laura James. Tradewind Books. (Canada)

Previously nominated

* The strength of this book is that it depicts a view of family life different than the way that typical Americans live. Using bold colors and simplistic artwork, the setting could be either a Caribbean island or an African village. (MK)

**Slegers**, Liesbet. *Meow! Katie’s Big Book of Animals*. Clavis. (The Netherlands, first published in Belgium and Holland by Clavis Uitgeverij)

Previously nominated

* Kindergarten curriculum include a unit on animals and this book will meet this need. The illustrations are child-like and simple. The text engages the reader to follow along, to figure out which animal doesn’t belong, and to identify animals by their sounds and also by their coats. (MK)