The Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award began in 1998 to encourage reading for students in Kindergarten—third grade. Students read and/or listen to at least three titles from the nominated books and vote for their favorite book in the spring. The award is coordinated by the Arkansas State Library. All books are found in Picture Books under the author’s last name unless otherwise noted.

2020-2021
There’s a Dinosaur on the 13th Floor by Wade Bradford
Honor: Doll-E 1.0 by Shanda McCluskey
Rough Patch by Brian Lies

2019-2020 Creepy Pair of Underwear! by Aaron Reynolds
Honor: The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors by Drew Daywalt
Please, Please the Bees by Gerald Kelley

2018-2019 Madeline Finn and the Library Dog by Lisa Papp
Honor: WHOOSH! Lonnie Johnson’s Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions by Chris Barton (j 92 Johnson)
The Quickest Kid in Clarksville by Pat Zietlow Miller

2017-2018 The Bear Ate Your Sandwich by Julia Sarcone-Roach
Honor: Ragweed’s Farm Dog Handbook by Anne Vittur Kennedy

2016-2017 Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla by Katherine Applegate (Early Non-Fiction j 599.884 App)
Honor: My Teacher Is A Monster! (No, I Am Not!) by Peter Brown

2015-2016 The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt
Honor: The Very Inappropriate Word by Jim Tobin

2014-2015 Jangles: A Big Fish Story by David Shannon
Honor Book: This is Not My Hat by Jon Klassen (Caldecott Award Books)

2013-2014 Wiener Wolf by Jeff Crosby
Honor Book: The Little Red Pen by Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel

2012-2013 Lucky Beans by Becky Birtha
Honor Book: Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra Stein

2011-2012 The Circus Ship by Chris Van Dusen
Honor Book: Otis by Loreen Long

2010-2011 Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival by Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery (Early Non-Fiction, j 636.0832 Lar)
Honor Book: Help Me, Mr. Mutt!: Expert Answers for Dogs with People Problems by Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel

2009-2010 Diary of a Fly by Doreen Cronin
Honor Book: Ruthie and the (not so) Teeny Tiny Lie by Laura Rankin

Honor Book: Library Lion by Michelle Knudsen

2007-2008 Henry & the Buccaneer Bunnies by John Manders
Honor Book: Mudball by Matt Travanes

2006-2007 April Foolishness by Nadine Bernard Westcott
Honor Book: I Wanna Iguana by David Catrow

2005-2006 Falling for Rapunzel by Leah Wilcox
Honor Book: Farmer McPeepers and His Missing Milk Cows by Katy Duffield
2002-2003  Salt in His Shoes: 
  Michael Jordan In Pursuit Of A 
Dream by Deloris and Rosilyn 
Jordan 
Honor Book:  Kiss the Cow by Phyllis 
Root

2001-2002  Hooway for Wodney 
Wat by Helen Lester 
Honor Book:  Where is That Cat? by 
Carol Greene

2000-2001  A Home for Spooky by 
Gloria Rand 
Honor Book:  Nicky and the Big Bad 
Wolves by Valerie Gorbachev

1999-2000  The Three Little Pigs by 
Steven Kellogg  (j 398.24 Kel) 
Honor Book:  The Chicken Sisters by 
Laura Numeroff

1998-1999  Roses Are Pink, Your 
Feet Really Stink by Diane DeGroat 
(Holiday) 
Honor Book:  Lost by Paul Brett 
Johnson and Celeste Lewis