

# Orbis Pictus Award

The **Orbis Pictus Award** for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children recognizes books which demonstrate excellence in the “writing of nonfiction for children.” It is awarded annually by the [National Council of Teachers of English](#) to one American book published the previous year. Up to five titles may be designated as Honor Books. The award is named after the book considered to be the first picture book for children, [Orbis Pictus](#)—The World in Pictures, by John Amos Comenius, which was published in 1657.

## Orbis Pictus Award Recipients

Year	Title	Author	Illustrator
2010	<i>The Secret World of Walter Anderson</i>	Hester Bass	E. B. Lewis
2009	<a href="#">Amelia Earhart</a> : <i>The Legend of the Lost Aviator</i> <sup>[9][10]</sup>	<a href="#">Shelley Tanaka</a>	David Craig
2008	<a href="#">M.L.K.</a> <i>Journey of a King</i> <i>Quest for the <a href="#">Tree Kangaroo</a>: An Expedition to the</i>	Tonya Bolden	
2007	<i>Cloud Forest of New Guinea</i>	Sy Montgomery	Nic Bishop (photos)
2006	<i>Children of the Great Depression</i> <sup>[11]</sup>	<a href="#">Russell Freedman</a>	
2005	<a href="#">York's</a> Adventures with <a href="#">Lewis and Clark</a> : An African-American's Part in the Great Expedition	Rhoda Blumberg	
2004	<i>An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the <a href="#">Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793</a></i>	<a href="#">Jim Murphy</a>	
2003	<i>When Marian Sang: The True Recital of <a href="#">Marian Anderson</a>: The Voice</i> of a Century	<a href="#">Pam Munoz Ryan</a> <sup>[12]</sup>	<a href="#">Brian Selznick</a>
2002	<i>Black Potatoes: The Story of the Great <a href="#">Irish Famine, 1845-1850</a></i>	<a href="#">Susan Campbell Bartoletti</a>	
2001	<i>Hurry Freedom: African Americans in <a href="#">Gold Rush California</a></i>	Jerry Stanley	
2000	<i>Through My Eyes</i> <i><a href="#">Shipwreck</a> at the Bottom of the World: The</i>	<a href="#">Ruby Bridges</a>	
1999	<i>Extraordinary True Story of <a href="#">Shackleton</a> and the <a href="#">Endurance</a></i>	<a href="#">Jennifer Armstrong</a>	
1998	<i>An Extraordinary Life: The Story of a <a href="#">Monarch Butterfly</a></i>	Laurence Pringle	Bob Marstall
1997	<a href="#">Leonardo da Vinci</a>	<a href="#">Diane Stanley</a> <sup>[13]</sup>	
1996	<i>The Great Fire</i>	<a href="#">Jim Murphy</a>	

- 1995 *Safari Beneath the Sea: The Wonder World of the North Pacific Coast* Diane Swanson
- 1994 *Across America on an [Emigrant Train](#)* [Jim Murphy](#)
- 1993 *Children in the [Dust Bowl](#): The True Story of the School at Weedpatch* Jerry Stanley
- Camp
- 1992 *Flight: The Journey of [Charles Lindbergh](#)* Robert Burleigh Mike Wimmer
- 1991 *[Franklin Delano Roosevelt](#)* [Russell Freedman](#)
- 1990 *The Great Little Madison* [Jean Fritz](#)