

THE CALDECOTT MEDAL

Awarded each year since 1938 by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, this is given to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children during the preceding year.

2010

The Lion and the Mouse

By Jerry Pinkney.....Children's Fiction
Retelling of Aesop's Fable.

2009

The House in the Night

By Beth Krommes.....Children's Fiction
The book is the story of light in the house during the night.

2008

The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures

By Brian Selznick.....Children's Fiction
Hugo Cabret is an orphan who lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station. His job is to wind the clocks, but he occasionally steals from an old man who has a toy counter in the station so he can repair a clock work automaton. When Hugo finds a friend in an eccentric, bookish girl and the key to the automaton, his destiny takes a sharp turn for the better.

2007

Flotsam

By David Wiesner.....Children's Fiction
A young boy discovers an old camera washed ashore. After developing the film, he examines the photographs and is amazed to find a picture within a picture within a picture going back into time to reveal the young boy who was the original subject of the photograph. A captivating wordless story.

2006

Hello Goodbye Window

By Norton Juster
Illustrated by Chris Raschka.....Children's Fiction
Looking out the kitchen window of Nonna and Poppy's house is magical; you never know what you might see! Best of all is the time a young girl spends with her very special grandparents.

2005

Kitten's First Full Moon

By Kevin HenkesChildren's Fiction
A naïve, hungry kitten mistakes the full moon for a "little bowl of milk in the sky," and sets off to quench her thirst. The kitten soon learns that what one desires can be found right at home.

2004

The Man Who Walked Between the Towers

By Mordicai Gerstein Children's Nonfiction
In 1974, when the World Trade Center still towered over New York City, a street performer name Phillippe Petit stretched a cable between the Twin Towers and daringly walked from rooftop to rooftop – 140 feet. Dizzying views and fascinating perspectives offer a remarkable tribute to the history of these extraordinary buildings.

2003

My Friend Rabbit

By Eric RohmannChildren's Fiction

Where Rabbit goes, trouble follows. When Mouse's new airplane lands in a tree, Rabbit's efforts to rescue it result in hilarious consequences. Mouse knows that Rabbit means well even if trouble is close behind. Well-crafted relief cuts dramatize this story about friendship.

2002

The Three Pigs

By David WiesnerChildren's Fiction

The wolf may huff and the wolf may puff but the overzealous wolf blows the three pigs right out of the picture and into their own stories of adventure. Just when you thought you knew this favorite tale of childhood, it changes again. Pure imagination that "blows you away!"

2001

So You Want to Be President?

By Judith St. George

Illustrated by David Small Children's Nonfiction

If you are a presidential hopeful, here are some historical facts to help decide if the White House is in your future. Humorous political cartoons underscore the unique similarities that increase your odds of being addressed as Mr. or Ms. President.

2000

Joseph Had a Little Overcoat

By Simms Taback.....Children's Fiction

A resourceful tailor transforms his worn-out overcoat into smaller and smaller garments. Clever die-cut pages intensify the humor and surprise in this cheerful adaptation of a Yiddish folk song

1999

Snowflake Bentley

By Jacqueline Briggs Martin

Illustrated by Mary Azarian..... Children's Nonfiction

Wilson Bentley loves snow, so much so that he spends fifty years of his life trying to capture its beauty on film. His photographs showed the world that no two snowflakes are alike and that each is an intricate miracle of nature. The gentle woodcuts in this biography harken back to the late 1800s when Snowflake Bentley was alive.

1998

Rapunzel

Retold by Paul O. Zelinsky Children's Nonfiction

In an evolution of the classic Grimms' and earlier versions of Rapunzel, this award-winning children's illustrator resplendently retells an age-old favorite. Luminous paintings reflect the formal beauty of the Italian Renaissance and combine with a lyrical text into a singular work.

1997

Golem

By David Wisniewski..... Children's Nonfiction

Anxious to hurt the Jews, Christians start saying that they drink the blood of Christian children. Knowing he must find a way to protect his people, Rabbi Loew creates a huge clay man – a golem – and brings him to life.

1996

Officer Buckle and Gloria

By Peggy Rathmann.....Children's Fiction

Until the day Gloria, the safety dog, joins him, everyone sleeps through Officer Buckle's

safety program. But with Gloria secretly miming Officer Buckle's advice, everyone starts paying attention.

1995

Smoky Night

By Eve Bunting

Illustrated by David Diaz.....Children's Fiction

Daniel and his mother learn first-hand what it is like to experience the violence of urban riots, but also find hope as they come to know the people who live around them.

1994

Grandfather's Journey

By Allen Say.....Children's Fiction

Three generations of a Japanese family are torn between their desire to stay in this country and their longing to return to Japan. The book quietly and powerfully captures the feelings of immigrants who find "the moment I am in one country, I am homesick for the other."

1993

Mirette on the High Wire

By Emily Arnold McCully.....Children's Fiction

Working in her mother's fashionable Paris hotel, little Mirette is enchanted by their tightrope-walking guest, Mr. Bellini. Once the child becomes a confident and joyous tightrope-walker, it is she who helps the famous Bellini overcome his fears.

1992

Tuesday

By David Wiesner.....Children's Fiction

"Tuesday evening, around eight" begins this nearly wordless but hilarious look at the night the frogs – and their lily pads – rise up out of the pond like miniature aliens on flying saucers and zoom into town.

1991

Black and White

By David Macaulay.....Children's Fiction

What at first seem to be four very distinct picture stories may instead be one very unusual story in four parts.

1990

Lon Po Po: A Red Riding Hood Story From China

Translated & illustrated by Ed Young..... Children's Nonfiction

A wily wolf tries to trick three little girls into believing he is their Po Po (grandmother). Just in the nick of time they recognize him and cleverly use his greed to bring about his comeuppance.

1989

Song and Dance Man

By Karen Ackerman

Illustrated by Stephen Gammel.....Children's Fiction

When his grandchildren come to visit, Grandpa whisks them up to the attic. There he retrieves his old vaudeville hat, cane, and shoes and performs an exciting routine that captivates his grandchildren and readers alike.

1988

Owl Moon

By Jane Yolen

Illustrated by John Schoenherr.....Children's Fiction

Late one quiet winter night, a little girl and her father go owling, watching and listening for the signs that say a Great Horned Owl is nearby.

1987

Hey, Al

By Arthur Yorinks

Illustrated by Richard Egielski.....Children's Fiction

Al, a janitor, and Eddie, his dog, are swept away from their humdrum lives by a huge bird that takes them to a place that seems like paradise.

1986

The Polar Express

By Chris Van Allsburg.....Children's Fiction

On Christmas Eve a wonderful train takes a little boy to the North Pole where he is chosen to receive the first gift of Christmas – a bell from Santa's sleigh.

1985

Saint George and the Dragon

Retold by Margaret Hodges

Illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman..... Children's Nonfiction

Again and again St. George battles the huge and horrible dragon, trying to kill it and free the people of England from its reign of terror.

1984

The Glorious Flight: Across the Channel With Louis Bleriot

By Alice & Martin Provensen..... Children's Nonfiction

Wanting badly to fly, Louis experiments with all kinds of airplanes. Finally, in 1909, he tries to fly a real plane across the English Channel.

1983

Shadow

By Blaise Cendrars

Translated & illustrated by Marcia Brown..... Children's Nonfiction

Shadow, a moving, dancing figure that lives in African stories, aunts the pictures and people in this translation of an old French poem.

1982

Jumanji

By Chris Van Allsburg.....Children's Fiction

Looking for something interesting to do, Peter and Judy decide to try the strange game they found in the park. Boredom vanishes as every move they make becomes real.

1981

Fables

By Arnold Lobel.....Children's Fiction

Poking fun at human weaknesses, these twenty humorous and delightful animal fables, like those of Aesop, offer their own thoughtful morals.

1980

Ox-Cart Man

By Donald Hall

Illustrated by Barbara Cooney.....Children's Fiction

All year long a New England farm family works, gathering and creating things for Father to take on his ox-cart to New Hampshire's Portsmouth Market.

1979

The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses

By Paul Goble.....Children’s Fiction
Accepted as a part of their herd by the beautiful wild horses, the young Indian girl never wants to leave them.

1978

Noah’s Ark

By Jacob Revius
Illustrated by Peter Spier.....Children’s Fiction
Having gathered all the animals aboard the ark, Noah and his family clean and care for their ever increasing number of passengers in these detailed, often amusing, pictures.

1977

Ashanti to Zulu

By Margaret Musgrove
Illustrated by Leo & Diane Dillon..... Children’s Nonfiction
Each letter of the alphabet illustrates an African tribe by using a brief text and exquisite pictures showing a man, woman, and child in their traditional costume and setting.

1976

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People’s Ears

By Vera Aardema
Illustrated by Leo & Diane Dillon..... Children’s Nonfiction
A gossipy mosquito tells a tall tale that sets off a chain reaction in the jungle in this West African folktale.

1975

Arrow to the Sun

By Gerald McDermott..... Children’s Nonfiction
Determined to find his unknown father, a Pueblo Indian boy allows himself to be transformed into an arrow and shot to the sun. There he must prove himself worthy of being an heir to the Lord of the Sun.

1974

Duffy and the Devil

Retold by Harve Zemach
Illustrated by Margot Zemach..... Children’s Nonfiction
“The devil can make Squire Lovel’s stockings for all I care!” shouts Duffy, and sure enough the devil appears. In exchange for doing her work, Duffy agrees to go with the devil in three years if she can’t guess his name.

1973

The Funny Little Woman

Retold by Arlene Mosel
Illustrated by Blair Lent..... Children’s Nonfiction
Chasing her rice ball down a hole in the earth, the funny little woman is captured by one of the wicked Oni. She cleverly escapes them, even managing to take their magic rice paddle in this humorous Japanese folktale.

1972

One Fine Day

By Nonny Hogrogian.....Children’s Fiction
To get the old woman to sew back his tail, which she cut off, fox must replace the milk that he drank in this delightful cumulative tale.

1971

A Story, A Story

Retold & illustrated by Gail E. Haley..... Children's Nonfiction

Ananse, the great African spider man, completes three almost impossible tasks to win Nyame the Sky God's box of stories and tell them throughout the world.

1970

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble

By William Steig.....Children's Fiction

While holding a magic pebble, Sylvester, a donkey, is frightened by a lion and wishes to be a rock. With everyone looking for him and missing him, Sylvester can only wait until someone finds the pebble and wishes him into a donkey again.

1969

The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship

Retold by Arthur Ransome

Illustrated by Uri Shulevitz Children's Nonfiction

His kindness to a wise old man and seven supernaturally powered strangers earns the gentle fool a magic flying ship and a chance to marry the Czar's daughter.

1968

Drummer Hoff

Adapted by Barbara Emberley

Illustrated by Ed Emberley.....Children's Fiction

"Private Partridge brought the carriage," begins the cumulative, rhyming text that leads to "Drummer Hoff fired it off," and a huge "Kahbahbloom!"

1967

Sam, Bangs, and Moonshine

By Evaline Ness.....Children's Fiction

A little girl learns to distinguish the truth from "moonshine" only after her best friend and her cat nearly meet tragedy.

1966

Always Room for One More

By Sorche Nic Leodhas

Illustrated by Nonny Hogrogian.....Children's Fiction

A lively, rhyming Scottish song tells how Lachie MacLachlan invited so many people into his family's little house that it finally fell down.

1965

May I Bring a Friend?

By Beatrice Schenk de Regniers

Illustrated by Beni Montresor.....Children's Fiction

Each time a little boy visits the King and Queen for tea, he asks to bring a special friend, a zoo animal. The King's response is always, "My dear, My dear, Any friend of our friend is welcome here."

1964

Where the Wild Things Are

By Maurice Sendak.....Children's Fiction

Sent to bed without any supper, Max travels "in and out of weeks and almost over a year to where the wild things are."

1963

The Snowy Day

By Ezra Jack Keats.....Children's Fiction

Peter has fun on a snow-covered day making tracks and angels, building a snowman and even trying to save some of the wonderful stuff for later.

1962

Once a Mouse

By Marcia Brown.....Children's Fiction

To save a little mouse's life, an old Hermit changes him from animal to animal until he is a tiger, too proud to remember that he was once a mouse.

1961

Baboushka and the Three Kings

By Ruth Robbins

Illustrated by Nicolas Sidjakov..... Children's Nonfiction

Too late, Baboushka decides to join the Three Kings' search for the special baby. Trudging through the snow, Baboushka leaves presents for the children in the villages she passes in this Russian Christmas legend.

1960

Nine Days to Christmas

By Marie Hall Ets

Illustrated by Aurora Labastida.....Children's Fiction

Ceci is in kindergarten and finally old enough to have her own Christmas posada. When the night of the party comes, she doesn't want anyone to break her lovely pinata.

1959

Chanticleer and the Fox

By Chaucer

Retold & illustrated by Barbara Cooney Children's Nonfiction

Mr. Chanticleer, the rooster, is taken in by the fox's frivolous flattery and nearly loses his life in this adaptation of one of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales.

1958

Time of Wonder

By Robert McCloskey.....Children's Fiction

Spending the summer on an island in Maine means swimming, sailing, fog-quiet mornings investigating the beach, and singing loud enough to drown out the noise of a hurricane.

1957

A Tree Is Nice

By Janice Udry

Illustrated by Marc Simont.....Children's Fiction

Discover all the ways that trees are nice! They give shade, are fun to climb, great for swinging, and even give cats a place to hide from dogs.

1956

Frog Went A-Courtin'

Retold by John Langstaff

Illustrated by Feodor Rojankovsky.....Children's Fiction

In rollicking verse, frog courts Mistress Mouse, who says "Without my Uncle Rat's consent, I would not marry the president," and finally wins permission to marry her.

1955

Cinderella

By Perrault

Retold & illustrated by Marcia Brown..... Children's Nonfiction

After her stepsisters and stepmother have gone to the ball, Cinderella's fairy godmother appears and transforms her into a beautiful lady sure to win the prince's heart

1954

Madeline's Rescue

By Ludwig Bemelmans.....Children's Fiction

When Madeline falls into the Seine, a brave dog jumps in and rescues her from drowning and is adopted by the girls at Miss Clavel's school.

1953

The Biggest Bear

By Lynd Ward.....Children's Fiction

Johnny's search for a bearskin gets him a real bear cub who likes to eat and eat, becoming the biggest bear and a real problem for Johnny's family.

1952

Finders Keepers

By Will Lipkind

Illustrated by Nicolas Mordvinoff.....Children's Fiction

Two dogs fighting over a bone soon discover that they can both enjoy it if they are willing to share.

1951

The Egg Tree

By Katherine Milhous.....Children's Fiction

Hunting for eggs on Easter, Katy finds a box of beautifully painted ones in the attic. With them Grandmom makes an egg tree and begins an Easter tradition.

1950

Song of the Swallows

By Leo Politi.....Children's Fiction

Because he loves the swallows that return to the mission of Capistrano each spring, Juan builds a garden in front of his home to attract them.

1949

The Big Snow

By Berta & Elmer Hader.....Children's Fiction

Seeing the geese fly south reminds the other birds and wild animals that winter is fast approaching and with it a BIG snow.

1948

White Snow, Bright Snow

By Alvin Tresselt

Illustrated by Roger Duvoisin.....Children's Fiction

When the snow finally comes, covering everything with icy cold, sparkling flakes, the people are prepared with boots, mittens and snow shovels and animals with warm underground burrows.

1947

The Little Island

By Golden McDonald

Illustrated by Leonard Weisgard.....Children's Fiction

Birds and insects come and go, seasons change, a storm approaches and a little kitten arrives

to question the value of an island so far from land.

1946

The Rooster Crows

By Maud & Miska Petersham.....Children's Fiction
American jump rope and counting-out rhymes, fingerplays, riddles, and games fill this book with humor, rhythm, and fun.

1945

Prayer for a Child

By Rachel Field
Illustrated by Elizabeth Orton Jones.....Children's Fiction
The lines of a bedtime prayer ask for God's blessings on all the things that are important to children everywhere in the world.

1944

Many Moons

By James Thurber
Illustrated by Louis Slobodkin.....Children's Fiction
Unable to get the moon for his darling daughter, the King asks the most important people in the court for help. Only the court jester has the wisdom to give the little girl what she really wants.

1943

The Little House

By Virginia Lee Burton.....Children's Fiction
Built long ago, far out in the country, the little house is now surrounded by the city and misses the sounds of birds and children and the changing of the seasons.

1942

Make Way for Ducklings

By Robert McCloskey.....Children's Fiction
Having hatched her ducklings and taught them to march nicely in single file, Mrs. Mallard decides to march them straight through Boston's busy streets to the Public Garden and pond.

1941

They Were Strong and Good

By Robert Lawson..... Children's Nonfiction
Pioneers, sea captains, farmers, and soldiers – these are the people who built America, got the country through troubled times, and always “were strong and good.”

1940

Abraham Lincoln

By Ingri & Edgar Parin d'Aulaire..... Children's Nonfiction
Putting footprints on his cabin ceiling and walking three miles to repay six cents are but two of the things that make Abraham Lincoln such an interesting young man.

1939

Mei Li

By Thomas Handforth.....Children's Fiction
Mei Li and her brother go to the wonderful Chinese fair near their home, relishing every moment there but being sure that they get home in time to greet the new year.

1938

Animals of the Bible

By Helen Dean Fish

Illustrated by Dorothy P. Lathrop Children's Nonfiction
Beautiful pictures of animals are matched to thirty-one Old and New Testament Bible
stories.