



Beehive Book Awards

Sponsored by the Children's Literature Association of Utah (CLAU). Winners are chosen from books nominated by the children of Utah, who vote for their favorite books.

Picture Book Winners 2000-current:

2013 – Press Here – Herve Tullet – Instructs the reader on how to interact with the illustrations to create imaginative images.
E T

2012 – Shark Vs. Train – Chris Barton – A shark and a train compete in a series of contests on a seesaw, in hot air balloons, bowling, shooting baskets, playing hide-and-seek, and more.
E B

2011 – Duck! Rabbit! – Amy Krouse Rosentahl – Two unseen characters argue about whether the creature they are looking at is a rabbit or a duck.
E R

2010 – When Dinosaurs Came with Everything – Elise Broach – Although his mother is a little worried, a young boy is delighted to discover that every shop in town is giving away real dinosaurs to their customers.
E B

2009 – If I Built a Car – Chris Van Dusen – Jack describes the kind of car he would build--one with amazing accessories and with the capability of traveling on land, in the air, and on and under the sea.
E V

2008 – Mommy? – Maurice Sendak – While looking for his mother in a haunted house, a little boy plays pranks on the monster inhabitants. Features pop-up illustrations on foldout pages.
E S

2007 – Where's the Dragon? – Jason Hook – Mr. Jones is simply mad about the creatures. He carves them out of wood and he tells thrilling stories about them. But he's never seen a real dragon, so he and his grandson George have set sail in search of one.
E H

2006 – Some Dogs Do – Jez Alborough – When Sid tries to convince his doggy classmates that he flew to school, they do not believe him.
E A

2005 – Diary of a Worm – Doreen Cronin – A young worm discovers, day by day, that there are some very good and some not so good things about being a worm in this great big world.
E C

2004 – Bertie Was a Watchdog – Rick Walton – Bertie, a dog as small as a watch, outsmarts an overconfident robber.
E W

2003 – Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon – Patty Lovell – Even when the class bully at her new school makes fun of her, Molly remembers what her grandmother told her and she feels good about herself.
E L

2002 – Sitting Ducks – Michael Bedard – A sympathetic alligator befriends a lonely duck and becomes alienated from the rest of the town's alligators who think of ducks only as food.
E B

2001 – Hooway for Wodney Wat – Helen Lester – All his classmates make fun of Rodney because he can't pronounce his name, but it is Rodney's speech impediment that drives away the class bully.
E L

2000 – A Bad Case of Stripes – David Shannon – In order to ensure her popularity, Camilla Cream always does what is expected, until the day arrives when she no longer recognizes herself.
E S

Children's Fiction Book Winners 2000-current:

2013 – Lulu and the Brontosaurus – Judith Viorst – Lulu's parents refuse to give in when she demands a brontosaurus for her birthday and so she sets out to find her own, but while the brontosaurus she finally meets approves of pets, he does not intend to be Lulu's.
JF Viorst

2012 – Out of My Mind – Sharon M. Draper – Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.
JF Draper

2011 – Where the Mountain Meets the Moon – Grace Lin – Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River.
JF Lin

2009 – The Candy Shop War – Brandon Mull – When fifth-graders Nate, Summer, Trevor, and Pigeon meet the owner of the new candy store in town and are given a magical candy that endows them with super powers, they find that along with its benefits there are also dangerous consequences.
JF Mull

2008 – The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane – Kate DiCamillo – Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.
JF DiCamillo

2007 – Princess Academy – Shannon Hale – While attending a strict academy for potential princesses with the other girls from her mountain village, fourteen-year-old Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland.
JF Hale

2006 – Dragon Rider – Cornelia Funke – After learning that humans are headed toward his hidden home, Firedrake, a silver dragon, is joined by a brownie and an orphan boy in a quest to find the legendary valley known as the Rim of Heaven, encountering friendly and unfriendly creatures along the way, and struggling to evade the relentless pursuit of an old enemy.

JF Funke

2005 –The City of Ember – Jeanne DuPrau – In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

2004 – Ruby Holler –Sharon Creech – Thirteen-year-old fraternal twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage but their lives change forever when an eccentric but sweet older couple invites them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler.

JF Creech

2003 – The Two Princesses of Bamarre – Gail Carson Levine – With her adventurous sister Meryl suffering from the grey death, meek and timid Princess Addie sets out to find a cure.

YA F Levine

2001 – The Secret of Platform 13 – Eva Ibbotson – Ode Gribble, a young hag, joins an old wizard, a gentle fey, and a giant ogre on a journey from their magical kingdom to London to rescue the young prince who was stolen as an infant nine years before.

JF Ibbotson

2000 – Frindle – Andrew Clements – When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

JF Clements

Young Adult Book Winners 2002-current:

2013 – The Running Dream – Wendelin Van Draanen – When a school bus accident leaves sixteen-year-old Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb and her track team finds a wonderful way to help rekindle her dream of running again.

YA F Van Draanen

2012 – Dragonfly – Julia Golding – When Tashi, the rigidly formal sixteen-year-old Fourth Crown Princess of the Blue Crescent Islands, reluctantly weds roguish eighteen-year-old Prince Ramil of Gerfal, their religious, cultural, and personal differences threaten to end their political alliance and put both countries at the mercy of a fearsome warlord.

YA F Golding

2011 – Princess of the Midnight Ball – Jessica Day George – A retelling of the tale of twelve princesses who wear out their shoes dancing every night, and of Galen, a former soldier now working in the king's gardens, who follows them in hopes of breaking the curse.

YA F George

2010 – The Hunger Games – Suzanne Collins – In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

YA F Collins

2009 – Wildwood Dancing – Juliet Marillier – Five sisters who live with their merchant father in Transylvania use a hidden portal in their home to cross over into a magical world, the Wildwood.

YA F Marillier

2008 – Bad Kitty – Michele Jaffe – While vacationing with her family in Las Vegas, seventeen-year-old Jasmine stumbles upon a murder mystery that she attempts to solve with the help of her friends, recently arrived from California.

YA F Jaffe

2007 –The Lightning Thief – Rick Riordan – After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

JF Riordan

2006 – Airborn –Kenneth Oppel – Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.

YA F Oppel

2005 – Eragon – Christopher Paolini – In Aagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters.

JF Paolini

2004 – Stormbreaker – Anthony Horowitz – After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

YA F Horowitz

2003 –Touching Spirit Bear – Ben Mikaelson – After his anger erupts into violence, Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.

JF Mikaelson

Children's Poetry Book Winners 2003-current:

2013 – Won Ton: A Cat Tale Told in Haiku – Lee Wardlaw – A cat arrives at a shelter, arranges to go home with a good family, and settles in with them, all the while letting them know who is boss and, finally, sharing his real name.

J 811 War

2012 –The Dancing Pancake –

Eileen Spinelli – Eleven-year-old Belinda "Bindi" Winkler and her family find their way through tough times with the love and support of the community that grows around their newly opened restaurant, "The Dancing Pancake."

J 811 Spi

2011 – The Bill Martin Jr. Big Book of Poetry – Bill Martin Jr. –

An anthology of nearly 200 traditional and contemporary poems.

J 811 Bil

2010 – Oh, Theodore: Guinea Pig Poems –Susan Katz –

J 811 Kat

2009 – Dogku – Andrew

Clements –

E C

2008 – Once I Ate a Pie –

Patricia MacLachlan – Thirteen dogs tell their stories in simple poems.

E M

2007 – Hotel Deep: Light

Verse from Dark Water – Kurt

Cyrus – Twenty-one poems tell the story of a lone sardine separated from his school within a huge coral reef and the creatures he meets as he searches for the way back.

E C

2006 – Rolling in the Aisles: a Collection of Laugh Out Loud

Poems – Bruce Lansky –

J 811 Rol

2005 – Giant Children – Brod

Bagert –

E B

2003 – Take Me Out of the Bathtub and Other Silly Dilly

Songs – Alan Katz – Well-known songs, including "Oh Susannah" and "Row Row Row Your Boat," are presented with new words and titles, such as "I'm So Carsick" and "Go Go Go to Bed."

E K

2002 – Insectlopedia – Douglas

Florian – Presents twenty-one short poems about such insects as the inchworm, termite, cricket, and ladybug.

E F