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The Brigham Young Children's Book Review is written by people with different areas of expertise who like to read and talk about children's books.

Last year we were pleased to discover that we had beat the Newberry Award in announcing *Sarah Plain and Tall* by Mac-Lachlan as an excellent piece of literature.

We hope you and the children you influence will enjoy this year's selections.

**Nonfiction**

This photo essay explains America's herding dog as well as the guard dog of Europe.

A picture book showing Arnosky's great talent for bringing nature to life with line drawings.

The ever popular rhymes are enhanced by de Paola's delightful illustrations.

The proven appeal of this ancient adventure tale has never been more evident than in this splendid retelling.

A book of poems that will make an insect lover out of the reader (or at least a sympathetic observer).

This work of art showing symbols from many languages and disciplines will open your eyes to the art in written symbols.

This book tells of the natural and artificial production of mummies and the reasons for the preservation of man's mortal remains.

Mama Quail is the Dear Abby for the animal kingdom.
If you can't imagine a million, this picture book will help you visualize the amount.

**Fiction**

The amusing picture book story of a lady rat who is the town busybody.

Unpaginated.
A delightful picture book that describes the one time Shenandoah Noah wasn't lazy.

These are reissues of the *Devil's Children, Heartsease* and *The Weathermonger*.
Dickinson does a powerful job of showing the negative effect of machines on our lives.

If you like fantasy, humor, romance and incredible imagination, you'll not want to miss this story for older children.

Another Jones who has a fantastic imagination and weaves a tale of a boy who travels all over to find out how to rid himself of the golden parts of his body (Everyone wants to steal him and/or kill him.)

A wordless picture book showing how a little girl mouse learns to enjoy scary winter sports.

The insightful story of a talented girl, who in one summer comes to understand why she has let her famous father to subtly undermine her desire to paint.

Weaving the Celtic traditions with a moving tale of suspense O'Shea's shows how the children defeat the evil forces of the Morrigan.

Voight, Cynthia. *Izzy-Willy-Nilly.* Atheneum.
When a cute, popular girl loses her leg in an accident, she has to come to terms with her bitterness about her handicap and towards the boy whose drunken carelessness caused the crash.

Watkins, Yoko Kawashima. *So Far From the Bamboo Grove.* Lothrop.
Watkins tells a powerful tale of survival as she recounts how her mother is able to bring two girls safely through the Korean countryside to Japan in the nightmare that existed at the end of World War II.