

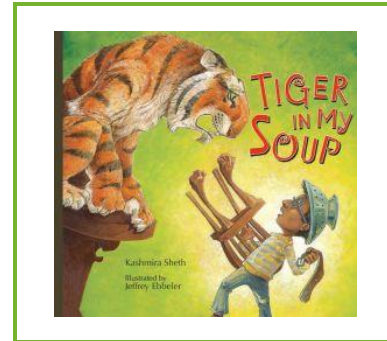
1st Grade Reading

November 2013

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The end of November saw the launch of our sixth site, geared toward sixth grade readers. First Grade Reading published reviews for seven titles in November. Many fun and educational titles are out there.

Don't miss our other five grade reading sites – first through sixth grades.



'Tis the Season

'Tis the season for choosing the best publications of the past year. Everyone has an opinion, and we at Grade Reading are no exception. Mostly, we like to point to how proud we are to have reviewed some of the titles that appear on the most prestigious lists, though.

The National Book Awards were announced November 20, 2013 at a gala event during which Toni Morrison presented a lifetime achievement award to Maya Angelou. Just that much should give you goose bumps. The list of winners (including the finalists and nominees) is available at [2013 National Book Award](#). The winner for young people's literature was Cynthia Kadohata for *The Thing About Luck*. Our review of this wonderful book appeared at [The Thing about Luck](#). Kathi Appelt's *The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp* was a finalist. We were privileged to recognize this book at [The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp](#).

When Kirkus Reviews published their list of the best of 2013 ([Best Fiction Books of 2013](#)), Cal Armistead's *Being Henry David* ([Being Henry David](#)), Helen Frost's *Salt: A Story of Friendship in a Time of War* ([Salt: A Story of Friendship in a Time of War](#)), and *The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp* all appeared.

The National Science Teachers Association recently released its list for 2014 ([Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K-12: 2014](#)).

Goodreads ran a vote of its members' favorites from 2013. Nail Gaiman's *Fortunately, the Milk* was a middle grade winner ([Fortunately, the Milk](#)).

Another list that appeared recently was National Public Radio's Guide to 2013 Great Reads ([Best Books of 2013 : NPR](#)). That list included many great kids' books.

Many more lists appear this time of year.

November Titles

[**The Three Bears: An Alphabet Book**](#) by Grace Maccarone

[**Bug Patrol**](#) by Denise Dowling Mortensen

[**Tiger in My Soup**](#) by Kashmira Sheth

[**In the Tree House**](#) by Andrew Larsen

[**When Lions Roar**](#) by Robie H. Harris

[**Pirates on the Farm**](#) by Denette Fretz

[**Snowflakes Fall**](#) by Patricia MacLachlan

Tiger in My Soup "Take a simple story, simply told. Add to it colorful illustrations that parallel the imagination of the characters and you will get the delightful *Tiger in My Soup*."

Valuable Links

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