2013 Phoenix Picture Book Honor Book

Peggy Rathmann for *Good Night, Gorilla* (Putnam Juvenile, 1996)

A delightfully mischievous bed-time story peppered with fun and funny details, Rathmann’s almost wordless picturebook has already, in a short twenty years, become a beloved classic. It is an excellent dual audience text in the broadest sense, inviting very young children as first readers, serving as a familiar text for older children, and entertaining adult readers who share it with young people. The minimalist four-color illustrations achieve artist depth often not found in the cartoon-like style with which Rathmann paints. Also a Caldecott Honor Book.