

CALDECOTT AWARD BOOKS



AN AWARD PRESENTED
FOR THE MOST DISTINGUISHED
AMERICAN PICTURE BOOK FOR CHILDREN

A Brief History

In 1938, the first Caldecott Medal, donated by Frederic G. Melcher (1879©1963), was awarded to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children published in the United States during the preceding year. The name of Randolph Caldecott, the famous English illustrator of books for children, was chosen for the medal because his work best represented "joyousness of picture books as well as their beauty." The horseman on the medal is taken from one of his illustrations for John Gilpin. The Caldecott Medal is now donated annually by Daniel Melcher, son of the original donor.



Caldecott Medal Books

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| 1938 | Animals of the Bible, A Picture Book
by Helen D. Fish | 1954 | Madeline's Rescue
by Ludwig Bemelmans |
| 1939 | Mei Li
by Thomas Handforth | 1955 | Cinderella, or the Little Glass Slipper
by Charles Perrault |
| 1940 | Abraham Lincoln
by Ingri and Edgar d'Aulaire | 1956 | Frog Went Courtin'
by John Lanstaff, ed. |
| 1941 | They Were Strong and Good
by Robert Lawson | 1957 | A Tree is Nice
by Janice May Udry |
| 1942 | Make Way for Ducklings
by Robert McCloskey | 1958 | Time of Wonder
by Robert McCloskey |
| 1943 | The Little House
by Virginia Lee Burton | 1959 | Chanticleer and the Fox
by Geoffrey Chaucer |
| 1944 | Many Moons
by James Thurber | 1960 | Nine Days to Christmas
by Marie Hall Ets and
Aurora Labastida |
| 1945 | Prayer for a Child
by Rachel Field | 1961 | Baboushka and the Three Kings
by Ruth Robbins |
| 1946 | The Rooster Crows
by Maud and Miska Petersham | 1962 | Once a Mouse
by Marcia Brown |
| 1947 | The Little Island
by Margaret Wise Brown | 1963 | The Snowyday
by Ezra Jack Keats |
| 1948 | White Snow, Bright Snow
by Roger Duvoisin | 1964 | Where the Wild Things Are
by Maurice Sendak |
| 1949 | The Big Snow
by Berta and Elmer Hader | 1965 | May I Bring a Friend?
by Beatrice S. DeRegniers |
| 1950 | Song of the Swallows
by Leo Politi | 1966 | Always Room For One more
by Leclair Alger |
| 1951 | The Egg Tree
by Katherine Milhouse | 1967 | Sam, Bangs, & Moonshine
by Evaline Ness |
| 1952 | Finders Keepers
by Will Lipkind | 1968 | Drummer Hoff
by Barbara Emberley |
| 1953 | The Biggest Bear
by Lynd Ward | 1969 | The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship
by Arthur Ransome |

- 1970 Sylvester and the Magic Pebble
by William Steig
- 1971 A Story, A Story
by Gail E. Haley
- 1972 One Fine Day
by Nonny Hogrogian
- 1973 The Funny Little Woman
by Arlene Mosel
- 1974 Duffy and the Devil
by Harve Zemach
- 1975 Arrow to the Sun
by Gerald McDermott
- 1976 Why Mosquitos Buzz in People's Ears
by Verna Aardema
- 1977 Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions
by Margaret Musgrove
- 1978 Noah's Ark
by Peter Spier
- 1979 The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses
by Paul Goble
- 1980 Oxcart Man
by Donald Hall
- 1981 Fables
by Arnold Lobel
- 1982 Jumanji
by Chris Van Allsburg
- 1983 Shadow
by Marcia Brown
- 1984 The Glorious Flight: Across the Channel...
by Alice and Martin Provenson
- 1985 St. George and the Dragon
by Margaret Hodges
- 1986 The Polar Express
by Chris Van Allsburg
- 1987 Hey, Al
by Arthur Yorinks
- 1988 Owl Moon
by Jane Yolen
- 1989 Song and Dance Man
by Karen Ackerman
- 1990 Lon Po Po: A Red Riding Hood Story From China
by Ed Young
- 1991 Black and White
by David Macaulay
- 1992 Tuesday
by David Wiesner
- 1993 Mirette on the High Wire
by Emily Arnold McCully
- 1994 Grandfather's Journey
by Walter Lorraine, ed.
- 1995 Smoky Night
by Eve Bunting
illustrated by David Wisniewski
- 1996 Officer Buckle and Gloria
by Peggy Rathmann
illustrated by David Wisniewski
- 1998 Rapunzel
by Paul O. Zelinsky
- 1999 Snowflake Bentley
by Mary Azarian
- 2000 Joseph Had a Little Overcoat
illustrated by Simms Taback
- 2001 So You Want To Be President
by Judith St. George
illustrated by David Small
- 2002 The Three Pigs
by David Wiesner

- 2003 My Friend Rabbit
By Eric Rohmann
Illustrated by Eric Rohmann
- 2004 The Man Who Walked Between the Towers
By Mordicai Gerstien
Illustrated by Mordicai Gerstien
- 2005 Kitten's First Full Moon
Written and Illustrated by
Kevin Henkes
- 2006 The Hello, Goodbye Window
Written by Norton Juster
Illustrated by Chris Raschka
- 2007 Flotsam
Written by David Wiesner
Illustrated by Doug Cushman
- 2008 The Invention of Hugo Cabret
Written and Illustrated by
Brian Selznick
- 2009 The House in the Night
Written by Susan Swanson
Illustrated by Beth Krommes