

The Secret Power of Science and Art in Children's Nonfiction Picture Books

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4. Robert Sibert Award <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/sibertmedal>
5. NSTA STEM Book Awards
6. Jr. Library Guild
7. Caldecott Book Awards
8. Science author blogs (i.e., Melissa Stewart or Vicki Cobb)
9. Children’s librarian
10. Google “<subject> children’s book”

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