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Book Awards: Newbery

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Criterion for This Award

- The book must be published in English in the United States the previous year.
- The author must be a citizen or resident of the United States.
- The book must be considered for its theme, presentation (clarity, accuracy and organization), plot, characters, setting, and style.
- The book must relate to a child audience.
- The book must contribute to literature.
- The book must stand alone and not as a part of a multimedia presentation.



The Winners Are...

2009: Neil Gaiman *The Graveyard Book*

2008: Laura Amy Schlitz *Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village*

2007: Susan Patron *The Higher Power of Lucky*

2006: Lynne Rae Perkins *Criss Cross*

2005: Cynthia Kadohata *Kira-Kira*

2004: Kate DiCamillo *The Tale of Despereaux*

2003: Avi *Crispin: The Cross of Lead*

2002: Linda Sue Park *A Single Shard*

2001: Richard Peck *A Year Down Yonder*

2000: Christopher Paul Curtis *Bud, Not Buddy*

1999: Louis Sachar *Holes*

1998: Karen Hesse *Out of the Dust*

1997: E. L. Konigsburg *The View from Saturday*

1996: Karen Cushman *The Midwife's Apprentice*

1995: Sharon Creech *Walk Two Moons*

1994: Lois Lowry *The Giver*

1993: Cynthia Rylant *Missing May*

1992: Phyllis Reynolds Naylor *Shiloh*

1991: Jerry Spinelli *Maniac Magee*

1990: Lois Lowry *Number the Stars*

1989: Paul Fleischman *Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices*

1988: Russell Freedman *Lincoln: A Photobiography*

1987: Sid Fleischman *The Whipping Boy*

1986: Patricia MacLachlan Sarah, *Plain and Tall*

1985: Robin McKinley *The Hero and the Crown*

1984: Beverly Cleary *Dear Mr. Henshaw*

1983: Cynthia Voigt *Dacey's Song*

1982: Nancy Willard *A Visit to William Blake's Inn*

1981: Katherine Paterson Jacob *Have I Loved*

1980: Joan Blos *A Gathering of Days: A New England Girl's Journal*

1979: Ellen Raskin *The Westing Game*

1978: Katherine Paterson *Bridge to Terabithia*

1977: Mildred Taylor *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*

1976: Susan Cooper *The Grey King*

1975: Virginia Hamilton *M. C. Higgins, the Great*

1974: Paula Fox *The Slave Dancer*

1973: Jean Craighead George *Julie of the Wolves*

1972: Robert C. O'Brien *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*

1971: Betsy Byars *Summer of the Swans*

1970: William H. Armstrong *Sounder*

1969: Lloyd Alexander *The High King*

1968: E. L. Konigsburg *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*

1967: Irene Hunt *Up a Road Slowly*

1966: Elizabeth Borton de Treviño *I, Juan de Pareja*

1965: Maia Wojciechowska *Shadow of a Bull*

1964: Emily Cheney Neville *It's Like This, Cat*

1963: Madeleine L'Engle *A Wrinkle in Time*

1962: Elizabeth George Speare *The Bronze Bow*

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1960: Joseph Krumgold *Onion John*

1959: Elizabeth George Speare *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*

1958: Harold Keith *Rifles for Watie*

1957: Virginia Sorensen *Miracles on Maple Hill*

1956: Jean Lee Latham *Carry On, Mr. Bowditch*

1955: Meindert *DeJong The Wheel on the School*

1954: Joseph Krumgold *...And Now Miguel*

1953: Ann Nolan Clark *Secret of the Andes*

1952: Eleanor Estes Ginger *Pye*

1951: Elizabeth Yates *Amos Fortune, Free Man*

1950: Marguerite de Angeli *The Door in the Wall*

1949: Marguerite Henry *King of the Wind*

1948: William Pène du Bois *The Twenty-One Balloons*

1947: Carolyn Sherwin *Bailey Miss Hickory*

1946: Lois Lenski *Strawberry Girl*

1945: Robert Lawson *Rabbit Hill*

1944: Esther Forbes *Johnny Tremain*

1943: Elizabeth Gray *Vining Adam of the Road*

1942: Walter D. Edmonds *The Matchlock Gun*

1941: Armstrong Sperry *Call It Courage*

1940: James Daugherty *Daniel Boone*

1939: Elizabeth Enright *Thimble Summer*

1938: Kate Seredy *The White Stag*

1937: Ruth Sawyer *Roller Skates*

1936: Carol Ryrie *Brink Caddie Woodlawn*

1935: Monica Shannon *Dobry*

1934: Cornelia Meigs *Invincible Louisa*

1933: Elizabeth Foreman Lewis *Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze*

1932: Laura Adams Armer *Waterless Mountain*

1931: Elizabeth Coatsworth *The Cat Who Went to Heaven*

1930: Rachel Field Hitty, *Her First Hundred Years*

1929: Eric P. Kelly *The Trumpeter of Krakow*

1928: Dhan Gopal Mukerji *Gay Neck, the Story of a Pigeon*

1927: Will James *Smoky the Cow Horse*

1926: Arthur Bowie Chrisman *Shen of the Sea*

1925: Charles Finger *Tales from Silver Lands*

1924: Charles Hawes *The Dark Frigate*

1923: Hugh Lofting *The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle*

1922 Hendrik Willem van Loon *The Story of Mankind*