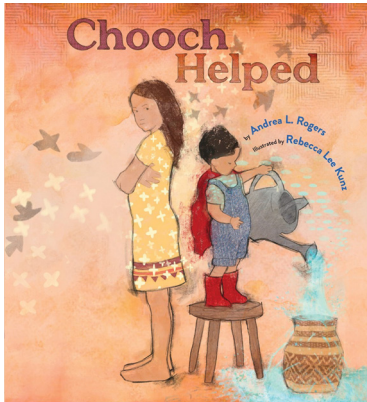


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## 2025 MEDAL WINNER

### [Chooch Helped](#)

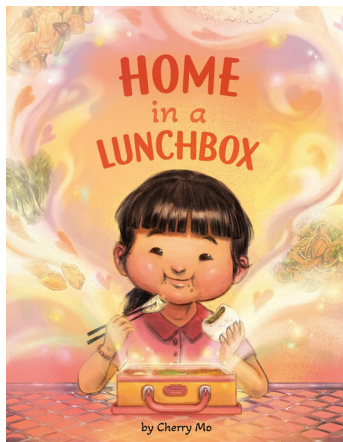
illustrated by Rebecca Lee Kunz  
and written by Andrea L. Rogers  
(Arthur A. Levine)

Sissy's younger brother Chooch isn't a baby anymore, and they just celebrated his second birthday, but no matter what Chooch does—even if he's messing something up, which is basically all the time—their parents say he's "helping".

This award  
dates back  
to 1938.

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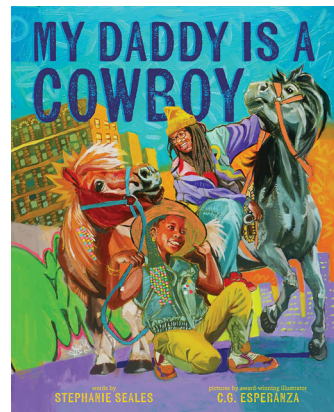
## 2025 HONOR BOOKS



### [Home in a Lunchbox](#)

by Cherry Mo

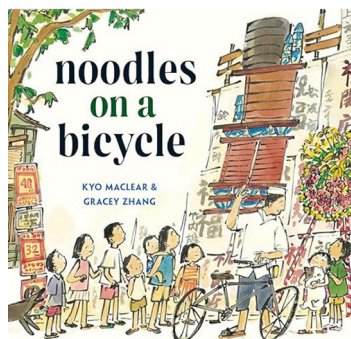
After moving from Hong Kong to America, Jun, who only knows a few words of English, feels isolated at her new school but discovers a series of home in the familiar foods and flavors—like bao, dumplings, and bok choy—she finds in her lunchbox.



### [My Daddy Is a Cowboy](#)

by Stephanie Seales

While a young Panamanian American girl and her father share "just-us" time on an early morning horseback ride around their town, he tells her cowboy stories and she realizes that she too is a cowboy—strong and confident in who she is.



### [Noodles on a Bicycle](#)

by Kyo Maclear

Children watch in amazement as the bicycle food deliverers of mid-twentieth century Tokyo—the demae—set off to deliver steaming trays of noodles to hungry customers all over the city and want to be like them, practicing with bowls of wobbling water stacked on trays.



### [Up, Up, Ever Up! Junko Tabei: A Life in the Mountains](#)

by Julie Leung

Junko Tabei overcame both societal and physical obstacles on her way to becoming the first woman to summit Mount Everest, and then took on a new challenge: protecting the wild spaces she loved for future generations.



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## 2024–2023

### 2024 MEDAL WINNER:

#### [Big](#)

illustrated and written by  
Vashti Harrison



### HONOR BOOKS:

[In Every Life](#) by Marla Frazee

[There Was a Party for Langston](#) by Jason Reynolds

[Jovita Wore Pants: The Story of a Mexican Freedom Fighter](#) by Aida Salazar

[The Truth About Dragons](#) by Julie Leung

### 2023 MEDAL WINNER:

#### [Hot Dog](#)

illustrated and written by  
Doug Salati



### HONOR BOOKS:

[Ain't Burned All the Bright](#)

illustrated by Jason Griffin, written by Jason Reynolds

[Berry Song](#) illustrated and written by Michaela Goade

[Choosing Brave: How Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till Sparked the Civil Rights Movement](#) illustrated by Janelle Washington, written by Angela Joy

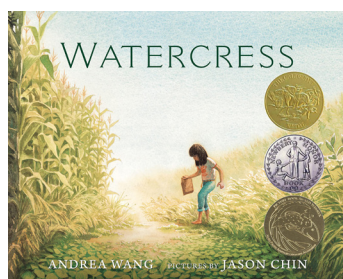
[Knight Owl](#) illustrated and written by Christopher Denise

## 2022–2021

### 2022 MEDAL WINNER:

#### [Watercress](#)

illustrated by Jason Chin,  
written by Andrea Wang



### HONOR BOOKS:

[Have You Ever Seen a Flower?](#) by Shawn Harris

[Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre](#) by Carole Boston Weatherford

[Mel Fell](#) by Corey R. Tabor

[Wonder Walkers](#) by Micha Archer

### 2021 MEDAL WINNER:

#### [We Are Water](#)

[Protectors](#) illustrated by  
Michaela Goade, written  
by Carole Lindstrom



### HONOR BOOKS:

[A Place Inside of Me: A Poem to Heal the Heart](#)  
illustrated by Noa Denmon, written by Zetta Elliott

[The Cat Man of Aleppo](#) illustrated by Yuko Shimizu,  
written by Irene Latham & Karim Shamsi-Basha

[Me & Mama](#) illustrated and written by Cozbi A. Cabrera

[Outside In](#) illustrated by Cindy Derby,  
written by Deborah Underwood