

Archive of Winners

1980 – present



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1980-81

Katy No Pocket by Emmy Payne (K-1)
Charlotte's Web by E.B. White (2-3)
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson (4-5)
The Hobbit by J.R. Tolkein (6-8)
Acorn People by Ron Jones (9-12)

1981-82

The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown (K-1)
Granny and the Indians by Peggy Parish (2-3)
Bunnacula by Deborah Howe (4-6)
Mayday! Mayday! by Hilary Milton (7-9)
Christy by Catherine Marshall (10-12)

1982-83

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Stein (K-1)
Chocolate Chip Mystery by John McInnes (2-3)
Stuart Little by E. B. White (4-6)
Killing Mr. Griffin by Lois Duncan (7-9)
Sunshine by Norma Klein (10-12)

1983-84

Arthur's Nose by Marc Brown (K-1)
Ralph S. Mouse by Beverly Cleary (2-3)
Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade by Barthe DeClements (4-6)
Unicorns in the Rain by B. Cohen (7-9)
Cages of Glass, Flowers of Time by Charlotte Culin (10-12)

1984-85

A Pocket for Corduroy by Don Freeman (K-1)
Great Green Turkey Creek Monster by James Flora (2-3)
The Boxcar Children by G. Warner (4-6)
A Tangle of Roots by Barbara Girion (7-9)
Grendel by John Gardner (10-12)

1985-86

The Pain and the Great One by Judy Blume (K-1) *The Adventures of Albert* by Barbara Isenbery (2-3)
Superfudge by Judy Blume (4-6)
Divorce Express by Paula Danziger (7-9)
Him She Loves? by M. E. Kerr (10-12)

1986-87

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by L. J. Numeroff (K-1)
The New Kid on the Block by Jack Prelutsky (2-3)
Stone Fox by J. R. Gardiner (4-6)
You Never Can Tell by E. Conford (7-9)

Yeager, An Autobiography by Chuck Yeager & Leo Janos (10-12)

1987-88

My Teacher Sleeps in School by L. Weiss (K-1)

My Mother Never Listens to Me by Marjorie Sharmat (2-3)

The Dollhouse Murders by Betty Wright (4-6) *Revenge of the Nerd* by John McNamara (7-9)

Wart, Son of Toad by A. Carter (10-12)

1988-89

No Jumping on the Bed! by Tedd Arnold (K-2)

The War with Grandpa by R.K. Smith (3-5)

No Swimming in Dark Pond & Other Chilling Tales by J. Gorog (6-8)

The Princess Bride by W. Goldman (9-12)

1989-1990

The Little Old Man Who Could Not Read by I. Black (K-2)

In Trouble Again, Zelda Hammersmith? by Lynn Hall (3-5)

Mad, Mad, Monday by H. Silverstein (6-8)

1990-91

Sock Snatchers by Lorna Balian (K-2)

More Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark by A. Schwartz (3-5)

The Glory Girl by Betsy Byars (6-8)

Walking Across Egypt by Clyde Edgerton (9-12)

1991-92

Julius, the Baby of the World by Kevin Henkes (K-2)

Tales from Gold Mountain by Paul Yee (3-5)

Cousins by Virginia Hamilton (6-8)

1992-93

Mucky Moose by Jonathan Allen (K-2)

Rats on the Roof & Other Stories by James Marshall (3-5)

The Day that Elvis Came to Town by Jan Marion (6-8)

1993-94

Zomo the Rabbit: A Trickster Tale retold by Gerald McDermott (K-2)

And the Green Grass Grew All Around by A. Schwartz (3-5)

The Pigman & Me by Paul Zindel (6-8)

1994-95

Go Away, Big Green Monster! by Ed Emberley (K-2)

Powwow by George Ancona (3-5)

Anne Frank, Beyond the Diary by R. van der Verhoeven (6-8)

1995-96

Three Star Billy by Pat Hutchins (K-2)

Swamp Angel by Anne Isaacs (3-5)

Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco (6-8)

1996-97

Bamboozled by David Legge (K-2)

What Jamie Saw by Carolyn Coman (3-5)

Mick Harte Was Here by B. Park (6-8)

1997-98

The Red Racer by Audrey Wood (K-2)

Strange Mysteries from Around the World by S. Simon (3-5)

Voices from the Street by B. Atkin (6-8)

1998-99

Bunny Money by Rosemary Wells (K-2)

Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine (3-5)

December by Eve Bunting (6-8)

1999-2000

No David! By David Shannon (K-1)

Thank You, Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco (2-3)

The Secret Knowledge of Grown-Ups by David Wisniewski (4-6)

2000-01

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson (K-2)

Auntie Claus by Elise Primavera (3-4)

Lives of the Presidents: Fame, Shame, by Kathleen Krull (5-6)

2001-02

Mad Dog McGraw by Myron Uhlberg (K-2)

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo (3-4)

Wish You Were Here (And I Wasn't)—A Book of Poems and Pictures for Globe Trotters, by Colin McNaughton (5-6)

2002-03

Widget, by Lyn Rossiter McFarland (K-1)

Humpty Dumpty Egg-splodes, written by Kevin O'Malley (2-3) *A Boy At War—A Novel of Pearl Harbor*, by Harry Mazer (4-6)

2003-04

Epossumondas, by Coleen Salley (K-1)

Giant Children, by Brod Bagert (2-3)

A Week in the Woods, by Andrew Clements (4-6)

2004-05

Bubble Gum, Bubble Gum, by Lisa Wheeler (K-1)

Thunder Rose, by Jerdine Nolen (2-3)

Escaping the Giant Wave, by Peg Kehret (4-6)

2005-06

Precious and the Boo Hag, by Patricia McKissack / Onawumi Jean Moss (K-1)

Hachiko Waits, by Lesléa Newman (2-3)

The Top Ten Ways to Ruin the First Day of 5th Grade, by Ken Derby (4-6)

2006-07

I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!, by Karen Beaumont (K-1)

Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude, by Kevin O'Malley (2-3)

A Dog's Life—The Autobiography of a Stray, by Ann M. Martin (4-6)

2007-08

One Potato, Two Potato, by Cynthia DeFelice (K-1)

Steal Back the Mona Lisa!, by Meghan McCarthy (2-3)

Castles—Old Stone Poems, by J. Patrick Lewis and Rebecca Kai Dotlich (4-6)

The Book of Story Beginnings, by Kristen Kladstrup (7-8)

2008-09

Llama, Llama Mad at Mama, by Anna Dewdney (K-1)

Pssst!, by Adam Rex (2-3)

Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam, by Cynthia Kadohata (4-6)

2009-10

Two Bobbies, by Kaby Larson and Mary Nethery (K-1)

For the Love of Autumn, by Patricia Polacco (2-3)

42 Miles, by Tracie Vaughn Zimmer (4-6)

2010-11

I Need My Monster, by Amanda Noll (K-1)

When the Wolves Returned by Dorothy Ninschaw Patent (2-3)

Million-Dollar Throw by Mike Lupica (4-6)

2011-12

Even Monsters Need Haircuts by Matthew McElligott (K-1)

First Dogs Whitehouse Christmas by Patrick Lewis and Beth Zappitello (2-3)

11 Birthdays by Wendy Mass (4-5)

2012-2013

Big Bouffant by Kate Hosford (K-1)

Spunky Tells All by Ann Cameron (2-3)

My Life as a Stuntboy by Janet Tashjian (4-5)

2013-14

Who has this tail? By Lauren Hulbert

How to Babysit a Grandpa by Jean Reagan

Chained by Lynne Kelly

2014-15

Are the Dinosaurs Dead, Dad by Julie Middleton, (K-1)

Memoirs of a Hamster by Devin Scillian, (2-3)

Duke by Kirby Larson, (4-5)

After Eli by Rebecca Rupp, (6-8 Fiction)

"The President Has Been Shot" by James L. Swanson (6-8 Nonfiction)

2015-16

The Book with No Pictures by B.J. Novak (K-1)

President Taft is Stuck in the Tub by Mac Barnett (2-3)

He Has Shot the President by Don Brown (4-5 Nonfiction)
A Yellow Watermelon by Ted Dunagan (4-5 Fiction)
Fighting Fire by Michael Cooper (6-8 Nonfiction)
My Brother's Keeper by Allen Johnson, Jr. (6-8 Co-Winner Fiction)
The Walk-On by John Feinstein (6-8 Co-Winner Fiction)

2016-2017

Are we there yet? by Nina Laden and Adam McCauley (K-1)
The Day the Crayons Came Home by Drew Daywalt (2-3)
USS Alabama: Hooray for the Mighty A! by Karyn W. Tunks (4-5 Nonfiction)
Boy's Best Friend by Kate Banks (4-5 Fiction)
Circus Mirandus by Cassie Beasley (6-8 Fiction)

2017-2018

This Book is Not About Dragons by Shelley Moore Thomas (K-1)
Madeline Finn and the Library Dog by Lisa Papp (2-3)
Mary Bowser and the Civil War Spy Ring by Enigma Alberti & Tony Cliff (4-5 Fiction)
Seven and a Half Tons of Steel by Janet Nolan (4-5 Non-Fiction)

2018-2019

Jack B. Ninja by Tim McCanna (K-1)
Hairpocalypse by Geoff Herbach (2-3)
Girls Who Code: The Friendship Code by Stacia Deutsch (4-5 Fiction)
The Boo-Boos that Changed the World: A True Story About an Accidental Invention (Really!) by Barr Wittenstein (4-5 Non-Fiction)

2019-2020

COVID-19 interrupted the awarding of winners during the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years. We forward to resuming the process in the fall of 2021.