



Caldecott Medal Winners 1938 - Present

The Caldecott Medal "shall be awarded to the artist of the most distinguished American Picture Book for Children published in the United States during the preceding year.

2013 – This Is Not My Hat – Jon Klassen – A tiny minnow wearing a pale blue bowler hat has a thing or two up his fins in this underwater light-on-dark chase adventure.
E K

2012 – A Ball for Daisy – Christopher Raschka – A wordless picture book about all the fun a dog can have with her ball.
E R

2011 – A Sick Day For Amos McGee – Phillip Christian Stead – Amos McGee, a friendly zookeeper, always made time to visit his good friends: the elephant, the tortoise, the penguin, the rhinoceros, and the owl. But one day – "*Ah-choo!*" – he woke up with the sniffles and the sneezes. Though he didn't make it into the zoo that day, he *did* receive some unexpected guests...
E S

2010 – The Lion & the Mouse – Jerry Pinkney – In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable set in the African Serengeti; an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when she rescues the King of the Jungle.
E P

2009 – The House in the Night – Susan Marie Swanson - Illustrations and easy-to-read text explore the light that makes a house in the night a home filled with light.
E S

2008 – The invention of Hugo Cabret – Brian Selznick - When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toy seller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.
JF Selznick

2007 – Flotsam – David Wiesner – When a young boy discovers a camera on the beach and develops the film, he finds with his microscope many layers of pictures within the photographs.
E W

2006 – The Hello, Goodbye Window – Norton Juster – Looking through the kitchen window, a little girl and her doting grandparents watch stars, play games, and, most importantly, say hello and goodbye.
E J

2005 – Kitten's First Full Moon – Kevin Henkes – When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet, and hungry trying to reach it.
E H

2004 – The Man Who Walked Between the Towers – Mordicai Gerstein – A lyrical evocation of Philippe Petit's 1974 tightrope walk between the World Trade Center towers.
E G

2003 – My Friend Rabbit – Eric Rohmann – Something always seems to go wrong when Rabbit is around, but Mouse lets him play with his toy plane anyway because he is his good friend.
E R

2002 – The Three Pigs – David Wiesner – The three pigs escape the wolf by going into another world where they meet the cat and the fiddle, the cow that jumped over the moon, and a dragon.
E W

2001 – So You Want to be President – Judith St. George – Presents an assortment of facts about the qualifications and characteristics of U.S. presidents, from George Washington to Bill Clinton.
E G

2000 – Joseph Had a Little Overcoat – Simms Taback – A very old overcoat is recycled numerous times into a variety of garments.
E T

1999 – Snowflake Bentley – Jacqueline Briggs Martin – A biography of a self-taught scientist who photographed thousands of individual snowflakes in order to study their unique formations.
E M

1998 - Rapunzel – Paul O. Zelinsky – A retelling of a folktale in which a beautiful girl with long golden hair is kept imprisoned in a lonely tower by a sorceress. Includes a note on the origins of the story.
E Z

1997 – Golem – David Wisniewski – A saintly rabbi miraculously brings to life a clay giant who helps him watch over the Jews of sixteenth-century Prague.
E W

1996 – Officer Buckle and Gloria – Peggy Rathmann – The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips, until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches.
E R

1995 – Smoky Night – Eve Bunting – When the Los Angeles riots break out in the streets of their neighborhood; a young boy and his mother learn the values of getting along with others no matter what their background or nationality.
E B

1994 – Grandfather's Journey – Allen Say – A Japanese American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America which he later also undertakes, and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries.
E S

1993 – Mirette on the High Wire – Emily Arnold McCully – Mirette learns tightrope walking from Monsieur Bellini, a guest in her mother's boarding house, not knowing that he is a celebrated tightrope artist who has withdrawn from performing because of fear.
E M

1992 - Tuesday – David Wiesner – Frogs rise on their lily pads, float through the air, and explore the nearby houses while their inhabitants sleep.
E W

1991 – Black and White – David Macaulay – Four brief "stories" about parents, trains, and cows, or is it really all one story? The author recommends careful inspection of words and pictures to both minimize and enhance confusion.
E M

1990 – Lon Po Po: A Red Riding Hood Story from China – Ed Young– Three sisters staying home alone are endangered by a hungry wolf who is disguised as their grandmother.
E Y

1989 – Song and Dance Man – Karen Ackerman – Grandpa demonstrates for his visiting grandchildren some of the songs, dances, and jokes he performed when he was a vaudeville entertainer.
E A

1988 – Owl Moon – Jane Yolen – On a winter's night under a full moon, a father and daughter trek into the woods to see the Great Horned Owl.
E Y

1987 – Hey, Al – Arthur Yorinks – A city janitor and his treasured canine companion are transported by a large colorful bird to an island in the sky, where their comfortable paradise existence threatens to turn them into birds as well.
E Y

1986 – The Polar Express – Chris Van Allsburg – A magical train ride on Christmas Eve takes a boy to the North Pole to receive a special gift from Santa Claus.
E V

1985 – Saint George and the Dragon – Margaret Hodges – Retells the segment from Spenser's *The Faerie Queene*, in which George, the Red Cross Knight, slays the dreadful dragon that has been terrorizing the countryside for years and brings peace and joy to the land.
E H

1984 – The Glorious Flight: Across the Channel with Louis Bleriot – Alice & Martin Provensen– A biography of the man whose fascination with flying machines produced the Bleriot XI, which in 1909 became the first heavier-than-air machine to fly the English Channel.
E P

1983 - Shadow – Blaise Cendrars – Free verse evocation of the eerie, shifting images of Shadow which represents the beliefs and ghosts of the past and is brought to life wherever there is light, fire, and a storyteller.
E C

1982 - Jumanji – Chris Van Allsburg – Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical jungle adventure board game.
E V

1981 – Fables – Arnold Lobel– Short, original fables with fresh, unexpected morals poke subtle fun at human foibles through the antics of animals.
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1980 – Ox-Cart Man – Donald Hall– Describes the day-to-day life throughout the changing seasons of an early 19th-century New England family.
E H

1979 – The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses – Paul Goble – Though she is fond of her people, a girl prefers to live among the wild horses where she is truly happy and free.
E G

1978 – Noah's Ark – Peter Spier – the biblical rainy-day tale with practically no text and his signature delicate, detail packed illustrations.
***Not Available**

1977 – Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions – Margaret Musgrove – ABC's of African culture.
***Not Available**

1976 – Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears – Verna Aardema – A retelling of a traditional West African tale that reveals how the mosquito developed its annoying habit.
E A

1975 – Arrow to the Sun– Gerald McDermott – An adaptation of the Pueblo Indian myth which explains how the spirit of the Lord of the Sun was brought to the world of men.
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1974 – Duffy and the Devil – Harve Zemach – Tells a story similar to the traditional version of Rumpelstiltskin, with the moral being telling the truth.
***Not Available**

1973 – The Funny Little Woman – Arlene Mosel – In this tale set in old Japan, a lively little woman who loves to laugh pursues her runaway dumpling-and must outwit the wicked three-eyed Oni when she lands in their clutches.
***Not Available**

1972 – One Fine Day – Nonny Hogrogian – This humorous retelling of a favorite Armenian folktale is a story small children will follow and "read along" with ease.
***Not Available**

1971 – A Story A Story – Gail E. Haley – Recounts how most African folk tales came to be called "Spider Stories."
E H

1970 – Sylvester and the Magic Pebble – William Steig –

In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock but then cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.

E S

1969 – The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship

– Arthur Ransome – The Fool of the World, a peasant looked down on by his parents, wins the hand of the Czar's daughter after overcoming enormous obstacles.

***Not Available**

1968 – Drummer Hoff –

Barbara Emberley – A cumulative folk song in which seven soldiers build a magnificent cannon, but Drummer Hoff fires it off.

E E

1967 – Sam, Bangs & Moonshine – Evaline Ness –

Samantha (known as Sam) is a fisherman's daughter who dreams rich and lovely dreams--moonshine, her father says. But when her tall stories bring disaster to her friend Thomas and her cat Bangs, Sam learns to distinguish between moonshine and reality.

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1966 – Always Room for One More – Sorche Nic Leodhas –

Lachie MacLachlan, the generous hero of this enchanting tale, is the exception to the rule that the Scots are a thrifty lot. In his "wee house in the heather," where he lives with his family of twelve, he welcomes to his hearth every weary traveler who passes by on a stormy night.

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1965 – May I Bring a Friend? – Evaline Ness –

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1964 – Where the Wild Things Are – Maurice Sendak–

A naughty little boy, sent to bed without his supper, sails to the land of the wild things where he becomes their king.

E S

1963 – The Snowy Day–

Ezra Jack Keats – The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day.

E K

1962 – Once A Mouse –

Marcia Brown– A hermit knows the magic to change a small mouse into a cat, a dog, and a majestic tiger

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1961 – Baboushka and the Three Kings – Ruth Robbins –

The Russian folktale about an old woman's endless search for the Christ child.

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1960 – Nine Days to

Christmas – Marie Hall Ets – Ceci's first Christmas posada party and pinata have made her Mexican town come alive.

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1959 – Chanticleer and the

Fox – Barbara Cooney; Geoffrey Chaucer – King of the barnyard, Chanticleer struts about all day. When a fox bursts into his domain, dupes him into crowing, and then grabs him in a viselike grip, Chanticleer must do some quick thinking to save himself and his barnyard kingdom.

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1958 – Time of Wonder –

Robert McCloskey – The spell of rain, gulls, a foggy morning, the excitement of sailing, the quiet of the night, the sudden terror of a hurricane, and the peace of a Maine island as a family packs up to leave are shown in poetic language and vibrant, evocative pictures.

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1957– A Tree Is Nice – Janice

Udry – Briefly describes the value of a tree.

E U

1956 – Frog Went A-Courtin' – John Langstaff –

***Not Available**

1955 – Cinderella or the Little Glass Slipper – Marcia

Brown – This translation is excellent for storytelling and also reading aloud.

***Not Available**

1954 – Madeline's Rescue –

Ludwig Bemelmans – A hound rescues a schoolgirl from the Seine, becomes a beloved school pet, is chased away by the trustees, and returns with a surprise.

E B

1953 – The Biggest Bear –

Lynd Ward – A story about Johnny Orchard who brings home a playful bear cub that soon becomes huge and a nuisance to the neighbors.

***Not Available**

1952 – Finders Keepers –

William Lipkind – Winkle and Nap dug and dug, and at last they found a bone, but which dog gets to keep it?

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1951 – The Egg Tree –

Katherine Milhous – One Easter morning, Katy and Carl went on an Easter egg hunt through Grandmom's house. Katy couldn't find anything until she went up to the attic. And there she discovered a very special set of eggs...

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1950 – Song of the

Swallows – Leo Politi – Sad when the swallows leave for the winter, young Juan prepares to welcome them back to the old California Mission at Capistrano on St. Joseph's Day the next spring.

E P

1949 – The Big Snow – Berta

& Elmer Hader – When the geese begin to fly south, the leaves flutter down from the trees and the cold winds begin to blow from the north, the animals of the woods and meadows, big and small, prepare for the long, cold winter ahead when the countryside is hidden under a deep blanket of snow.

***Not Available**

1948 – White Snow, Bright Snow – Alvin Tresselt – When the first flakes fell from the grey sky, the postman and the farmer and the policeman and his wife scurried about doing all the practical things grownups do when a snowstorm comes. But the children laughed and danced, and caught the lacy snowflakes on their tongues.

***Not Available**

1947 – The Little Island – Golden MacDonald – There is a little island in the ocean—and this book is about how it is on that little island, how the seasons and the storm and the day and night change it, how the lobsters and seals and gulls and everything else live on it, and what the kitten who comes to visit finds out about it.

***Not Available**

1946 – The Rooster Crows – Maud & Miska Petersham – Generations of children have grown up with "The Bear Went over the Mountain", "Lazy Mary", and "Yankee Doodle". Here is a collection that includes these, and many more of the favorite playtime rhymes that are a lasting part of America's--and childhoods--heritage.

***Not Available**

1945 – Prayer for a Child – Rachel Field – This very special prayer just for children is perfect for even the youngest reader.

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1944 – Many Moons – James Thurber – Though many try, only the court jester is able to fulfill Princess Lenore's wish for the moon.

E T

1943 – The Little House – Virginia Lee Burton – The little house stood in the country, with trees and fields around her, and with the birds and flowers and children for company. In the distance twinkled the lights of the big city, and the little house wondered what it would be like to live there.

E B

1942 – Make Way for Ducklings – Robert McCloskey – Mr. and Mrs. Mallard proudly return to their home in the Boston Public Garden with their eight offspring.

E M

1941 – They Were Strong and Good – Robert Lawson – They Were Strong and Good is a classic book that follows the path of one family's journey through American history.

***Not Available**

1940 – Abraham Lincoln – Ingri & Edgar Parin d'Aulaire – From his humble beginnings in the Kentucky wilderness to the peak of his career as President, this picture biography brings Lincoln to life for first-time readers.

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1939 – Mei Li - Thomas Handforth – After spending an eventful day at the fair held on New Year's Eve, Mei Li arrives home just in time to greet the Kitchen God.

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1938 – Animals of the Bible, A Picture Book – Helen Dean Fish – The Old and New Testaments of the King James Version are the sources for the thirty-one stories about animals; the illustrations include the flora of biblical lands and portray the animals with reverence.

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