Newbery Medal Winners & Honor Books
2015–Present

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2022 MEDAL WINNER

The Last Cuentista
by Donna Barba Higuera
(Levine Querido)

Earth has been destroyed by a comet, and only a few hundred scientists and their children — among them Petra and her family — have been chosen to journey to a new planet. They are the ones who must carry on the human race.

2022 HONOR BOOKS

Red, White, and Whole
by Rajani LaRocca

Reha is a 13-year-old Indian American who is caught between two worlds. She feels frustrated that her parents refuse to acknowledge her Americanness and insist on raising her with Indian values and habits.

Too Bright to See
by Kyle Lukoff

11-year-old Bug, a transgender boy, is having a difficult summer. His beloved uncle Roderick, a former drag queen who lived with Bug and his single mother for years, has just died after a long illness, and Bug’s remote Vermont house, which has always been haunted, has gained a new ghostly resident—one that seems intent on sending Bug a message.

A Snake Falls to Earth
by Darcie Little Badger

Fifteen-year-olds Nina and Oli come from different words—she is a Lipan Apache living in Texas and he is a cottonmouth from the Reflecting World—but their lives intersect when Oli journeys to Earth to find a cure for his ailing friend and they end up helping each other save their families.

Watercress
by Andrea Wang

Embarrassed about gathering watercress from a roadside ditch, a girl learns to appreciate her Chinese heritage after learning why the plant is so important to her parents.

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2021 MEDAL WINNER:

*When You Trap a Tiger*
by Tae Keller

HONOR BOOKS:

*All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys’ Soccer Team*
by Christina Soontornvat

*BOX: Henry Brown Mails Himself to Freedom*
by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Michele Wood

*Fighting Words*
by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

*We Dream of Space*
by Erin Entrada Kelly, illustrated by Erin Entrada Kelly and Celia Krampien

*A Wish in the Dark*
by Christina Soontornvat

2020 MEDAL WINNER:

*New Kid*
by Jerry Craft

HONOR BOOKS:

*Genesis Begins Again*
by Alicia D. Williams

*Other Words for Home*
by Jasmine Warga

*Scary Stories for Young Foxes*
by Christian McKay Heidicker

*The Undefeated*
by Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Kadir Nelson

2019 MEDAL WINNER:

*Merci Suárez Changes Gears*
by Meg Medina

HONOR BOOKS:

*The Book of Boy*
by Catherine Gilbert Murdock, illustrated by Ian Schoenherr

*The Night Diary*
by Veera Hiranandani

2018 MEDAL WINNER:

*Hello, Universe*
by Erin Entrada Kelly

HONOR BOOKS:

*Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut*
by Derrick Barnes, illustrated by Gordon C. James

*Long Way Down*
by Jason Reynolds

*Piecing Me Together*
by Renée Watson
2017 MEDAL WINNER:

*The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill

HONOR BOOKS:

*Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life* by Ashley Bryan

*The Inquisitor’s Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and their Holy Dog* by Adam Gidwitz, illustrated by Hatem Aly

*Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk

2016 MEDAL WINNER:

*Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña

HONOR BOOKS:

*The War that Saved my Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

*Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson

*Echo* by Pam Muñoz Ryan

2015 MEDAL WINNER:

*The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander

HONOR BOOKS:

*El Deafo* by Cece Bell

*Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jaqueline Woodson

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