

Children's Literature Update 2015

Award Winners (all 2014)

John Newbery Medal for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature:

Alexander, Kwame. *The Crossover*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Two Newbery Honor Books also were named:

Bell, Cece. *El Deafo*. Amulet.

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Brown Girl Dreaming*. Penguin.

Randolph Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children:

Santat, Dan. *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*. Little, Brown.

Six Caldecott Honor Books also were named:

Castillo, Lauren. *Nana in the City*. Clarion.

Morales, Yuyi. *Viva Frida*. Roaring Brook.

Rosenstock, Barb. *The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art*, illustrated by Mary GrandPré. Knopf.

Barnett, Mac. *Sam & Dave Dig a Hole*, illustrated by Jon Klassen. Candlewick.

Bryant, Jen. *The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus*, illustrated by Melissa Sweet. Eerdmans.

Tamaki, Mariko. *This One Summer*, illustrated by Jillian Tamaki. First Second.

Coretta Scott King (Author) Book Award recognizing an African American author and illustrator of outstanding books for children and young adults:

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Brown Girl Dreaming*. Penguin.

Three King Author Honor Books were selected:

Alexander, Kwame. *The Crossover*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Nelson, Marilyn. *How I Discovered Poetry*. Dial.

Magoon, Kekla. *How It Went Down*. Holt.

Coretta Scott King (Illustrator) Book Award:

Copeland, Misty. *Firebird*, illustrated by Christopher Myers. Putnam.

Two King Illustrator Honor Book were selected:

Powell, Patricia Hruby. *Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker*, illustrated by Christian Robinson. Chronicle Books.

Russell-Brown, Katheryn. *Little Melba and Her Big Trombone*, illustrated by Frank Morrison. Lee and Low.

Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Author Award:

Alexander, Jason. *When I Was the Greatest*. Atheneum.

Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in literature written for young adults:

Nelson, Jandy. *I'll Give You the Sun*, Dial.

Four Printz Honor Books also were named:

Hubbard, Jenny. *And We Stay*. Delacorte.

Foley, Jessie Ann. *The Carnival at Bray*. Elephant Rock Books.

Smith, Andrew. *Grasshopper Jungle*. Dutton.

Tamaki, Mariko. *This One Summer*, illustrated by Jillian Tamaki. First Second.

Pura Belpré (Illustrator) Award honoring a Latino writer and illustrator whose children's books best portray, affirm and celebrate the Latino cultural experience:

Morales, Yuyi. *Viva Frida*. Roaring Brook Press.

Three Belpré Illustrator Honor Books were named:

Elya, Susan Middleton. *Little Roja Riding Hood*, illustrated by Susan Guevara, Putnam.

Thong, Roseanne Greenfield. *Green Is a Chile Pepper*, illustrated by John Parra. Chronicle Books.

Tonatiuh, Duncan. *Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation*. Abrams.

Pura Belpré (Author) Award honoring Latino authors whose work best portrays, affirms and celebrates the Latino cultural experience:

Agosin, Marjorie. *I Lived on Butterfly Hill*. Atheneum

One Belpré Author Honor Book was named:

Herrera, Juan Felipe. *Portraits of Hispanic American Heroes*, illustrated by Raúl Colón. Dial.

Theodor Seuss Geisel Award for the most distinguished beginning reader book:

Kang, Anna. *You Are (Not) Small*, illustrated by Christopher Weyant. Two Lions.

Two Geisel Honor Books were named:

Rylant, Cynthia. *Mr. Putter & Tabby Turn the Page*, illustrated by Arthur Howard. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Willems, Mo. *Waiting Is Not Easy!* Hyperion.

Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award for most distinguished informational book for children:

Bryant, Jen. *The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus.*, illustrated by Melissa Sweet. Eerdmans.

Five Sibert Honor Books were named:

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Brown Girl Dreaming*. Penguin.

Fleming, Candace. *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, & the Fall of Imperial Russia*. Schwartz & Wade.

Powell, Patricia Hruby. *Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker*, illustrated by Christian Robinson. Chronicle Books.

Roy, Katherine. *Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands*. Roaring Brook.

Tonatiuh, Duncan. *Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation*. Abrams.

Schneider Family Book Award for books that embody an artistic expression of the disability experience:

Rabinowitz, Alan. *A Boy and a Jaguar*, illustrated by Catia Chien. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Martin, Ann M. *Rain Reign*. Feiwel.

Giles, Gail. *Girls Like Us*. Candlewick.

New board books – for babies and toddlers, ages 0 - 2

Mayer, Ellen. *A Fish to Feed*. Star Bright Books, 2015.

“Whatever the Weather!” series by Carol Thompson, Child’s Play, 2014.

“Wild!” series by Courtney Dicmas, Child’s Play, 2014.

New popup/flap book for toddlers

Cousins, Lucy. *Count with Maisy: Cheep, Cheep, Cheep!* Candlewick, 2015.

New picture books – to read aloud to children ages 2 – 5 – preschoolers

Ramstein, Anne-Margot. *Before After*. Candlewick, 2014.

Cronin, Doreen, *Smick!*, illustrated by Juana Medina. Viking, 2015.

Dyckman, Ame. *Wolfie the Bunny*, illustrated by Zachariah OHora. Little, Brown, 2015.

Light, Steve. *Have You Seen My Monster?* Candlewick, 2014.

Pennypacker, Sara. *Meet the Dullards*, illustrated by Daniel Salmieri. HarperCollins/Balzer+Bray, 2015

Three great new picture books for Father's Day

Climo, Liz. *Rory the Dinosaur: Me and My Dad*. Little, Brown, 2015.

Tafari, Nancy. *Daddy Hugs*. Little, Brown, 2014.

Waber, Bernard. *Ask Me*, illustrated by Suzy Lee. Houghton, 2015

Nonfiction for preschoolers

Bass, Jennifer Vogel. *Edible Colors: See. Learn. Eat.* Roaring Brook, 2014.

Allen, Kathryn M. *Show Me Happy*, with photos by Eric Futran. Whitman, 2015.

Frost, Helen. *Sweep Up the Sun* by Helen Frost, with photos by Rick Lieder. Candlewick, 2015.

Sanders, Robert L. *Outer Space Bedtime Race*, illustrated by Brian Won. Random House, 2015.

London, Jonathan. *Hippos Are Huge*, illustrated by Matthew Trueman. Candlewick, 2015.

New easy readers – for children ages 5 - 6, or Kindergarten to first grade

“Poppy the Pirate Dog” series by Liz Kessler and Mike Phillips, Candlewick – the first book came out in 2013, *Poppy the Pirate Dog*, followed by *Poppy the Pirate Dog’s New Shipmate* (2014), *Poppy the Pirate Dog and the Missing Treasure* (2015).

Willems, Mo. *I Will Take a Nap!* Disney-Hyperion, June 2015.

New transitional fiction – for ages 7 - 8, or 2nd and 3rd grades

DiCamillio, Kate. *Leroy Ninker Saddles Up*, illustrated by Chris VanDusen, Candlewick, 2014.

Gardner, Lyn. *The Lost Treasure of Little Snoring*, illustrated by Ros Asquith. Kids Can, 2015.

Patton, Jack. *The Lizard War*. Scholastic, 2015.

Bass, Patrik Henry. *The Zero Degree Zombie Zone*. Scholastic, 2014.

New poetry for children

Silverstein, Shel. *Falling Up*, Harper, 2015 (revised edition).

Sidman, Joyce. *Winter Bees and Other Poems of the Cold*, illustrated by Rick Allen. Harcourt, 2014.

Hammill, Elizabeth. *Over the Hills and Far Away: a Treasury of Nursery Rhymes*. Candlewick, 2015.

Janeczko, Paul B., editor. *The Death of the Hat: A Brief History of Poetry in 50 Objects*, illustrated by Chris Raschka. Candlewick, 2015.

New graphic novels for under age 12:

Braddock, Paige. *Stinky Cecil in Operation Pond Rescue*. AMP! Comics for Kids, 2015.

Watson, Andi. *Princess Decomposia and Count Spatula*. First Second, 2015.

McCormick, Scott. *Mr. Pants – Slacks, Camera, Action!* Dial, 2015.

New nonfiction:

Oliver, Narelle. *Sand Swimmers: the Secret Life of Australia’s Desert Wilderness*. Candlewick, 2015.

Brimner, Larry Dane. *Strike! The Farm Workers’ Fight for their Rights*. Calkins Creek, 2014.

Roy, Katherine. *Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands*. David Macaulay Studios, 2014.

Page, Robin. *A Chicken Followed Me Home! Questions and Answers about a Familiar Fowl!* Beach Lane, 2015.

Simon, Seymour. *Frogs: All About Their Life Cycle, Five Senses, Habitat, and More!* HarperCollins, 2015.

Casey, Susan. *Women Heroes of the American Revolution: 20 Stories of Espionage, Sabotage, Defiance, and Rescue*. Chicago Review, 2015.

New children's novels by genre:

Fantasy

Black, Holly and Cassandra Clare. *Iron Trial*. Scholastic, 2014.

Harrold, A.F. *The Imaginary*. Bloomsbury, 2015.

Historical Fiction

Meyer, Carolyn. *Diary of a Waitress*. Calkins Creek, 2015.

Rose, Caroline Starr. *Blue Birds*. Putnam, 2015.

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. *The War That Saved My Life*. Dial, 2015.

Humor

Barry, Dave. *The Worst Class Trip Ever*. Disney-Hyperion, 2015.

Adventure

Peterfreund, Diana. *Omega City*. HarperCollins/Balzer + Bray, 2015.

Mystery

Milford, Kate. *Greenglass House*. Clarion, 2014.

Realistic/Contemporary

Lord, Cynthia. *Handful of Stars*. Scholastic, June 2015.

Science Fiction

Reeve, Philip. *Cakes in Space*. Random House, 2015,

Kirby, Matthew J. *The Arctic Code*. Harpercollins/Balzer & Bray, 2015. This is the first entry in the Dark Gravity Sequence series.

Multicultural Books for Younger Children:

Alkhyayat, Mithaa. *My Own Special Way*, illustrated by Maya Fidawi, Sterling Orion, 2015.

Calle, Juan and Serena Valentino. *Good Dream, Bad Dream: The World's Heroes Save the Night!* illustrated by Juan Calle, Immedium, 2014.

Best, Cari. *My Three Best Friends and Me, Zulay*, illustrated by Vanessa Brantley Newton. Farrar, 2015.

Multicultural Books for Older Children:

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. *The Red Pencil*. Little Brown, 2014.

Jones, Kelly. *Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer*. Knopf, 2015.

Perkins, Mitali. *Tiger Boy*. Charlesbridge, 2015.

Rhodes, Jewell Parker. *Bayou Magic*. Little, Brown, 2015.

Multicultural Nonfiction:

Smith, Charles R. Jr. *28 Days: Moments in Black History That Changed the World*, illustrated by Shane W. Evans. Roaring Brook, 2015

Weatherford, Carole Boston. *Gordon Parks: How the Photographer Captured Black and White America*. Whitman, 2015.

Bolden, Tonya. *Capital Days: Michael Shiner's Journal and the Growth of Our Nation's Capital*. Abrams, 2015.

Pop Culture-related books:

Novak, B.M. *The Book with No Pictures*. Dial, 2014.

Kinney, Jeff. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Long Haul*. Amulet, 2014.

Donovan, Sandra. *Thrift Shopping*. Twenty-First Century Books, 2015.

Rex, Adam. *The True Meaning of Smekday*. Disney-Hyperion, 2007.

Rex, Adam. *Smek for President*. Disney-Hyperion, 2015.

Green, John. *Paper Towns*. Dutton, 2008.

Ibbotson, Eva. *Which Witch?* Puffin, 2000.

Professional reading:

Bird, Betsy, Julie Danielson, and Peter D. Sieruta. *Wild Things! Acts of Mischief in Children's Literature*. Candlewick, 2014.

Penny Peck, April 2015, Infopeople