


Caldecott Medal Awards



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2011 **A SICK DAY FOR AMOS MCGEE**

Illustrated by Erin E. Stead and Written by Philip C. Stead

Amos a zookeeper loves the Animals at his zoo, running races with the tortoise, making friends with a shy penguin, and reading an owl a bedtime story. One day Amos is sick and can't come to the zoo so the animals decide to go him.

(JE Stead Gr. PreS - K)

The Caldecott Medal is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children published in the United States during the preceding year.

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2005 KITTEN'S FIRST FULL MOON

Illustrated and written by Kevin Henkes

When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet, and hungry trying to reach it.
(JE Henkes Gr. PreS - 1)

2006 THE HELLO, GOODBYE WINDOW

Illustrated by Chris Raschka and written by Norton Juster

For one little girl, the kitchen window at her grandparents' is a magic gateway. Told in her voice, this story is a voyage of discovery and a celebration of commonplace wonders. It is also a love song devoted to the enchanting relationship grandparents share with their grandchildren.
(JE Juster Gr. PreS - K)

2007 FLOTSAM

Illustrated and written by David Wiesner

The story of what happens when a camera becomes a piece of flotsam in the ocean.
(JE Wiesner Gr. K - 3)

2008 THE INVENTION OF HUGO CABRET

Illustrated and written by Brian Selznick

A mixture of graphic novel and traditional illustration, this book of historical fiction takes place in 1931. Twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living within the walls of a Paris train station, meets a mysterious toy seller whose his goddaughter, under cover life and biggest secret are jeopardized.
(YF Selznick Gr. 5 - 8)

2009 THE HOUSE IN THE NIGHT

Illustrated by Beth Krommes

Written by Susan Marie Swanson

Illustrations and easy-to-read text explore the light that makes a house in the night a home filled with light.
(JE Swanson Gr. PreS - K)

2010 THE LION & THE MOUSE

Illustrated and written by Jerry Pinkney

In this wordless retelling of Aesop fable set in African Serengeti, an adventure-some mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when she rescues the King of the Jungle.
(JE Pinkney Gr. PreS - K)

1938 ANIMALS OF THE BIBLE

Illustrated by Dorothy P. Lathrop; Text selected by Helen Dean Fish from the King James Bible

Thirty richly detailed drawings illustrate the favorite stories of the Creation, Noah's Ark, the first Christmas, and many others.
(J220.8 L Gr. PreS - 6)

1939 MEI LI

Illustrated and written by Thomas Handforth

The story of a little Chinese girl and her day at the fair.
(JE Handforth Gr. 1 - 3)

1940 ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Illustrated and written by Ingri and Edgar D'Aulaire

The story of Abraham Lincoln's life from his birth in a lonely log cabin until his years in the White House is told briefly in text and generously in pictures.
(JB Lincoln Gr. K- 4)

1941 THEY WERE STRONG AND GOOD

Illustrated and written by Robert Lawson

Drawings and text together make a stirring picture of the author's average American family background.
(JB Lawson Gr. 4 - 6)

1942 MAKE WAY FOR DUCKLINGS

Illustrated and written by Robert McCloskey

A Story about the Mallard family and the commotion they create in Boston as they search for a permanent home.
(JE McCloskey Gr. K - 2)

1943 THE LITTLE HOUSE

Illustrated and written by Virginia Lee Burton

A country house is unhappy when the city grows up around it with all its houses and traffic.
(JE Burton Gr. K - 3)

1944 MANY MOONS

Illustrated by Louis Slobodkin

Written by James Thurber

A modern fairy tale about a little princess who wished for the moon and got it, thanks to an understanding and enterprising court jester.
(JF Thurber Gr. 3 - 5)

1945 PRAYER FOR A CHILD

Illustrated by Elizabeth Orton Jones

Written by Rachel Field

An illustrated bedtime prayer that gives thanks for the many aspects of a child's world.

(J249 F Gr. K - 3)

1946 THE ROOSTER CROWS

Illustrated by Maud and Miska Petersham

American rhymes and jingles, finger games, rope skipping rhymes, and games known to countless generations of children throughout the land.

(J398.8 P Gr. K - 3)

1947 THE LITTLE ISLAND

Illustrated by Leonard Weisgard

Written by Golden MacDonald

The changes that the seasons, storms, day and night bring to a little island.

(JE MacDonald Gr. PreS - 2)

1948 WHITE SNOW, BRIGHT SNOW

Illustrated by Roger Duvoisin

Written by Alvin Tresselt

A picture story describing the first snowfall of winter - the frost ferns on the windowpane, the snowman in the yard, and a new white world.

(JE Tresselt Gr. K - 1)

1949 THE BIG SNOW

Illustrated and written by Berta and Elmer Hader

A little old man and woman help various animals during the long, cold winter.

(JE Hader Gr. K - 3)

1950 SONG OF THE SWALLOWS

Illustrated and written by Leo Politi

A story from California about birds who return to their mission on the same day every springtime.

(JE Politi Gr. K - 3)

1999 SNOWFLAKE BENTLEY

Illustrated by Mary Azarian

Written by Jacqueline Briggs Martin

The book takes children back to the days when farmers worked with Ox and cut the dark with lantern light.

(JE Martin Gr. 2 - 4)

2000 JOSEPH HAD A LITTLE OVERCOAT

Illustrated and written by Simms Taback

A very old overcoat is recycled numerous times into a variety of garments.

(JE Taback Gr. K - 2)

2001 SO YOU WANT TO BE PRESIDENT?

Illustrated by David Small and written by Judith St. George

This presents an assortment of facts about the qualifications and characteristics of various U.S. presidents, ranging from George Washington to Bill Clinton.

(J973.0995 S Gr. 4 - 7)

2002 THE THREE PIGS

Illustrated and written by David Wiesner

The three pigs escape the wolf by going into another world. There, they meet the cat with a fiddle, the cow who jumped over the moon, and a dragon.

(JE Wiesner Gr. K - 6)

2003 MY FRIEND RABBIT

Illustrated and written by Eric Rohmann

Something always seems to go wrong when Rabbit is around, but mouse lets him play with his toy plane anyway because he is a good friend.

(JE Rohmann Gr. PreS - 1)

2004 THE MAN WHO WALKED BETWEEN THE TOWERS

Illustrated and written by Mordicai Gerstein

A lyrical description of Philippe Petit's 1974 tightrope walk between the World Trade Center Towers.

(J791.3409 G Gr. PreS -1)

1993 MIRETTE ON THE HIGH WIRE

Illustrated and written by Emily Arnold McCully

Mirette learns tightrope walking from Monsieur Bellini, a guest in her Mother's boarding house, not knowing that he is a celebrated tightrope artist who has withdrawn from performing because of fear.

(JE McCully Gr. K - 4)

1994 GRANDFATHER'S JOURNEY

Illustrated and written by Allen Say

A Japanese American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America, which he later also undertakes, and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries.

(JE Say Age 4 & Up)

1995 SMOKY NIGHT

Illustrated by David Diaz and written by Eve Bunting

When the Los Angeles riots break out in the streets of their neighborhood, a young boy and his mother learn the value of getting along with others no matter what their background or nationality.

(JE Bunting Gr. K - 4)

1996 OFFICER BUCKLE AND GLORIA

Illustrated and written by Peggy Rathmann

The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips, until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches.

(JE Rathmann Gr. K - 3)

1997 GOLEM

Illustrated and written by David Wisniewski

A saintly rabbi miraculously brings to life a clay giant who helps him watch over the Jews of sixteenth-century Prague.

(J398.2 Wisniewski Gr. 3 - 6)

1998 RAPUNZEL

Illustrated and retold by Paul O. Zelinsky

A retelling of the German folktale in which a beautiful girl with long golden hair is kept imprisoned in a lonely tower by a sorceress.

(J398.2 Zelinsky Gr. K - 3)

1951 THE EGG TREE

Illustrated and written by Katherine Milhous

This tells about the time Katy and her brother hunted for colored eggs hidden by the Rabbit, and their grandmother showed them how to make a tree on which to hang the eggs and how to decorate them.

(JE Milhous Gr. K - 3)

1952 FINDERS KEEPERS

Illustrated by Nicolas Mordvinoff

Written by William Lipkind

When two dogs find a bone, they have trouble deciding to whom it belongs.

(JE Lipkind Gr. K - 3)

1953 THE BIGGEST BEAR

Illustrated and written by Lynd Ward

Johnny wants a bearskin for his barn, but instead gets a live bear!

(JE Ward Gr. K - 3)

1954 MADELINE'S RESCUE

Illustrated and written by Ludwig Bemelmans

How the dog Genevieve rescues Madeline from the Seine is described in verse.

(JE Bemelmans Gr. K - 3)

1955 CINDERELLA, OR THE LITTLE GLASS SLIPPER

Illustrated by Marcia Brown

With soft, delicate colors, Marcia Brown creates a fairyland atmosphere in this translated version of the Charles Perrault classic.

(J398.2 Perrault Gr. K - 3)

1956 FROG WENT A -COURTIN'

Illustrated by Feodor Rojankovsky

Written by John Langstaff

Illustrated the well-known American folk song about the courtship and marriage of the frog and the mouse.

(JE Langstaff Gr. PreS - 1)

1957 A TREE IS NICE

Illustrated by Marc Simont and Written by Janice May Udry

In pictures and simple text, reasons are given for why a tree is nice. A joyous account of what trees can mean to a child.

(JE Udry Gr. PreS - 1)

1958 TIME OF WONDER

Illustrated and written by Robert McCloskey

A summer on an island in Maine is described through the simple everyday experiences of children.

(JE McCloskey Gr. K - 3)

1959 CHANTICLEER AND THE FOX

Illustrated and adapted by Barbara Cooney

A child's story about the proud rooster and the sly fox who try to outwit each other.

(J398.2 Cooney Gr. PreS - 2)

1960 NINE DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

Illustrated by Marie Hall Ets

Written by Marie Hall Ets and Aurora Labastida

A young girl prepares for her first "posada," a traditional Mexican celebration that takes place nine days before Christmas.

(JE Ets Gr. 1 - 3)

1961 BABOUSHKA AND THE THREE KINGS

Illustrated by Nicholas Sidjakov

Written by Ruth Robbins

A Russian legend of an old woman's search for the Holy Child.

(J398.20947 Robbins Gr. 2 - 5)

1962 ONCE A MOUSE

Illustrated and written by Marcia Brown

An outstanding picture book with strong, dramatic woodcuts perfectly interpreting the old fable about a hermit who turned a mouse into a tiger.

(J398.2 Brown Gr. K - 3)

1987 HEY, AL

Illustrated by Richard Egielski and written by Arthur Yorinks

A large mysterious bird offers Al, a janitor, and his faithful dog Eddie a new life in Paradise.

(JE Yorinks Gr. 3 & Up)

1988 OWL MOON

Illustrated by John Schoenherr and written by Jane Yolen

On a winter's night under a full moon, a father and daughter trek into the woods to see the Great Horned Owl.

(JE Yolen Gr. K - 3)

1989 SONG AND DANCE MAN

Illustrated by Stephen Gammell

Written by Karen Ackerman

Grandpa demonstrates for his visiting grandchildren some of the songs, dances, and jokes he performed when he was a vaudeville entertainer.

(JE Ackerman Gr. K - 3)

1990 LON PO PO: A RED RIDING HOOD STORY FROM CHINA

Illustrated and written by Ed Young

A gripping variation of Red Riding Hood that involves three little sisters who outsmart the wolf (Lon in Cantonese) who has gained entry to their home under the false pretenses of being their grandmother (Po Po).

(J398.2095 Young Gr.1 - 5)

1991 BLACK AND WHITE

Illustrated and written by David Macaulay

Four brief "stories" about parents, trains, and cows, or is it all one story? The author recommends careful inspection of words and pictures to minimize and enhance confusion.

(JF Macaulay Gr. 5 & Up)

1992 TUESDAY

Illustrated and written by David Wiesner

Frogs rise on their lily pads, float through the air, and explore the nearby houses while their inhabitants sleep.

(JE Wiesner Gr. PreS - 2)

1981 FABLES

Illustrated and written by Arnold Lobel

Twenty original fables about an array of animal characters ranging from crocodile to ostrich.

(JF Lobel Gr. 2 - 4)

1982 JUMANJI

Illustrated and written by Chris Van Allsburg

Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than bargained for in a mysterious and mythical jungle adventure board game.

(JF Van Allsburg Gr.4 & Up)

1983 SHADOW

Illustrated by Marcia Brown and written by Blaise Cendrars

The beliefs and ghosts of the past become a dancing Shadow.

(JE Cendrars Gr. K - 3)

1984 THE GLORIOUS FLIGHT: ACROSS THE CHANNEL WITH LOUIS BLERIOT

Illustrated and written by Alice & Martin Provinsen

A biography of the man whose fascination with flying machines produced the Bleriot XI, which crossed the English Channel in 37 minutes in the early 1900s.

(J629.13 P Gr. 1 - 5)

1985 SAINT GEORGE AND THE DRAGON

Illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman

Written by Margaret Hodges

Retells the segment from Spenser's The Faerie Queen, in which George, the Red Cross Knight, slays the dreadful dragon that was terrorizing the countryside for years and brings peace and joy to the land.

(J398.2 Hodges Gr. 4-6)

1986 THE POLAR EXPRESS

Illustrated and written by Chris Van Allsburg

A child is given a special bell by Santa that no one else can hear.

(JE Van Allsburg Gr. K - 2)

1963 THE SNOWY DAY

Illustrated and written by Ezra Jack Keats

In charming, bright colored pictures, the author-artist relates the experiences of a small boy in a deep snow.

(JE Keats Gr. PreS - 1)

1964 WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

Illustrated and written by Maurice Sendak

A tale about Max, sent to this room for cavorting around in his wolf suit.

He dreamed of going where the wild things are, to rule them and to share their wild life.

(JE Sendak Gr. K - 2)

1965 MAY I BRING A FRIEND?

Illustrated by Beni Montresor

Written by Beatrice Schenk DeRegniers

A little boy introduces his friends from the zoo to the King and Queen.

(JE DeRegniers Gr. PreS - 2)

1966 ALWAYS ROOM FOR ONE MORE

Illustrated by Nonny Hogrogian

Retold by Sorche Nic Leodhas (Leclaire Alger)

An illustrated version of an old Scottish folksong about a Scott whose generosity is rewarded. The music to the song appears at the back, along with various definitions of those Scottish expressions retained in this version of the song.

(J784 N Gr. K - 3)

1967 SAM, BANGS & MOONSHINE

Illustrated and written by Evaline Ness

Samantha, a daydreamer, sends her devoted friend, Thomas, out into the harbor to look for her imaginary kangaroo. A near disaster makes her draw the line between "moonshine" and reality.

(JE Ness Gr. K - 3)

1968 DRUMMER HOFF

Illustrated by Ed Emberley

Adapted by Barbara Emberley

An adaptation of an old folk rhyme. The militia is engaged in loading the cannon, each man performing his particular task, but it is Drummer Hoff who fires it off!

(JE Emberley Gr. PreS - 2)

1969 THE FOOL OF THE WORLD AND THE FLYING SHIP

Illustrated by Uri Shulevitz and Retold by Arthur Ransome

The Fool of the World was the third and youngest son whose parents thought little of him. When the Czar announced that his daughter would marry the hero who could bring him a flying ship, the Fool of the World went looking and found one.
(J398.2 Ransome Gr. K - 3)

1970 SYLVESTER AND THE MAGIC PEBBLE

Illustrated and written by William Steig

A rock hunting expedition has surprising results when Sylvester Duncan, a young donkey, finds a magic pebble that grants one wish too many and curses him to a stony future.
(JE Steig Gr. K - 3)

1971 A STORY, A STORY: AN AFRICAN TALE

Illustrated and retold by Gail E. Haley

Anase, the spider man, wants to buy some stories from Nyame, the Sky God, to whom all stories belong.
(J398.2096 Haley Gr. K - 3)

1972 ONE FINE DAY

Illustrated and adapted by Nonny Hogrogian

When a fox drinks the milk in an old woman's jug, she chops off his tail and refuses to give it back unless he returns her milk.
(JE Hogrogian Gr. K - 2)

1973 THE FUNNY LITTLE WOMAN

Illustrated by Blair Lent and retold by Arlene Mosel

A bubbly old lady of Japan chases an errant dumpling into a cavern where she is captured by creatures who need a good cook.
(J398.20952 Mosel Gr. K - 3)

1974 DUFFY AND THE DEVIL

Illustrated by Margot Zemach and retold by Harve Zemach

After bargaining with the devil, a young woman must guess his name or be forced to go away with him.
(J398.20942 Zemach Gr. 2 - 4)

1975 ARROW TO THE SUN

Illustrated and adapted by Gerald McDermott

An adaptation of the Pueblo Indian myth, which explains how the spirit of the Lord of the Sun was brought to the world of men.
(J398.2 McDermott Gr. 2 - 4)

1976 WHY MOSQUITOES BUZZ IN PEOPLE'S EARS

Illustrated by Leo Dillon and Diane Dillon

Retold by Verna Aardema

A mosquito's lie sets off a series of reactions in the jungle that result in the owl's refusal to wake the sun and the lion's decision to call a meeting of the animals.
(J398.2 Aardema Gr. PreS - 3)

1977 ASHANTI TO ZULU: AFRICAN TRADITIONS

Illustrated by Leo Dillon and Diane Dillon

Written by Margaret Musgrove

Explains customs of 26 African tribes named with letters from A to Z.
(J960 M Gr. K - 3)

1978 NOAH'S ARK

Illustrated and translated by Peter Spier

When the rains came, Noah prepared an ark ready and all the animals came on in couples.
(JE Spier Gr. PreS - 2)

1979 THE GIRL WHO LOVED WILD HORSES

Illustrated and written by Paul Goble

Though she is fond of humans, a girl experiences greater happiness and freedom living among the wild horses.
(JE Goble Gr. K - 2)

1980 OX-CART MAN

Illustrated by Barbara Cooney and written by Donald Hall

Describes the day-to-day life of an early 19th century New England family throughout the changing seasons.
(JE Hall Gr. K - 3)