California Young Reader Medal Nominees and Winners List
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Primary (Grades K-2)
The first Primary Award was given in 1976. Primary books were not included in the voting in 1977, 1979 and 1981. Beginning in 1987, the illustrator of the winning book was given full recognition along with the author.

2024-2025 Winner: In Process
2024-2025 Nominees:


2023 - 2024 Winner: In Process
2023-2024 Nominees:

- The Littlest Yak by Lu Fraser. Illustrated by Kate Hindley. 2020.
- Negative Cat by Sophie Blackall. 2021.
- The Scarecrow by Beth Ferry. Illustrated by the Fan Brothers. 2019.

2022 - 2023 Winner: We Don’t Eat Our Classmates by Ryan T. Higgins, 2018
2022 - 2023 Nominees:

- Parker Looks Up by Parker Curry and Jessica Curry. Illustrated by Brittany Jackson. 2019.
- We Don’t Eat Our Classmates by Ryan T. Higgins. 2018

2021-2022 Nominees:

- Drawn Together by Minh Le. Illustrated by Dan Santat. 2018.
- Dreamers by Yuyi Morales. 2018.

2020-2021 Nominees:

- After the Fall by Dan Santat. 2017.
- Poor Louie by Tony Fucile. 2017.

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2019-2020 Nominees:


2018-2019 Nominees:
- *I Don’t Want to be a Frog* by Dev Petty. Illustrated by Mike Boldt, Doubleday Books for Young Readers, 2015


2017-2018 Nominees:


2016-2017 Nominees:


2015-2016 Nominees:

2014-2015 Nominees:


2013-2014 Nominees:

- **Stars** written by Mary Lyn Ray. Illustrated by Marla Frazee. Beach Lane Books, 2011.


2012-2013 Nominees:


2011-2012 Nominees:


2010-2011 Nominees:


2009-2010 Nominees:


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2008-2009 Nominees:


2007-2008 Nominees:


2006-2007 Nominees:


2005-2006 Nominees:


2004-2005 Nominees:


2003-2004 Nominees:


**Mice and Beans** by Pam Munoz Ryan. Illustrated by Joe Cepeda. Scholastic, 2001.


2002-2003 Nominees:
- **Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type** by Doreen Cronin. Illustrated by Betsy Lewin. Simon & Schuster, 2000.


2001-2002 Nominees:
- **Cook-a-Doodle-Doo!** by Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens. Crummel Harcourt, 1999.
- **Mr. Tanen's Ties** by Maryann Cocca-Leffler. Albert Whitman, 1999.


2000-2001 Nominees:
- **A Bad Case of Stripes** by David Shannon. Scholastic, 1998.
- **The Lost and Found** by Mark Teague. Scholastic, 1998.


1999-2000 Nominees:
- **The Secret Shortcut** by Mark Teague. Scholastic, 1996.


1998-1999 Nominees:


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1997-1998 Nominees:

- **Down the Road** by Alice Schertle. Illustrated by E.B. Lewis. Harcourt Brace, 1995.


1996-1997 Nominees:

- **The Bee Tree** by Patricia Polacco. Philomel, 1993.


1995-1996 Nominees:

- **Ruby the Copycat** by Peggy Rathmann. Scholastic, 1993.


1994-1995 Nominees:

- **The Signmaker’s Assistant** by Tedd Arnold. Dial, 1992.


1993-1994 Nominees:


1992-1993 Nominees:


1991-1992 Nominees:

- **A Frog for Henry** by Margaret Mahy. Illustrated by John E. S. Miles. Dial, 1990.
- **Man-Eating Shark** by Margaret Mahy. Illustrated by John E. S. Miles. Dial, 1990.
- **Copycat** by Peggy Rathmann. Scholastic, 1993.

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1990-1991 Nominees:

1989-1990 Nominees:

1988-1989 Nominees:

1987-1988 Nominees:

1986-1987 Nominees:

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1985-1986 Nominees:

1984-1985 Nominees:

1983-1984 Nominees:
  Alexander, Who Used to be Rich Last Sunday by Judith Viorst. Illustrated by Ray Cruz.
  A Rose for Pinkerton by Steven Kellogg. Dial, 1981.

1982-1983 Nominees:
  It's So Nice to Have a Wolf Around the House by Harry Allard. Illustrated by James Marshall.
  The Wuggie Norpde Story by Daniel M. Pinkwater. Illustrated by Tomie de Paola. Scholastic, 1980.

1981-1982 Nominees:

1979-1980 Nominees:

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Mr. And Mrs. Pig's Evening Out by Mary Rayner. Atheneum, 1976.


1977-1978 Nominees:


1975-1976 Nominees:


Intermediate (Grades 3-5)
Intermediate books were not included in the 1976, 1978, or 1980 voting. After the 1977 voting, it was decided the intermediate category was too broad and a Middle School/Junior High School category was added.

2024 - 2025 Winner: In Process
2024 - 2025 Nominees:
  * New From Here. by Kelly Yang. 2022.

2023 - 2024 Winner: In Process
2023 - 2024 Nominees:
  * A Game of Fox and Squirrels by Jenn Reese. 2020.
  * We're Not From Here by Geoff Rodkey. 2019.

2022 - 2023 Nominees:

2021 - 2022 Nominees:
  * Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga. 2019.

2020 - 2021 Nominees:
  * Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan. 2016.

2019 - 2020 Nominees:
  * The Detective's Assistant by Kate Hannigan. 2015.
  * The Losers Club. by Andrew Clements. 2017

2018-2019 Nominees:
  * Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt. Puffin Books, 2017
  * Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate. Feiwel & Friends, 2015


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2017-2018 Nominees:

**Dash** by Kirby Larson. Scholastic, 2016.

2016-2017 Nominees:

**Rump** by Liesl Shurtliff. Published by Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2013.

2015-2016 Nominees:


2014-2015 Nominees:

**Wild Wings** by Gill Lewis. Illustrated by Yuta Onada. Atheneum, 2011.

2013-2014 Nominees:


2012-2013 Nominees:

**Where the Mountain Meets the Moon** by Grace Lin. Little, Brown, 2009.

2011-2012 Nominees:


2010-2011 Nominees:

**Greetings from Planet Earth** by Barbara Kerley. Scholastic Press, 2007.


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2009-2010 Nominees:
- **A Friendship for Today** by Patricia C. McKissack. Scholastic, 2007.


2008-2009 Nominees:
- **Phineas L. MacGuire...Erupts!: The First Experiment** by Frances O’Roark Dowell. Simon & Schuster, 2006.


2007-2008 Nominees:
- **Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs** by Betty Birney. Illustrated by Matt Phelan. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2005.


2006-2007 Nominees:
- **Ida B...and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World** by Katherine Hannigan. Greenwillow, 2004.


2005-2006 Nominees:
- **Following Fake Man** by Barbara Ware Holmes. Knopf, 2001.


2004-2005 Nominees:


2003-2004 Nominees:


2002-2003 Nominees:


2001-2002 Nominees:
- **Flying Solo** by Ralph Fletcher (Clarion, 1998)

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2000-2001 Nominees:

1999-2000 Nominees:

1998-1999 Nominees:
- Family Tree by Katherine Ayres. Delacorte, 1996.

1997-1998 Nominees:

1996-1997 Nominees:

1995-1996 Nominees:

1994-1995 Nominees:

1993-1994 Nominees:

1992-1993 Nominees:

1991-1992 Nominees:

- *This Island Isn’t Big Enough for the Four of Us* by Gery Greer and Bob Ruddick. Collins/Crowell, 1987.


1990-1991 Nominees:


1989-1990 Nominees:


1988-1989 Nominees:


1987-1988 Nominees:


1986-1987 Nominees:


1985-1986 Nominees:


1984-1985 Nominees:

- *Save Queen of Sheba* by Louise Moeri. Dutton, 1981.


1983-1984 Nominees:


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1982-1983 Nominees:

- **Ramona and Her Mother** by Beverly Cleary. Morrow, 1979; Dell 1980.


1980-1981 Nominees:


1978-1979 Nominees:

- **The Devil’s Storybook** by Natalie Babbitt. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1974.
- **Philip Hall Likes Me, I Reckon Maybe** by Bette Greene. Dial, 1974.


1976-1977 Nominees:

- **Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing** by Judy Blume. Dutton, 1972.


1974-1975 Nominees:

- **Annie and the Old One** by Miska Miles. Little, Brown, 1971.
Middle School/Junior High (Grades 6-8)
The Middle School/Junior High award began in 1980; it was not included in the voting in 1981.

2024 - 2025 Winner: In Process
2024 - 2025 Nominees:

2023 - 2024 Winner: In Process
2023 - 2024 Nominees:

2022 - 2023 Nominees:
   *Winterhouse* by Ben Guterson. 2018.

2021 - 2022 Nominees:

2020 - 2021 Nominees:
   *Hope in the Holler* by Lisa Lewis Tyre. 2018.
   *Lily and Dunkin* by Donna Gephart. 2016.

2019-2020 Nominees:
   *It Ain't So Awful, Falafel* by Firoozeh Dumas, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016
   *Refugee* by Alan Gratz. Scholastic, 2017
   *When Friendship Followed Me Home* by Paul Griffin Penguin Random House, 2017

2018-2019 Nominees:
   *Echo* by Pam Munoz Ryan. Scholastic Press, 2015
   *Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk. Dutton books for Young Readers, 2016

2017-2018 Nominees:
   *A Night Divided* by Jennier Nielsen. Scholastic, 2016

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*Tesla’s Attic*, by Neal Shusterman and Eric Elfman. Disney-Hyperion, 2014


2016-2017 Nominees:


2015-2016 Nominees:
- *Dogtag Summer* by Elizabeth Partridge. Bloomsbury USA Children's, 2011.


2014-2015 Nominees:


2013-2014 Nominees:
- *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia. Amistad, 2010


2012-2013 Nominees:


2011-2012 Nominees:


2010-2011 Nominees:
- *Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis. Scholastic, 2007


2009-2010 Nominees:


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2008-2009 Nominees:


2007-2008 Nominees:

- **Chicken Boy** by Frances O’Roark Dowell. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2005.


2006-2007 Nominees:


2005-2006 Nominees:

- **Stand Tall** by Joan Bauer. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2002.


2004-2005 Nominees:


2003-2004 Nominees:


2002-2003 Nominees:

- **Esperanza Rising** by Pam Munoz Ryan. Scholastic, 2000.


2001-2002 Nominees:

- **The Skin I'm In** by Sharon Flake. Hyperion, 1998.


2000-2001 Nominees:


1999-2000 Nominees:

- **Voices of Silence** by Bel Mooney. Delacorte, 1997.

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1998-1999 Nominees:
- **The Fire Pony** by Rodman Philbrick. Scholastic, 1996.
- **Jip: His Story** by Katherine Paterson. Lodestar, 1996.


1997-1998 Nominees:


1996-1997 Nominees:


1995-1996 Nominees:


1994-1995 Nominees:


1993-1994 Nominees:
- **Face to Face** by Marion Dane Bauer. Clarion, 1991.


1992-1993 Nominees:


1991-1992 Nominees:


1990-1991 Nominees:


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1989-1990 Nominees:
- Return to Bitter Creek by Doris Buchanan Smith. Viking, 1986.

1988-1989 Nominees:

1987-1988 Nominees:

1986-1987 Nominees:
- Girl with the Silver Eyes by Willo Davis Roberts. Atheneum, 1980; Scholastic, 1982.
1985-1986 Nominees:


1984-1985 Nominees:
- The Animal, the Vegetable, and John D. Jones by Betsy Byars. Delacorte, 1982; Dell, 1983.

1983-1984 Nominees:

1982-1983 Nominees:

1981-1982 Nominees:


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1979-1980 Nominees:

Young Adult (Grades 9-12)
The Young Adult award began in 1977. Young Adult books were not included in the voting in 1978, 1980 and 1982.

2024 - 2025 Winner: In Process
2024 - 2025 Nominees:
  - Love in English. by Maria Andreu. 2021.

2023 - 2024 Winner: In Process
2023 - 2024 Nominees:
  - I'm Not Dying With You Tonight by Kimberly Jones and Gilly Segal. 2019.

2022 - 2023 Nominees:
  - Unclaimed Baggage by Jen Doll. 2018.
  - With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo. 2019.

2021 - 2022 Nominees:
  - Patron Saints of Nothing by Randy Ribay. 2019.

2020 - 2021 Winner: All We Have Left by Wendy Mills. 2016.
2020 - 2021 Nominees:
  - All We Have Left by Wendy Mills. 2016.

2019-2020 Nominees:
  - The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas. Harper Collins, 2017


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2018-2019 Nominees:

- **Girl in the Blue Coat** by Monica Hesse. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2017
- **Written in the Stars** by Aisha Saeed. Speak, 2016


2017-2018 Nominees:

- **Salt to the Sea** by Ruta Sepetys. Penguin Random House, 2016


2016-2017 Nominees:


2015-2016 Nominees:

- **Cinder** by Marissa Meyer. Feiwel & Friends, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, 2012.
- **Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children** by Ransom Riggs. Quirk Books, 2011.


2014-2015 Nominees:

- **Daughter of Smoke and Bone** by Laini Taylor. Little, Brown, 2011.


2013-2014 Nominees:


2012-2013 Nominees:

- **Beautiful Creatures** by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl. Little, Brown, 2009.


2011-2012 Nominees:


2010-2011 Nominees:

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2009-2010 Nominees:

2008-2009 Nominees:
Life As We Knew It by Susan Pfeffer. Harcourt, 2006.

2007-2008 Nominees:

2006-2007 Nominees:
Hanging on to Max by Margaret Bechard. Roaring Brook Press, 2002.

2005-2006 Nominees:

2004-2005 Nominees:

2003-2004 Nominees:

2002-2003 Nominees:
Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1999

2001-2002 Nominees:

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2000-2001 Nominees:

1999-2000 Nominees:

1998-1999 Nominees:
   California Blue by David Klass. Scholastic, 1994.

1997-1998 Nominees:

1996-1997 Nominees:
   In The Middle of the Night by Robert Cormier. Delacorte, 1995.

1995-1996 Nominees:

1994-1995 Nominees:

1993-1994 Nominees:

1992-1993 Nominees:


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1991-1992 Nominees:

1990-1991 Nominees:

1989-1990 Nominees:

1988-1989 Nominees:
   The War Between the Classes by Gloria Miklowitz. Delacorte, 1985; Dell, 1986.

1987-1988 Nominees:

1986-1987 Nominees:

1985-1986 Nominees:

1984-1985 Nominees:

1983-1984 Nominees:
   Run, Don’t Walk by Harriet May Savitz. Watts, 1979; NAL, 1980.

1982-1983 Nominees:

1980-1981 Nominees:


1978-1979 Nominees:
- *I Heard the Owl Call My Name* by Margaret Craven. Dell, 1974.


1976-1977 Nominees:
- *Saturday, the Twelfth of October* by Norma Fox Mazer. Delacorte, 1975.
**Picture Books for Older Readers (Grades 4 and up)**
The Picture Book for Older Readers award began in 2000; it was not included in the vote of 2001.

2024 - 2025 Winner: In Process
2024 - 2025 Nominees:
- *Cougar Crossing* by Meeg Pincus. Illustrated by Alexander Vidal. 2021

2023 - 2024 Winner: In Process
2023 - 2024 Nominees:
- *Nicky & Vera* by Peter Sis. 2021.

2022 - 2023 Nominees:
- *Dinosaur Lady* by Linda Skeers. Illustrated by Marta Alvarez Miguens. 2020

2021 - 2022 Nominees:

2020 - 2021 Nominees:

2019-2020 Nominees:

2018-2019 Nominees:
- *We're all Wonders* by R.J. Palacio. Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2017
- *Separate is Never Equal* Written and Illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh. Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2017

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2017-2018 Winner:  

2017-2018 Nominees:  
The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus by Jen Bryant, Illustrated by Melissa Sweet. Published by Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2014  

2016-2017 Winner:  

2016-2017 Nominees:  

2015-2016 Winner:  

2015-2016 Nominees:  

2014-2015 Winner:  

2014-2015 Nominees:  


2013-2014 Nominees:

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2012-2013 Nominees:


2011-2012 Nominees:


2010-2011 Nominees:


2009-2010 Nominees:


2008-2009 Nominees:


2007-2008 Nominees:


2006-2007 Nominees:


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2005-2006 Nominees:


2004-2005 Nominees:


2003-2004 Nominees:


*The Yellow Star: The Legend of King Christian X of Denmark*


2002-2003 Nominees:


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2023 - 2024 Nominees:

Primary:
Winner: In Process
Nominees:
**Chez Bob** by Bob Shea. 2021.
**The Littlest Yak** by Lu Fraser. Illustrated by Kate Hindley. 2020.
**Negative Cat** by Sophie Blackall. 2021.
**The Scarecrow** by Beth Ferry. Illustrated by the Fan Brothers. 2019.

Intermediate:
Winner: In Process
Nominees:
**Across the Desert** by Dusti Bowling. 2021.
**A Game of Fox and Squirrels** by Jenn Reese. 2020.
**We’re Not From Here** by Geoff Rodkey. 2019.

Middle School:
Winner: In Process
Nominees:
**Alone** by Megan E. Freeman. 2021.
**Amari and the Night Brothers** by B.B. Alston. 2021.
**The Elephant in the Room** by Holly Goldberg Sloan. 2021.

Young Adult:
Winner: In Process
Nominees:
**I’m Not Dying With You Tonight** by Kimberly Jones and Gilly Segal. 2019.

PBOR:
Winner: In Process
Nominees:
**Bartali's Bicycle** by Megan Hoyt. Illustrated by Iacopo Bruno. 2021.
**Nicky & Vera** by Peter Sis. 2021.

2022 - 2023 Nominees:

Primary
Winner: *We Don’t Eat Our Classmates* by Ryan T. Higgins. 2018
Nominees:
**Dozens of Doughnuts** by Carrie Finnison. Illustrated by Brianne Farley. 2020.

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Parker Looks Up by Parker Curry and Jessica Curry. Illustrated by Brittany Jackson. 2019.
We Don’t Eat Our Classmates by Ryan T. Higgins. 2018

Intermediate:
Nominees:
The Canyon’s Edge by Dusti Bowling. 2020.
The Lion of Mars by Jennifer L. Holm. 2021.

Middle School:
Nominees:
Winterhouse by Ben Guterson. 2018.

Young Adult:
Winner: With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo. 2019.
Nominees:
Unclaimed Baggage by Jen Doll. 2018.
With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo. 2019.

PBOR:
Winner: This Way, Charlie by Caron Levis. Illustrated by Charles Santoso. 2020.
Nominees:
Dinosaur Lady by Linda Skeers. Illustrated by Marta Alvarez Miguens. 2020
This Way, Charlie by Caron Levis. Illustrated by Charles Santoso. 2020.

2021-2022 Nominees:

Primary
Nominees:
Drawn Together by Minh Le. Illustrated by Dan Santat. 2018.
Dreamers by Yuyi Morales. 2018.

Intermediate:
Nominees:
Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga. 2019.

Middle School:
The Length of a String by Elissa Brent Weissman. 2018.

Young Adult:
Frankly in Love by David Yoon. 2019.
Patron Saints of Nothing by Randy Ribay. 2019.

PBOR:
Let the Children March by Monica Clark-Robinson. Illustrated by Frank Morrison. 2018.

2020-2021 Nominees:
Primary:
After the Fall by Dan Santat. 2017.
Poor Louie by Tony Fucile. 2017.

Intermediate:
Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan. 2016.

Middle School:
Winner: Lily and Dunkin by Donna Gephart. 2016.
Nominees:
Hope in the Holler by Lisa Lewis Tyre. 2018.
Lily and Dunkin by Donna Gephart. 2016.

Young Adult:
Winner: All We Have Left by Wendy Mills. 2016.
Nominees:
All We Have Left by Wendy Mills. 2016.

PBOR:
Nominees:

2019 - 2020 Nominees:
Primary
Nominees:

Intermediate:
Nominees:
The Detective's Assistant by Kate Hannigan. 2015.
The Losers Club. by Andrew Clements. 2017

Middle School:
Winner: Refugee by Alan Gratz. Scholastic, 2017
Nominees:
It Ain't So Awful, Falafel by Firoozeh Dumas, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016
Refugee by Alan Gratz. Scholastic, 2017
When Friendship Followed Me Home by Paul Griffin Penguin Random House, 2017

Young Adult:
Nominees:
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas. Harper Collins, 2017
PBOR:
Nominees:
*Her Right Foot* by Dave Eggers. Illustrated by Shawn Harris. Chronicle Books, 2017

2018 - 2019 Nominees:
Primary:
Nominees:
*I Don’t Want to be a Frog* by Dev Petty. Illustrated by Mike Boldt, Doubleday Books for Young Readers, 2015

Intermediate:
Nominees:
*Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt. Puffin Books, 2017
*Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate. Feiwel & Friends, 2015

Middle School:
Winner: *Echo* by Pam Munoz Ryan. Scholastic Press, 2015
Nominees:
*Echo* by Pam Munoz Ryan. Scholastic Press, 2015
*Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk. Dutton books for Young Readers, 2016

Young Adult:
Nominees:
*Girl in the Blue Coat* by Monica Hesse. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2017
*Written in the Stars* by Aisha Saeed. Speak, 2016

PBOR:
Nominees:
*We're all Wonders* by R.J. Palacio. Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2017
*Separate is Never Equal* Written and Illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh. Abrams Books for
Young Readers, 2017

2017 - 2018 Nominees:

**Primary:**
*If You Plant a Seed* by Kadir Nelson. Scholastic, 2015.

Intermediate:
Nominees:
*Dash* by Kirby Larson. Scholastic, 2016.

Middle School:
Winner: *A Night Divided* by Jennier Nielsen. Scholastic, 2016
Nominees:
*A Night Divided* by Jennier Nielsen. Scholastic, 2016
*Tesla’s Attic*, by Neal Shusterman and Eric Elfman. Disney-Hyperion, 2014

Young Adult:
Nominees:

PBOR:
Nominees:
*The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus* by Jen Bryant, Illustrated by Melissa Sweet. Published by Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2014
*The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky’s Abstract Art* by BarbRosenstock, Illustrated by Mary GrandPre. Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2014
2016-2017 Nominees:

Primary:
- **Sam & Dave Dig a Hole** by Mac Barnett. Illustrated by Jon Klassen. Candlewick Press, 2014.

Intermediate:

Middle School/Junior High:
- **Hold Fast** by Blue Balliett. Scholastic, 2013.

Young Adult:

Picture Books for Older Readers:

2015-2016 Nominees:

Primary:
- **The Day the Crayons Quit** by Drew Daywalt. Illustrated by Oliver Jeffers. Philomel, 2013.

Intermediate:

Middle School/Junior High:
Dogtag Summer by Elizabeth Partridge. Bloomsbury USA Children's, 2011.

Young Adult:

Picture Books for Older Readers:

2014-2015 Winners & Nominees:

2014-2015 Primary Nominees:
Miss Brooks Loves Books (and I Don't) by Barbara Bottner. Illustrated by Michael Emberley.

2014-2015 Intermediate Nominees:

2014- 2015 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:

2014-2015 Young Adult Nominees:

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2014 Winners and Nominees:


2013-2014 Primary Nominees:


2013-2014 Intermediate Nominees:


2013-2014 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:
- *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia. Amistad, 2010


2013-2014 Young Adult Nominees:


2013-2014 Picture Books for Older Readers Nominees:

2013 Winners and Nominees:


2014-2015 Picture Book for Older Readers Nominees:
2012-2013 Primary Nominees:

2012-2013 Intermediate Nominees:
- **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon** by Grace Lin. Little, Brown, 2009.

2012-2013 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:
- **Invisible Lines** by Mary Amato. Egmont USA, 2009.

2012-2013 Young Adult Nominees:
- **Beautiful Creatures** by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl. Little, Brown, 2009.

2012-2013 Picture Books for Older Readers Nominees:

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2012 Winners and Nominees:

2011-2012 Primary Nominees:


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2011-2012 Intermediate Nominees:

2011-2012 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:

2011-2012 Young Adult Nominees:

2011-2012 Picture Books for Older Readers Nominees:

**2011 Winners and Nominees:**

2010-2011 Primary Nominees:

2010-2011 Intermediate Nominees:

2010-2011 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:
   *Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis. Scholastic, 2007


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2010-2011 Young Adult Nominees:

2010-2011 Picture Books for Older Readers Nominees:

2010 Winners and Nominees:

2009-2010 Primary Nominees:

2009-2010 Intermediate Nominees:

2009-2010 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:

2009-2010 Young Adult Nominees:

2009-2010 Picture Books for Older Readers Nominees:
2009 Winners and Nominees:


2008-2009 Primary Nominees:


2008-2009 Intermediate Nominees:


2008-2009 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:


2008-2009 Young Adult Nominees:


2008-2009 Picture Books for Older Readers Nominees:

2008 Winners and Nominees:


2007-2008 Primary Nominees:

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2007-2008 Intermediate Nominees:

2007-2008 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:
Chicken Boy by Frances O'Roark Dowell. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2005.

2007-2008 Young Adult Nominees:

2007-2008 Picture Books for Older Readers Nominees:

2007 Winners and Nominees:

2006-2007 Primary Nominees:

2006-2007 Intermediate Nominees:

2006-2007 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:


2006-2007 Young Adult Nominees:


2006-2007 Picture Books for Older Readers Nominees:

**2006 Winners and Nominees:**


2005-2006 Primary Nominees:


2005-2006 Intermediate Nominees:


2005-2006 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:


2005-2006 Young Adult Nominees:

2005-2006 Picture Books for Older Readers Nominees:

2005 Winners and Nominees:

2004-2005 Primary Nominees:
- Duck on a Bike by David Shannon. Scholastic, 2002.

2004-2005 Intermediate Nominees:

2004-2005 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:

2004-2005 Young Adult Nominees:

2004-2005 Picture Books for Older Readers Nominees:

2004 Winners and Nominees:

2003-2004 Primary Nominees:

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**Mice and Beans** by Pam Munoz Ryan. Illustrated by Joe Cepeda. Scholastic, 2001.


2003-2004 Intermediate Nominees:


2003-2004 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:


2003-2004 Young Adult Nominees:


2003-2004 Picture Books for Older Readers Nominees:


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**2003 Winners and Nominees:**


2002-2003 Primary Nominees:

- **Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type** by Doreen Cronin. Illustrated by Betsy Lewin. Simon & Schuster, 2000.


2002-2003 Intermediate Nominees:


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2002-2003 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:

2002-2003 Young Adult Nominees:

2002-2003 Picture Books for Older Readers Nominees:

2002 Winners and Nominees:

2001-2002 Primary Nominees:

2001-2002 Intermediate Nominees:
   *Flying Solo* by Ralph Fletcher (Clarion, 1998)

2001-2002 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:

2001-2002 Young Adult Nominees:

2001-2002 Picture Books for Older Readers Nominees:

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2001 Winners and Nominees:


2000-2001 Primary Nominees:


2000-2001 Intermediate Nominees:


2000-2001 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:


2000-2001 Young Adult Nominees:

2000 Winners and Nominees:


1999-2000 Primary Nominees:


1999-2000 Intermediate Nominees:

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1999-2000 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:

1999-2000 Young Adult Nominees:

1999 Winners and Nominees:

1998-1999 Primary Nominees:

1998-1999 Intermediate Nominees:

1998-1999 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:

1998-1999 Young Adult Nominees:

1998 Winners and Nominees:

1997-1998 Primary Nominees:

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1997-1998 Intermediate Nominees:


1997-1998 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:


1997-1998 Young Adult Nominees:

- **Flash Fire** by Caroline B. Cooney. Scholastic, 1995.

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**1997 Winners and Nominees:**


1996-1997 Primary Nominees:

- **The Bee Tree** by Patricia Polacco. Philomel, 1993.


1996-1997 Intermediate Nominees:


1996-1997 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:


1996-1997 Young Adult Nominees:

- **In The Middle of the Night** by Robert Cormier. Delacorte, 1995.

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1996 Winners and Nominees:

1995-1996 Primary Nominees:

1995-1996 Intermediate Nominees:

1995-1996 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:

1995-1996 Young Adult Nominees:

1995 Winners and Nominees:

1994-1995 Primary Nominees:

1994-1995 Intermediate Nominees:

1994-1995 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:

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1994-1995 Young Adult Nominees:

1994 Winners and Nominees:

1993-1994 Primary Nominees:
1993-1994 Intermediate Nominees:

1993-1994 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:
Face to Face by Marion Dane Bauer. Clarion, 1991.

1994 Winner - Young Adult: We All Fall Down by Robert Cormier. Delacorte, 1991; Dell, 1993.
1993-1994 Young Adult Nominees:

1993 Winners and Nominees:

1992-1993 Primary Nominees:
1992-1993 Intermediate Nominees:

1992-1993 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:
1992-1993 Young Adult Nominees:
   - **Across the Grain** by Jean Ferris. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1993.

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**1992 Winners and Nominees:**

1991-1992 Primary Nominees:
   - **Thunder Cake** by Patricia Polacco. Philomel, 1990.

1991-1992 Intermediate Nominees:
   - **This Island Isn't Big Enough for the Four of Us** by Gery Greer and Bob Ruddick. Collins/Crowell, 1987.

1991-1992 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:

1991-1992 Young Adult Nominees:

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**1991 Winners and Nominees:**

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1990-1991 Primary Nominees:


1990-1991 Intermediate Nominees:


1990-1991 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:


1990-1991 Young Adult Nominees:

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1990 Winners and Nominees:


1989-1990 Primary Nominees:


1989-1990 Intermediate Nominees:


1989-1990 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:


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1989-1990 Young Adult Nominees:

1989 Winners and Nominees:

1988-1989 Primary Nominees:

1988-1989 Intermediate Nominees:
   *Hello, My Name is Scrambled Eggs* by Jamie Gilson. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1985.

1988-1989 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:

1988-1989 Young Adult Nominees:

1988 Winners and Nominees:

1987-1988 Primary Nominees:

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1987-1988 Intermediate Nominees:


1987-1988 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:


1987-1988 Young Adult Nominees:

1987 Winners and Nominees:


1986-1987 Primary Nominees:


1986-1987 Intermediate Nominees:


1986-1987 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:


1986-1987 Young Adult Nominees:

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1986 Winners and Nominees:

1985-1986 Primary Nominees:

1985-1986 Intermediate Nominees:
- \textit{Hazel Rye} by Vera and Bill Cleaver. Lippincott, 1983.

1986 Winner - Middle School/Junior High: \textit{Girl with the Silver Eyes} by Willo Davis Roberts. Atheneum, 1980; Scholastic, 1982.
1985-1986 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:

1986 Winner - Young Adult: \textit{The Darkangel} by Meredith Pierce. Little, Brown, 1982; Dell, 1982.
1985-1986 Young Adult Nominees:

1985 Winners and Nominees:

1984-1985 Primary Nominees:

1984-1985 Intermediate Nominees:
- \textit{Save Queen of Sheba} by Louise Moeri. Dutton, 1981.

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1984-1985 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:
- *The Animal, the Vegetable, and John D. Jones* by Betsy Byars. Delacorte, 1982; Dell, 1983.


1984-1985 Young Adult Nominees:
1984 Winners and Nominees:

1983-1984 Primary Nominees:
   - **A Rose for Pinkerton** by Steven Kellogg. Dial, 1981.

1983-1984 Intermediate Nominees:

1983-1984 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:
   - **Alan Mendelsohn, The Boy from Mars** by Daniel M. Pinkwater. Dutton, 1979; Bantam, 1981.

1983-1984 Young Adult Nominees:
   - **Friends Till the End** by Todd Strasser. Delacorte, 1981; Dell, 1982.

1983 Winners and Nominees:

1982-1983 Primary Nominees:
   - **The Wuggie Norpke Story** by Daniel M. Pinkwater. Illustrated by Tomie de Paola. Scholastic, 1980.

1982-1983 Intermediate Nominees:
   - **Ramona and Her Mother** by Beverly Cleary. Morrow, 1979; Dell 1980.

1982-1983 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:
   - **Can You Sue Your Parents for Malpractice?** by Paula Danziger. Delacorte, 1979; Dell, 1980.

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1982-1983 Young Adult Nominees:


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1982 Winners and Nominees:


1981-1982 Primary Nominees:


1981-1982 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:


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1981 Winners and Nominees:


1980-1981 Primary Nominees:


1980-1981 Intermediate Nominees:


1980 Winners and Nominees:

1979-1980 Primary Nominees:
- *Mr. And Mrs. Pig's Evening Out* by Mary Rayner. Atheneum, 1976.

1979-1980 Middle School/Junior High Nominees:

1979 Winners and Nominees:

1978-1979 Intermediate Nominees:

1978-1979 Young Adult Nominees:
- *I Heard the Owl Call My Name* by Margaret Craven. Dell, 1974.

1978 Winners and Nominees:

1977-1978 Primary Nominees:

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1977 Winners and Nominees:


1976-1977 Intermediate Nominees:


1976-1977 Young Adult Nominees:

- *Saturday, the Twelfth of October* by Norma Fox Mazer. Delacorte, 1975.

1976 Winners and Nominees:


1975-1976 Primary Nominees:


1975 Winners and Nominees:


1974-1975 Intermediate Nominees:

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WINNERS - PRIMARY (Grades K-2)
The first Primary Award was given in 1976. Primary books were not included in the voting in 1977, 1979 and 1981. Beginning in 1987, the illustrator of the winning book was given full recognition along with the author.

2025: In Process
2024: In Process
1991: *Tacky the Penguin* by Helen Lester. Illustrated by Lynn M. Munsinger. Houghton Mifflin,
1989: *What Happened to Patrick's Dinosaurs?* by Carol Carrick. Illustrated by Donald Carrick. Clarion,
1986.
1988: *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura Joffe Numeroff. Illustrated by Felicia Bond. Harper & Row,

**WINNERS - INTERMEDIATE (Grades 3-5)**
Intermediate books were not included in the 1976, 1978, or 1980 voting. After the 1977 voting, it was
decided the intermediate category was too broad and a Middle School/Junior High School category
was added.

2025: In Process
2024: In Process
2023: *The Lion of Mars* by Jennifer Holm.
2017: *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein. Random House Books for Young
Readers, 2013.
2007: *Christopher Mouse: The Tale of a Small Traveler* by William Wise. Illustrations by Patrick
Benson.


**WINNERS - Middle School/Junior High (Grades 6-8)**
The Middle School/Junior High award began in 1980; it was not included in the voting in 1981.

2025: In Process
2024: In Process
2020: *Refugee* by Alan Gratz. Scholastic, 2017
2016: *Dogtag Summer* by Elizabeth Partridge. Bloomsbury USA Children's, 2011.

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WINNERS Young Adult (Grades 9-12)
The Young Adult award began in 1977. Young Adult books were not included in the voting in 1978, 1980 and 1982.

2025: In Process
2024: In Process
2023: **With the Fire on High**. by Elizabeth Acevado. 2019.
2021: **All We Have Left** by Wendy Mills. 2016.
2016: **Cinder** by Marissa Meyer. Feiwel & Friends, an imprint of Macmillan Children's

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Winners - Picture Books for Older Readers (Grades 4 and up)
The Picture Book for Older Readers award began in 2000; it was not included in the vote of 2001.

2025: In Process
2024: In Process
2023: this way, Charlie by Caron Lewis. Illustrated by Charles Santos. 2020.
2013: Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine and a Miracle by Brian Dennis. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2009.