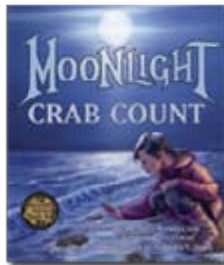
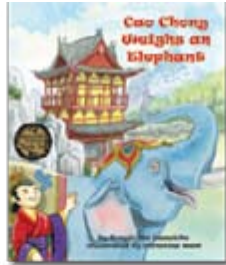
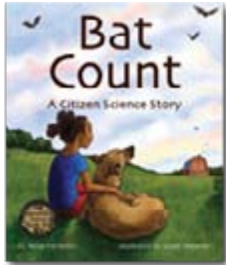


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Five Outstanding Science Books for Arbordale

Bat Count, Cao Chong Weighs an Elephant, Honey Girl, Living Things and Nonliving Things, and Moonlight Crab Count all named to NSTA – CBC reading list.



Mount Pleasant, SC (December 6, 2017) – It is book awards season. Today, Arbordale is celebrating five books named to the prestigious Outstanding Science Trade Books list – a joint project of the National Science Teachers Association and the Children’s Book Council.

The honored books represent many different science concepts including two citizen science books, *Bat Count: A Citizen Science Story* by Anna Forrester and illustrated by Susan Detwiler and *Moonlight Crab Count* by Dr. Neeti Bathala with Jennifer Keats Curtis and illustrated by Veronica V. Jones. Two very unique nonfiction books, one on animal rescue, *Honey Girl: The Hawaiian Monk Seal* by Jeanne Walker Harvey and illustrated by Shennen Bersani, and one on classification, *Living Things and Nonliving Things: A Compare and Contrast Book* by Kevin

Kurtz. Finally, creative problem solving wins with *Cao Chong Weighs an Elephant* by Songju Ma Daemicke and illustrated by Christina Wald.

NSTA and CBC first collaborated on the Outstanding Science Books for Children in 1973. Each year the organizations select a panel of experts to analyze and hand pick a list of recommended books. Educators and parents use this list as a guide for selecting quality books to excite children about science.

In addition to the stories, each of these titles includes the Arbordale signature “For Creative Minds” section filled with fun facts, matching activities or science experiments to dive deeper into the book’s theme. Additionally, educators will find an extensive Teaching Activities Guide and quizzes for each book, perfect for classroom lessons.

Through the years, eight Arbordale books have appeared on the Outstanding Science Trade Books Lists. With five books selected this year, the publisher is honored to have dramatically increased the number of books sporting the seal of approval. A collection of NSTA-CBC Outstanding Science Trade Books past and present is available through Arbordale in hardcover, paperback, Spanish paperback and read-aloud multilingual ebooks.

About Us:

Arbordale is on a mission to improve child literacy with science and math through fun-to-read books. Using prose and pictures, children are delighted with stories of their favorite animals, planets, or even places. This leads to the exploration of facts and learning activities in each book’s “For Creative Minds” pages. Arbordale carefully designs each book to portray accurately the chosen subject. Vetted by experts in that field, and aligned to standards, and leveled for reading, each book is an asset to educational programs. Arbordale has grown to include a diverse group of authors and illustrators from across the country, and honored to have won more than 80 national and state book awards since its inception in 2005.