

Caldecott Award Winners

Awarded annually by the American Library Association to the illustrator of the most distinguished American children's picture book.



2026: Fireworks written by Matthew Burgess, illustrated by Cátia Chien

- 2025: **Chooch Helped** written by Andrea L. Rogers, illustrated by Rebecca Lee Kunz
- 2024: **Big** by Vashti Harrison
- 2023: **Hot Dog** by Doug Salati
- 2022: **Watercress** by Andrea Wang & Jason Chin
- 2021: **We Are Water Protectors** illustrated by Michaela Goade, written by Carole Lindstrom
- 2020: **The Undefeated**, illustrated by Kadir Nelson & written by Kwame Alexander
- 2019: **Hello Lighthouse** illustrated & written by Sophie Blackall
- 2018: **Wolf in the Snow** written & illustrated by Matthew Cordel
- 2017: **Radiant Child** written & illustrated by Javaka Steptoe
- 2016: **Finding Winnie: the true story of the world's most bear** by Lindsay Mattick
- 2015: **The Adventures of Beekle: the unimaginary friend** by Dan Santat
- 2014: **Locomotive** by Brian Floca
- 2013: **This Is Not My Hat** written & illustrated by Jon Klassen
- 2012: **A Ball For Daisy** by Chris Raschka
- 2011: **A Sick Day For Amos McGee**. Illustrated by Erin E. Stead; text by Phillip C. Stead
- 2010: **The Lion & The Mouse** by Jerry Pinkney
- 2009: **The House in the Night**. Illustrated by Beth Krommes; text by Susan Marie Swanson
- 2008: **The Invention of Hugo Cabret** by Brian Selznick
- 2007: **Flotsam** by David Wiesner
- 2006: **The Hello, Goodbye Window**. Illustrated by Chris Raschka; text by Norton Juster
- 2005: **Kitten's First Full Moon** by Kevin Henkes
- 2004: **The Man Who Walked Between the Towers** by Mordicai Gerstein
- 2003: **My Friend Rabbit** by Eric Rohmann
- 2002: **The Three Pigs** by David Wiesner
- 2001: **So You Want to Be President?** Illustrated by David Small; text by Judith St. George
- 2000: **Joseph Had a Little Overcoat** by Simms Taback
- 1999: **Snowflake Bentley**, Illustrated by Mary Azarian; text by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
- 1998: **Rapunzel** by Paul O. Zelinsky
- 1997: **Golem** by David Wisniewski

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- 1996: **Officer Buckle and Gloria** by Peggy Rathmann
- 1995: **Smoky Night**, illustrated by David Diaz; text: Eve Bunting
- 1994: **Grandfather's Journey** by Allen Say; text: edited by Walter Lorraine
- 1993: **Mirette on the High Wire** by Emily Arnold McCully
- 1992: **Tuesday** by David Wiesner
- 1991: **Black and White** by David Macaulay
- 1990: **Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China** by Ed Young
- 1989: **Song and Dance Man**, illustrated by Stephen Gammell; text by Karen Ackerman
- 1988: **Owl Moon**, illustrated by John Schoenherr; text: Jane Yolen
- 1987: **Hey, Al**, illustrated by Richard Egielski; text: Arthur Yorinks
- 1986: **The Polar Express** by Chris Van Allsburg
- 1985: **Saint George and the Dragon**, illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman; text: retold by Margaret Hodges
- 1984: **The Glorious Flight: Across the Channel with Louis Bleriot** by Alice & Martin Provensen
- 1983: **Shadow**, translated and illustrated by Marcia Brown; original text in French: Blaise Cendrars
- 1982: **Jumanji** by Chris Van Allsburg
- 1981: **Fables** by Arnold Lobel
- 1980: **Ox-Cart Man**, illustrated by Barbara Cooney; text: Donald Hall
- 1979: **The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses** by Paul Goble
- 1978: **Noah's Ark** by Peter Spier
- 1977: **Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions**, illustrated by Leo & Diane Dillon; text: Margaret Musgrove
- 1976: **Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears**, illustrated by Leo & Diane Dillon; text: retold by Verna Aardema
- 1975: **Arrow to the Sun** by Gerald McDermott
- 1974: **Duffy and the Devil**, illustrated by Margot Zemach; retold by Harve Zemach
- 1973: **The Funny Little Woman**, illustrated by Blair Lent; text: retold by Arlene Mosel
- 1972: **One Fine Day**, retold and illustrated by Nonny Hogrogian
- 1971: **A Story A Story**, retold and illustrated by Gail E. Haley
- 1970: **Sylvester and the Magic Pebble** by William Steig
- 1969: **The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship**, illustrated by Uri Shulevitz; text: retold by Arthur Ransome
- 1968: **Drummer Hoff**, illustrated by Ed Emberley; text: adapted by Barbara Emberley
- 1967: **Sam, Bangs & Moonshine** by Evaline Ness

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- 1966: ***Always Room for One More***, illustrated by Nonny Hogrogian; text: Sorche Nic Leodhas, pseud. [Leclair Alger]
- 1965: ***May I Bring a Friend?*** illustrated by Beni Montresor; text: Beatrice Schenk de Regniers
- 1964: ***Where the Wild Things Are*** by Maurice Sendak
- 1963: ***The Snowy Day*** by Ezra Jack Keats
- 1962: ***Once a Mouse***, retold and illustrated by Marcia Brown
- 1961: ***Baboushka and the Three Kings***, illustrated by Nicolas Sidjakov; text: Ruth Robbins
- 1960: ***Nine Days to Christmas***, illustrated by Marie Hall Ets; text: Marie Hall Ets and Aurora Labastida
- 1959: ***Chanticleer and the Fox***, illustrated by Barbara Cooney; text: adapted from Chaucer's Canterbury Tales by Barbara Cooney
- 1958: ***Time of Wonder*** by Robert McCloskey
- 1957: ***A Tree Is Nice***, illustrated by Marc Simont; text: Janice Udry
- 1956: ***Frog Went A-Courtin'***, illustrated by Feodor Rojankovsky; text: retold by John Langstaff
- 1955: ***Cinderella, or the Little Glass Slipper***, illustrated by Marcia Brown; text: translated from C. Perrault by Marcia Brown
- 1954: ***Madeline's Rescue*** by Ludwig Bemelmans
- 1953: ***The Biggest Bear*** by Lynd Ward
- 1952: ***Finders Keepers***, illustrated by Nicolas, pseud. (Nicholas Mordvinoff); text: Will, pseud. [William Lipkind]
- 1951: ***The Egg Tree*** by Katherine Milhous
- 1950: ***Song of the Swallows*** by Leo Politi
- 1949: ***The Big Snow*** by Berta & Elmer Hader
- 1948: ***White Snow, Bright Snow***, illustrated by Roger Duvoisin; text: Alvin Tresselt
- 1947: ***The Little Island***, illustrated by Leonard Weisgard; text: Golden MacDonald, pseud. [Margaret Wise Brown]
- 1946: ***The Rooster Crows*** by Maude & Miska Petersham
- 1945: ***Prayer for a Child***, illustrated by Elizabeth Orton Jones; text: Rachel Field
- 1944: ***Many Moons***, illustrated by Louis Slobodkin; text: James Thurber
- 1943: ***The Little House*** by Virginia Lee Burton
- 1942: ***Make Way for Ducklings*** by Robert McCloskey
- 1941: ***They Were Strong and Good***, by Robert Lawson