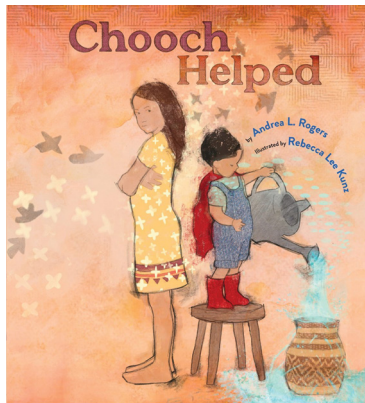


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Medal Winners
1938–2025



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2025 MEDAL WINNER:

[Chooch Helped](#)

illustrated Rebecca Lee Kunz
and written by Andrea L. Rogers
(Levine Querido)

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2024–2021

2024 Medal Winner:

[Big](#), illustrated and written by Vashti Harrison
(Little, Brown/Hachette)

2023 Medal Winner:

[Hot Dog](#), illustrated and written by Doug Salati
(Knopf)

2022 Medal Winner:

[Watercress](#), illustrated by Jason Chin, written by Andrea Wang
(Neal Porter Books/Holiday House)

2021 Medal Winner:

[We Are Water Protectors](#), illustrated by Michaela Goade, written by Carole Lindstrom
(Roaring Brook Press)

2020–2011

2020 Medal Winner:

[The Undefeated](#), illustrated by Kadir Nelson, written by Kwame Alexander
(Versify, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

2019 Medal Winner:

[Hello Lighthouse](#), illustrated and written by Sophie Blackall
(Little, Brown Books for Young Readers/Hachette)

2018 Medal Winner:

[Wolf in the Snow](#), illustrated and written by Matthew Cordell
(Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan)

2017 Medal Winner:

[Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat](#), illustrated and written by Javaka Steptoe
(Little, Brown/Hachette)



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**2016 Medal Winner:**

[*Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear*](#), illustrated by Sophie Blackall, written by Lindsay Mattick (Little, Brown/Hachette)

2015 Medal Winner:

[*The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*](#), illustrated and written by Dan Santat (Little, Brown/Hachette)

2014 Medal Winner:

[*Locomotive*](#), illustrated and written by Brian Floca (Atheneum Books for Young Readers)

2013 Medal Winner:

[*This Is Not My Hat*](#), illustrated and written by Jon Klassen (Candlewick Press)

2012 Medal Winner:

[*A Ball for Daisy*](#), by Chris Raschka (Schwartz & Wade Books)

2011 Medal Winner:

[*A Sick Day for Amos McGee*](#), illustrated by Erin E. Stead, written by Philip C. Stead (Roaring Brook Press,)

2010–2001**2010 Medal Winner:**

[*The Lion & the Mouse*](#), by Jerry Pinkney (Little, Brown & Company)

2009 Medal Winner:

[*The House in the Night*](#), illustrated by Beth Krommes, written by Susan Marie Swanson (Houghton Mifflin Company)

2008 Medal Winner:

[*The Invention of Hugo Cabret*](#), by Brian Selznick (Scholastic Press)

2007 Medal Winner:

[*Flotsam*](#), by David Wiesner (Clarion)

2006 Medal Winner:

[*The Hello, Goodbye Window*](#), illustrated by Chris Raschka and written by Norton Juster (Hyperion Books for Children)

2005 Medal Winner:

[*Kitten's First Full Moon*](#), by Kevin Henkes (Greenwillow Books)

2004 Medal Winner:

[*The Man Who Walked Between the Towers*](#), by Mordicai Gerstein (Roaring Brook Press)

2003 Medal Winner:

[*My Friend Rabbit*](#), by Eric Rohmann (Roaring Brook Press/Millbrook Press)

2002 Medal Winner:

[*The Three Pigs*](#), by David Wiesner (Clarion/Houghton Mifflin)

2001 Medal Winner:

[*So You Want to Be President?*](#), illustrated by David Small, written by Judith St. George (Philomel)





2000–1991

2000 Medal Winner:

[*Joseph Had a Little Overcoat*](#), by Simms Taback (Viking)

1999 Medal Winner:

[*Snowflake Bentley*](#), illustrated by Mary Azarian,
text by Jacqueline Briggs Martin (Houghton)

1998 Medal Winner:

[*Rapunzel*](#), by Paul O. Zelinsky (Dutton)

1997 Medal Winner:

Golem, by David Wisniewski (Clarion)

1996 Medal Winner:

[*Officer Buckle and Gloria*](#), by Peggy Rathmann (Putnam)

1995 Medal Winner:

[*Smoky Night*](#), illustrated by David Diaz;
text: Eve Bunting (Harcourt)

1994 Medal Winner:

[*Grandfather's Journey*](#), by All Say; text: edited by
Walter Lorraine (Houghton)

1993 Medal Winner:

[*Mirette on the High Wire*](#), by Emily Arnold McCully
(Putnam)

1992 Medal Winner:

[*Tuesday*](#), by David Wiesner (Clarion Books)

1991 Medal Winner:

[*Black and White*](#), by David Macaulay (Houghton)

1990–1981

1990 Medal Winner:

[*Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China*](#),
by Ed Young (Philomel)

1989 Medal Winner:

[*Song and Dance Man*](#), illustrated by Stephen Gammell;
text: Karen Ackerman (Knopf)

1988 Medal Winner:

[*Owl Moon*](#), illustrated by John Schoenherr;
text: Jane Yolen (Philomel)

1987 Medal Winner:

[*Hey, Al*](#), illustrated by Richard Egielski;
text: Arthur Yorinks (Farrar)

1986 Medal Winner:

[*The Polar Express*](#), by Chris Van Allsburg (Houghton)

1985 Medal Winner:

[*Saint George and the Dragon*](#), illustrated by Trina Schart
Hyman; text: retold by Margaret Hodges (Little, Brown)

1984 Medal Winner:

[*The Glorious Flight: Across the Channel with Louis
Bleriot*](#), by Alice & Martin Provensen (Viking)

1983 Medal Winner:

[*Shadow*](#), translated and illustrated by Marcia Brown
Original text in French: Blaise Cendrars (Scribner)

1982 Medal Winner:

[*Jumanji*](#), by Chris Van Allsburg (Houghton)

1981 Medal Winner:

[*Fables*](#), by Arnold Lobel (Harper)





1980–1971

1980 Medal Winner:

[*Ox-Cart Man*](#), illustrated by Barbara Cooney;
text: Donald Hall (Viking)

1979 Medal Winner:

[*The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses*](#), by Paul Goble
(Bradbury)

1978 Medal Winner:

[*Noah's Ark*](#), by Peter Spier (Doubleday)

1977 Medal Winner:

[*Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions*](#), illustrated by
Leo & Diane Dillon; text: Margaret Musgrove (Dial)

1976 Medal Winner:

[*Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears*](#), illustrated by
Leo & Diane Dillon; text: retold by Verna Aardema (Dial)

1975 Medal Winner:

[*Arrow to the Sun*](#), by Gerald McDermott (Viking)

1974 Medal Winner:

Duffy and the Devil, illustrated by Margot Zemach;
retold by Harve Zemach (Farrar)

1973 Medal Winner:

[*The Funny Little Woman*](#), illustrated by Blair Lent;
text: retold by Arlene Mosel (Dutton)

1972 Medal Winner:

[*One Fine Day*](#), illustrated and retold
by Nonny Hogrogian (Macmillan)

1971 Medal Winner:

[*A Story A Story: An African Tale*](#), illustrated and
retold by Gail E. Haley (Atheneum)

1970–1961

1970 Medal Winner:

[*Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*](#), by William Steig
(Windmill Books)

1969 Medal Winner:

[*The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship: A Russian
Tale*](#), illustrated by Uri Shulevitz;
text: retold by Arthur Ransome (Farrar)

1968 Medal Winner:

[*Drummer Hoff*](#), illustrated by Ed Emberley;
text: adapted by Barbara Emberley (Prentice-Hall)

1967 Medal Winner:

[*Sam, Bangs & Moonshine*](#), by Evaline Ness (Holt)

1966 Medal Winner:

Always Room for One More, illustrated by
Nonny Hogrogian; text: Sorche Nic Leodhas,
pseud. [Leclair Alger] (Holt)

1965 Medal Winner:

[*May I Bring a Friend?*](#), illustrated by Beni Montresor;
text: Beatrice Schenk de Regniers (Atheneum)

1964 Medal Winner:

[*Where the Wild Things Are*](#), by Maurice Sendak (Harper)

1963 Medal Winner:

[*The Snowy Day*](#), by Ezra Jack Keats (Viking)

1962 Medal Winner:

[*Once a Mouse*](#), illustrated and retold by Marcia Brown
(Scribner)

1961 Medal Winner:

[*Baboushka and the Three Kings*](#), illustrated by
Nicolas Sidjakov; text: Ruth Robbins (Parnassus)





1960–1951

1960 Medal Winner:

[*Nine Days to Christmas*](#), illustrated by Marie Hall Ets;
text: Marie Hall Ets and Aurora Labastida (Viking)

1959 Medal Winner:

[*Chanticleer and the Fox*](#), illustrated by Barbara Cooney;
text: adapted from Chaucer's Canterbury Tales by
Barbara Cooney (Crowell)

1958 Medal Winner:

[*Time of Wonder*](#), by Robert McCloskey (Viking)

1957 Medal Winner:

[*A Tree is Nice*](#), illustrated by Marc Simont;
text: Janice Udry (Harper)

1956 Medal Winner:

[*Frog Went A-Courtin'*](#), illustrated by Feodor Rojankovsky;
text: retold by John Langstaff (Harcourt)

1955 Medal Winner:

[*Cinderella, or the Little Glass Slipper*](#), illustrated by
Marcia Brown; text: translated from Charles Perrault
by Marcia Brown (Scribner)

1954 Medal Winner:

[*Madeline's Rescue*](#), by Ludwig Bemelmans (Viking)

1953 Medal Winner:

[*The Biggest Bear*](#), by Lynd Ward (Houghton)

1952 Medal Winner:

[*Finders Keepers*](#), illustrated by Nicolas, pseud.
(Nicholas Mordvinoff); text: Will, pseud. [William Lipkind]
(Harcourt)

1951 Medal Winner:

[*The Egg Tree*](#), by Katherine Milhous (Scribner)

1950–1941

1950 Medal Winner:

[*Song of the Swallows*](#), by Leo Politi (Scribner)

1949 Medal Winner:

[*The Big Snow*](#), by Berta & Elmer Hader (Macmillan)

1948 Medal Winner:

[*White Snow, Bright Snow*](#), illustrated by Roger Duvoisin;
text: Alvin Tresselt (Lothrop)

1947 Medal Winner:

[*The Little Island*](#), illustrated by Leonard Weisgard;
text: Golden MacDonald, pseud. [Margaret Wise Brown]
(Doubleday)

1946 Medal Winner:

[*The Rooster Crows*](#), by Maud & Miska Petersham
(Macmillan)

1945 Medal Winner:

[*Prayer for a Child*](#), illustrated by Elizabeth Orton Jones;
text: Rachel Field (Macmillan)

1944 Medal Winner:

[*Many Moons*](#), illustrated by Louis Slobodkin;
text: James Thurber (Harcourt)

1943 Medal Winner:

[*The Little House*](#), by Virginia Lee Burton (Houghton)

1942 Medal Winner:

[*Make Way for Ducklings*](#), by Robert McCloskey (Viking)

1941 Medal Winner:

[*They Were Strong and Good*](#), by Robert Lawson (Viking)





1940–1938

1940 Medal Winner:

Abraham Lincoln, by Ingri & Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
(Doubleday)

1939 Medal Winner:

Mei Li, by Thomas Handforth (Doubleday)

1938 Medal Winner:

Animals of the Bible, A Picture Book, illustrated by
Dorothy P. Lathrop; text: selected by Helen Dean Fish
(Stokes)

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