


Newbery Medal Awards



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The Newbery Medal was named for eighteenth-century British bookseller John Newbery.

2006 CRISS CROSS
by Lynne Rae Perkins

Teenagers in a small town in the 1960s experience new thoughts and feelings, question their identities, connect and disconnect as they search for the meaning of life and love.
(YF Perkins Gr.7-12)

2007 THE HIGHER POWER OF LUCKY
by Susan Patron

Fearing that her legal guardian plans to abandon her to an orphanage, aspiring scientist Lucky Trimble attempts to run away.
(JF Patron Gr.4-6)

**2008 GOOD MASTERS! SWEET LADIES! VOICES FROM A
MEDIIEVAL VILLAGE**
by Laura Amy Schlitz

Thirteen-century England springs to life this collection of short one-person plays featuring characters, between ten and fifteen years old, who live in or near an English manor.
(Y812.6 Schlitz Gr. 5-9)

2009 THE GRAVEYARD BOOK
by Neil Gaiman

Nobody Owens is the only living resident of a graveyard. Raised from infancy by the ghosts that inhabit the cemetery. Body has learned the antiquated customs of his guardians' time as well as their timely ghostly teachings like the ability to Fade.
(YF Gaiman Gr. 5-9)

2010 WHEN YOU REACH ME
by Rebecca Stead

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980's television game show, 'The \$20,000 Pyramid,' a 12-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source the seems to defy the laws of time and space.
(JF Stead Gr.3-7)

2011 MOON OVER MANIFEST
by Clare Vanderpool

Set in the Great Depression, Abilene Tucker, a 12-year-old whose father sends her for the summer to Manifest, Kansas, a town populated by bootleggers and coal-mining immigrants. There she solves a longtime mystery.
(JF Vanderpool Gr.3-7)

2000 BUD, NOT BUDDY

by Christopher Paul Curtis

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father—the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

(JF Curtis Gr.4-7)

2001 A YEAR DOWN YONDER

by Richard Peck

During the recession of 1937, 15-year-old Mary Alice is sent to live with her feisty, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois and comes to a better understanding of this fearsome woman.

(YF Peck Gr.7-9)

2002 A SINGLE SHARD

by Linda Sue Park

Tree-ear, a 13-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.

(YF Park Gr.5-8)

2003 CRISPIN: THE CROSS OF LEAD

by Avi

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in 14th century England flees his village and meets a larger -than -life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.

(YF Avi Gr.5-8)

2004 THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX: BEING THE STORY OF A MOUSE, A PRINCESS, SOME SOUP, AND A SPOOL OF THREAD

by Kate DiCamillo

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

(JF DiCamillo Gr.3-7)

2005 KIRA-KIRA

by Cynthia Kadohata

Chronicles the close friendship between two Japanese American sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950s and early 1960s, and the despair felt when one sister becomes terminally ill.

(YF Kadohata Gr.6-9)

All Shelved on Newbery Shelf

1922 THE STORY OF MANKIND

by Hendrik Van Loon

A history of the development of civilization which deals with ideas and movements.

(J909 Van Loon Gr.3 & up)

1923 THE VOYAGES OF DOCTOR DOLITTLE

by Hugh Lofting

The wildly impossible and very funny adventures of a doctor who learned animal language and visited Spider Monkey Island.

(JF Lofting Gr.4-6)

1924 THE DARK FRIGATE

by Charles B. Hawes

The adventures of a boy captured by pirates in the 17th century. After his release, he served under King Charles then sailed for Barbados in the same ship in which he was captured, "The Rose of Devon."

(YF Hawes Gr.7 & up)

1925 TALES FROM SILVER LANDS

by Charles J. Finger

Nineteen folk stories which originated with the Indians of South America and include tales about giants, witches and animals.

(J398.2 Finger Gr.3-7)

1926 SHEN OF THE SEA

by Arthur B. Chrisman

Contains sixteen short stories written for reading aloud or for storytelling; with the character of folk and wonder tales, strong in humor and in Chinese flavor.

(JF Chrisman Gr.4-6)

1927 SMOKY, THE COWHORSE

by Will James

The story of a cow pony from his birth in the wild through varied incidents in his life.

(JF James Gr.3-7)

1928 GAY NECK, THE STORY OF A PIGEON

by Dhan Gopal Mukerji

The story of a carrier pigeon who begins life in Calcutta, goes to France during World War I to serve as a messenger, and eventually returns to his young Master in India.

(JF Mukerji Gr.3-7)

1929 THE TRUMPETER OF KRAKOW

by Eric P. Kelly

A Polish family in the Middle Ages guards a great secret treasure and a boy's memory of an earlier trumpeter of Krakow makes it possible for him to save his father.

(JF Kelly Gr.3-8)

1930 HITTY, HER FIRST HUNDRED YEARS

by Rachel Field

America one hundred years ago, seen through the adventures of a wooden doll. She was owned by Phoebe Preble who took her everywhere to broaden her horizons.

(JF Field Gr.4-6)

1931 THE CAT WHO WENT TO HEAVEN

by Elizabeth Coatsworth

What happens when a three colored cat, said to bring good luck, comes to life with a poor young artist in Japan.

(JF Coatsworth Gr.4-6)

1932 WATERLESS MOUNTAIN

by Laura Adams Armer

An unusual story of Navaho Indian life as seen through the eyes of Younger Brother who learns the songs of the medicine men and makes new songs for himself. Navaho customs and tribal beliefs are skillfully woven into the narrations.

(JF Armer Gr.3-7)

1933 YOUNG FU OF THE UPPER YANGTZE

by Elizabeth Foreman Lewis

The adventures of a Chinese country boy who goes with his widowed mother to live in the city.

(JF Lewis Gr.3-5)

1934 INVINCIBLE LOUISA: THE STORY OF THE AUTHOR OF LITTLE WOMEN

by Cornelia Meigs

The heartwarming, exciting story of Louisa May Alcott tells how she became a published author and saved her family from poverty.

(JB Alcott Gr.3-7)

1935 DOBRY

by Monica Shannon

The story of a Bulgarian peasant boy who wanted to become a sculptor.

(JF Shannon Gr.4-7)

1993 MISSING MAY

by Cynthia Rylant

After the death of the beloved aunt who has raised her, 12- year-old Summer and her uncle Ob leave their West Virginia trailer in search of the strength to go on living.

(JF Rylant Gr.3-7)

1994 THE GIVER

by Lois Lowry

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

(YF Lowry Gr.6-9)

1995 WALK TWO MOONS

by Sharon Creech

After her mother leaves home suddenly, Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend, Phoebe, whose mother also left.

(YF Creech Gr.6-9)

1996 THE MIDWIFE'S APPRENTICE

by Karen Cushman

The story of a homeless girl in 14th century England who finds a place in the world when she is hired on as a helper by a midwife.

(YF Cushman Gr.6-9)

1997 THE VIEW FROM SATURDAY

by E.L. Konigsburg

Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.

(JF Konigsburg Gr.4-6)

1998 OUT OF THE DUST

by Karen Hesse

In a series of poems, 15-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.

(YF Hesse Gr.5-9)

1999 HOLES

by Louis Sachar

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

(YF Sachar Gr.5-8)

1986 SARAH, PLAIN AND TALL

by Patricia MacLachlan

When their father invites a mail-order bride to come and live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope she will stay.

(JF MacLachlan Gr.2-4)

1987 THE WHIPPING BOY

by Sid Fleischman

Jemmy the whipping boy, and the spiteful and arrogant Prince Brat must at last confront each other in this tale of adventure and suspense.

(JF Fleischman Gr.2-6)

1988 LINCOLN: A PHOTOBIOGRAPHY

by Russell Freedman

Photographs and text trace the life of the Civil War President.

(YB Lincoln Gr.5-9)

1989 JOYFUL NOISE: POEMS FOR TWO VOICES

by Paul Fleischman

A collection of poems describing the characteristics and activities of a variety of insects.

(J811 Fleischman Gr.3-6)

1990 NUMBER THE STARS

by Lois Lowry

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, 10-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

(JF Lowry Gr.3-7)

1991 MANIAC MAGEE

by Jerry Spinelli

Jeffrey "Maniac McGee" is an orphan who lives on his own. As he learns about prejudice he fights to overcome it.

(YF Spinelli Gr.6-10)

1992 SHILOH

by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Shiloh, a beagle, follows Marty home but he belongs to someone else. A moving, powerful story about the best and worst of human nature.

(JF Naylor Gr.4-6)

1936 CADDIE WOODLAWN

by Carol Ryrie Brink

A red-headed tomboy and her brothers, who live on the Wisconsin frontier in the 1860s, have exciting adventures with friendly Indians.

(JF Brink Gr.4-7)

1937 ROLLER SKATES

by Ruth Sawyer

Lucinda Wyman meets many friends and has many adventures as she roller skates in New York City.

(JF Sawyer Gr.3-7)

1938 THE WHITE STAG

by Kate Seredy

A legendary account of the westward migration of the Hungarians to new lands. Their leaders, including Attila, were guided by the White Stag to the Hungarian plains.

(J398.2 Seredy Gr.3-7)

1939 THIMBLE SUMMER

by Elizabeth Enright

The story of Garnet and the wonderful summer she spends on her Wisconsin farm.

(JF Enright Gr.3-6)

1940 DANIEL BOONE

by James Daugherty

A portrayal of the famous frontiersman whose appetite for adventure was never satisfied.

(JB Boone Gr.3-7)

1941 CALL IT COURAGE

by Armstrong Sperry

The story of a Polynesian boy, Mafatu, who, when called a coward for being afraid of the sea, sets out to overcome his fears.

(JF Sperry Gr.4-6)

1942 THE MATCHLOCK GUN

by Walter D. Edmonds

When his father left to search for marauding Indians, Edward Alstyne defends the family from Indian raids.

(JF Edmonds Gr.4-6)

1943 ADAM OF THE ROAD

by Elizabeth J. Gray

Adam's adventures in search of his lost dog and his father in 13th England.

(JF Gray Gr.3-7)

1944 JOHNNY TREMAIN

by Esther Forbes

The story of a young apprentice set during the Boston Tea Party
(JF Forbes Gr.3-7)

1945 RABBIT HILL

by Robert Lawson

All the animals are excited because new folks are coming to live in the house on the hill. The question for Little George, Mother and Father Rabbit, and the other animals is whether the new folks will be good providers.

(JF Lawson Gr.4-6)

1946 STRAWBERRY GIRL

by Lois Lenski

The story of Birdie Boyer, a little Cracker girl who helps her Florida family raise strawberries and cope with the shiftless Slaters next door.

(JF Lenski Gr.4-6)

1947 MISS HICKORY

by Carolyn Sherwin Bailey

Miss Hickory is a doll who survives a harsh winter alone in her corn cob house when Great-granny Brown moves to Boston. A very good portrayal of old New England customs.

(JF Bailey Gr.3-5)

1948 TWENTY-ONE BALLOONS

by William Pène du Bois

The adventures of Professor Sherman who, in 1883, left San Francisco in a balloon. He landed on Krakatoa, a volcanic island. He saw the diamond mines, incredible natives, and, with the help of a volcanic eruption, came home to San Francisco.

(JF Du Bois Gr.3-8)

1949 KING OF THE WIND

by Marguerite Henry

The story of Godolphin Arabian, a spirited stallion and ancestor of Man-O-War.

(JF Henry Gr.3-6)

1950 THE DOOR IN THE WALL

by Marguerite de Angeli

Robin, a cripple, is taken by Brother Luke to a monastery where he learns to read, write, carve, and use crutches. Together they journey to the castle on the Welsh marshes where he becomes a page and eventually wins his knighthood by an act of bravery.

(JF De Angeli Gr.4-6)

1979 THE WESTING GAME

by Ellen Raskin

The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

(JF Raskin Gr.3-8)

1980 A GATHERING OF DAYS

by Joan W. Blos

The journal of a 14-year-old girl, kept the last year she lived on the family farm, records daily events in her small New Hampshire town.

(JF Blos Gr.3-8)

1981 JACOB HAVE I LOVED

by Katherine Paterson

Feeling deprived all her life of schooling, friends, mother, and even her name by her twin sister, Louise finally begins to fight back.

(YF Paterson Gr.7-9)

1982 A VISIT TO WILLIAM BLAKE'S INN

by Nancy Willard

A collection of poems describing the curious menagerie of guests who arrive at the Inn. Also a Caldecott Honor Book.

(J811.54 Willard Gr.2-5)

1983 DICEY'S SONG

by Cynthia Voigt

Now that the four abandoned Tillerman children are settled in with their grandmother, Dacey finds that their new beginnings require love, trust, honor, and courage.

(YF Voigt Gr.6-9)

1984 DEAR MR. HENSHAW

by Beverly Cleary

In his letter to his favorite author, 10-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world.

(JF Cleary Gr.3-6)

1985 THE HERO AND THE CROWN

by Robin McKinley

Aerin, with the guidance of the Wizard Luthe and the help of the blue sword, wins the birthright due her as the daughter of the Damarian King and a witch-woman of the mysterious, demon haunted North.

(YF McKinley Gr.7-10)

1972 MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH

by Robert C. O'Brien

Mrs. Frisby, a recently widowed mouse, faced a serious problem and had no one to turn to for help. At an owl's suggestion, she visited a group of rats known for doing strange things. This story tells of her discovery of the truth about them and also about her dead husband.

(JF O'Brien Gr.3-6)

1973 JULIE OF THE WOLVES

by Jean Craighead George

An Eskimo girl lost on the North Slope of Alaska befriends a pack of wolves and is befriended by them as well.

(JF George Gr.3-7)

1974 THE SLAVE DANCER

by Paula Fox

Jessie Bollier recalls the horrors he experienced during the summer of 1840 when he was press-ganged aboard a slaver bound for Africa.

(YF Fox Gr.7-9)

1975 M. C. HIGGINS, THE GREAT

by Virginia Hamilton

As a slag heap, the result of strip mining, creeps closer to his house in the Ohio hills, M.C. is torn between trying to get his family away or fighting for the home they love.

(YF Hamilton Gr.7-9)

1976 THE GREY KING

by Susan Cooper

In this, the fourth volume of "Dark Is Rising" quintet, Will Stanton arrives in North Wales and undertakes his call as the last-born of the Old Ones, to sound the golden harp and wake the Six Sleepers.

(JF Cooper Gr.3-5)

1977 ROLL OF THUNDER, HEAR MY CRY

by Mildred Taylor

A black family living in the South during the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which the children do not understand.

(YF Taylor Gr.5-7)

1978 BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA

by Katherine Paterson

The Life of a 10-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.

(JF Paterson Gr.3-7)

1951 AMOS FORTUNE, FREE MAN

by Elizabeth Yates

Born free in Africa, Amos Fortune was sold into slavery in America in 1725. This is the story of how he regained his freedom and lived to be a respected member of his community.

(JB Fortune Gr.3-8)

1952 GINGER PYE

by Eleanor Estes

When the Pye children cannot find their dog, Ginger, they suspect a stranger wearing a yellow hat has something to do with the disappearance.

(JF Estes Gr.4-6)

1953 SECRET OF THE ANDES

by Ann Nolan Clark

Cusi, a shepherd boy, and his favorite llama, black Misti, live in a hidden valley of Peru. Cusi learns that he must fulfill the sacred tradition of his ancestors.

(JF Clark Gr.3-7)

1954 ...AND NOW MIGUEL

by Joseph Krumgold

A memorable and deeply moving story of a family of New Mexican shepherders in which Miguel, neither child nor man, tells of his great longing to accompany men and sheep to their summer pasture and expresses his need to be recognized as a maturing individual.

(JF Krumgold Gr.3-7)

1955 THE WHEEL ON THE SCHOOL

by Meindert De Jong

When Lina writes a composition about storks, she sets the other children's minds to wondering why no storks come to their little Dutch village of Shora. A hope, a dream, a belief - and one day it comes true.

(JF De Jong Gr.3-7)

1956 CARRY ON, MR. BOWDITCH

by Jean Lee Latham

The biography of Nathaniel Bowditch - mathematician, sailor and author of the American Practical Navigator

(JB Bowditch Gr.3-8)

1957 MIRACLES ON MAPLE HILL

by Virginia Sorensen

Marley, who is about nine, and her parents and older brother Joe, leave Pittsburgh to live on a farm. The children, keenly aware of outdoor life around them and of their neighbors, help with the sugaring and the farming.

(JF Sorensen Gr.4-6)

1958 RIFLES FOR WATIE

by Harold Keith

A boy in service during the Civil War tries to find out where General Watie is getting his weapons.

(YF Keith Gr.7-9)

1959 THE WITCH OF BLACKBIRD POND

by Elizabeth George Speare

Kit Tyler, newly arrived from Barbados, becomes friendly with Hannah, the witch of Blackbird Pond. This friendship causes a terrifying witch hunt and a breathtaking trial from which Kit is saved by a child she had taught to read.

(YF Speare Gr.6-9)

1960 ONION JOHN

by Joseph Krumgold

Andy, twelve, and his father, a small town hardware dealer, are in conflict about Andy's future and about his odd friendship with Onion John a middle-European immigrant who has never learned English, lives close to nature and finds answers to all his questions in the supernatural.

(JF Krumgold Gr.3 & Up)

1961 ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHINS

by Scott O'Dell

The story of an Indian girl who is left alone on an island for eighteen years.

(JF O'Dell Gr.3-5)

1962 THE BRONZE BOW

by Elizabeth George Speare

An Israeli boy fights to drive the Romans from his land.

(JF Speare Gr.3-5)

1963 A WRINKLE IN TIME

by Madeleine L'Engle

Meg, her brother and her friends are spirited to another world by three extraterrestrial beings where they find her father and undergo many adventure and terrors before they free him.

(JF L'Engle Gr.3-5)

1964 IT'S LIKE THIS, CAT

by Emily Cheney Neville

This is the tale of Dave's affection for a stray tomcat, his first shy friendship with a girl, and his growing understanding for his father.

(YF Neville Gr.6-9)

1965 SHADOW OF A BULL

by Maia Wojciechowska

There are many difficulties ahead for a young boy who does not wish to follow in his father's footsteps and become a bullfighter.

(JF Wojciechowska Gr.3-5)

1966 I, JUAN DE PAREJA

by Elizabeth Borton de Trevino

Through the eyes of his devoted Negro slave, Juan de Pareja, the character of the artist Velazquez is revealed. Juan keenly interprets the sights and substance of seventeenth century Spanish court life and reveals the techniques of the master artist.

(YF Trevino Gr.6-9)

1967 UP A ROAD SLOWLY

by Irene Hunt

A sensitive account of the process of a girl's growth from a selfish 7-year-old to a mature young woman.

(YF Hunt Gr.7-9)

1968 FROM THE MIXED-UP FILES OF MRS. BASIL E. FRANKWEILER

by E.L. Konigsburg

Claudia and her brother run away from home and hide for six days at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

(JF Konigsburg Gr.3-5)

1969 THE HIGH KING

by Lloyd Alexander

Taran's last and greatest quest begins when the powerful sword, Dyrnwyn, falls into the hands of Arawn Death Lord, threatening the mythical kingdom of Prydain with annihilation.

(JF Alexander Gr.3-5)

1970 SOUNDER

by William H. Armstrong

An impoverished black sharecropper, driven to steal food for his starving family, is forced to run away from his home to avoid capture.

(JF Armstrong Gr.3-7)

1971 THE SUMMER OF THE SWANS

by Betsy Byars

Sara Godfrey, at the brink of maturity, learns a lot about life and love as a result of the disappearance of her mentally retarded younger brother.

(JF Byars Gr.3-8)