****************** The Black-Eyed Susan Committee of the Maryland Association of School Librarians is pleased to announce the 2022-2023 nominees. As always, please be sure that these books fit the needs of your school and community. Picture Book Avocado Asks by Momoko Abe Crossings by Katy S. Duffield, illustrated by Mile Orodan Don't Hug Doug: (He Doesn't Like It) by Carrie Finison, illustrated by Daniel Wiseman **Except Antarctica** by Todd Sturgell I am an American: The Wong Kim Ark Story by Martha Brockenbrough with Grace Lin, illustrated by Julia Kuo Norman Didn't Do It!: (Yes, he did.) by Ryan T. Higgins ****** The Ocean Calls: A Haenyeo Mermaid Story by Tina Cho, illustrated by Jess X. Snow Outside, Inside by LeUyen Pham R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Frank Morrison A Ride to Remember: A Civil Rights Story by Sharon Langley and Amy Nathan, illustrated by Floyd Cooper Sincerely, Emerson: A Girl, Her Letter, and the Helpers All Around Us by Emerson Weber, illustrated by Jaclyn Sinquett Someone Builds the Dream by Lisa Wheeler, illustrated by Loren Long Twenty-one Steps: Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Jeff Gottesfeld, illustrated by Mark Tavares A Walk in the Words by Hudson Talbott What's in Your Pocket?: Collecting Nature's Treasures by Heather L. Montgomery, illustrated by Maribel Lechuga Grades 4-6 The Beatryce Prophecy by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Sophie Blackall Black Brother, Black Brother by Jewell Parker Rhodes The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf The Canyon's Edge by Dusti Bowling **Efren Divided** by Ernesto Cisneros The Lion of Mars by Jennifer L. Holm Red, White, and Whole by Rajani LaRocca Unplugged by Gordon Korman Willodeen by Katherine Applegate Yusuf Azeem is Not a Hero by Saadia Faruqi **Graphic Novels: Grades 4-6** Allergic by Megan Wagner Lloyd, illustrated by Michelle Mee Nutter Anti/Hero by Kate Karyus Quinn and Demitira Lunetta, illustrated by Maca Gil Chunky by Yehudi Mercado City of Dragons: The Awakening Storm by Jaimal Yogis, illustrated by Vivian Truong The Deep & Dark Blue by Niki Smith Just Roll with It by Lee Durfey-Lavoie, illustrated by Veronica Agarwal Measuring Up by Lily LaMotte, illustrated by Ann Xu Miles Morales: Shock Waves by Justin A. Reynolds, illustrated by Pablo Leon Snapdragon by Kat Leyh The Way of the Hive: A Honey Bee's Story by Jay Hosler, illustrated by Hilary Sycamore *****************