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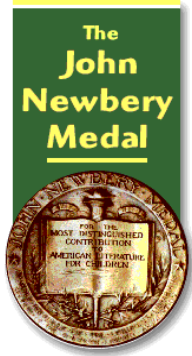
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Newbery Medal Criteria



The Newbery Medal was named for eighteenth-century British bookseller John Newbery. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

Past Newbery Winners & Honor Books

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2015 Winners and Honors



The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

ISBN: 9780544107717

Publication Date: 2014-03-18

"With a bolt of lightning on my kicks . . . The court is SIZZLING. My sweat is

DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. Cuz tonight I'm delivering," announces dread-locked, 12-year old Josh Bell. He and his twin brother Jordan are awesome on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he's got mad beats, too, that tell his family's story in verse, in this fast and furious middle grade novel of family and brotherhood from Kwame Alexander (*He Said, She Said* 2013).

Josh and Jordan must come to grips with growing up on and off the court to realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price, as their story's heart-stopping climax proves a game-changer for the entire family.

Winner is listed first followed by honors.



El Deafo by Cece Bell; David Lasky (Illustrator)

ISBN: 9781419712173

Publication Date: 2014-09-02

Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful--and very awkward--hearing aid. The Phonic Ear gives Cece the ability to hear--sometimes things she shouldn't--but also isolates her from her classmates. She really just wants to fit in and find a true friend, someone who appreciates

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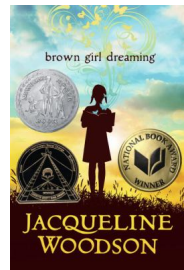
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her as she is. After some trouble, she is finally able to harness the power of the Phonic Ear and become "El Deafo, Listener for All." And more importantly, declare a place for herself in the world and find the friend she's longed for.



Brown Girl Dreaming by

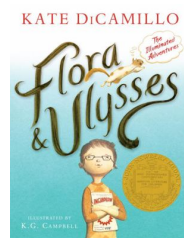
Jacqueline Woodson

ISBN: 9780399252518

Publication Date: 2014-08-28

Jacqueline Woodson, one of today's finest writers, tells the moving story of her childhood in mesmerizing verse. Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement. Touching and powerful, each poem is both accessible and emotionally charged, each line a glimpse into a child's soul as she searches for her place in the world. Woodson's eloquent poetry also reflects the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, despite the fact that she struggled with reading as a child. Her love of stories inspired her and stayed with her, creating the first sparks of the gifted writer she was to become.

2014 Winners and Honors



Flora and Ulysses by Kate

DiCamillo; K. G. Campbell

(Illustrator)

ISBN: 9780763676711

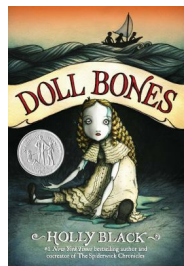
Publication Date: 2015-03-10

Holy unanticipated

occurrences! A cynic meets an unlikely superhero in a genre-breaking new novel by master storyteller Kate DiCamillo. It begins, as the best superhero stories do, with a tragic accident that has unexpected consequences.

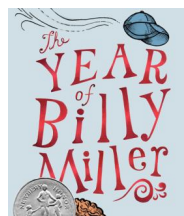
The squirrel never saw the vacuum cleaner coming, but self-described cynic Flora Belle Buckman, who has read every issue of the comic book *Terrible Things Can Happen to You!*, is the just the right person to step in and save him. What neither can predict is that Ulysses (the squirrel) has been born anew, with powers of strength, flight, and misspelled poetry -- and that Flora will be changed too, as she discovers the possibility of hope and the promise of a capacious heart.

Winner is listed first followed by honors.



Doll Bones by Holly Black;
Eliza Wheeler (Illustrator)
ISBN: 9781416963981
Publication Date: 2013-05-07
Zach, Poppy, and Alice have been friends forever. And for almost as long, they've been

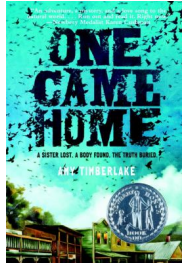
playing one continuous, ever-changing game of pirates and thieves, mermaids and warriors. Ruling over all is the Great Queen, a bone-china doll cursing those who displease her. But they are in middle school now. Zach's father pushes him to give up make-believe, and Zach quits the game. Their friendship might be over, until Poppy declares she's been having dreams about the Queen-and the ghost of a girl who will not rest until the bone-china doll is buried in her empty grave. Zach and Alice and Poppy set off on one last adventure to lay the Queen's ghost to rest. But nothing goes according to plan, and as their adventure turns into an epic journey, creepy things begin to happen. Is the doll just a doll or something more sinister? And if there really is a ghost, will it let them go now that it has them in its clutches?



The Year of Billy Miller by
Kevin Henkes (Illustrator)
ISBN: 9780062268129
Publication Date: 2013-09-17
Things to know about Billy



Miller: He's worried about 2nd grade. He thinks bats are cool. His little sister is annoying. He had a spectacular accident this summer. He doesn't like poetry much. His dad makes really good cookies. Ned is his best friend. His mom likes rainy days. He thinks Emma Sparks is a pain. He can run really fast. This is his year.



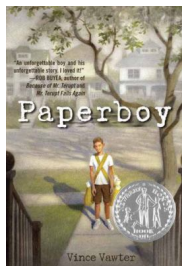
One Came Home by Amy Timberlake

ISBN: 9780375873454

Publication Date: 2014-01-07

In the town of Placid, Wisconsin, in 1871, Georgie Burkhardt is known for two

things: her uncanny aim with a rifle and her habit of speaking her mind plainly. But when Georgie blurts out something she shouldn't, her older sister Agatha flees, running off with a pack of "pigeoners" trailing the passenger pigeon migration. And when the sheriff returns to town with an unidentifiable body--wearing Agatha's blue-green ball gown--everyone assumes the worst. Except Georgie. Refusing to believe the facts that are laid down (and coffined) before her, Georgie sets out on a journey to find her sister. She will track every last clue and shred of evidence to bring Agatha home. Yet even with resolute determination and her trusty Springfield single-shot, Georgie is not prepared for what she faces on the western frontier.



Paperboy by Vince Vawter

ISBN: 9780307931511

Publication Date: 2014-12-23

Little Man throws the meanest fastball in town. But talking is a whole different ball game. He can barely say a word without

stuttering--not even his own name. So when he takes over his best friend's paper route for the month of July, he's not exactly looking forward to interacting with the customers. But it's the neighborhood junkman, a bully and



thief, who stirs up real trouble in Little Man's life.

2013 Winners and Honors



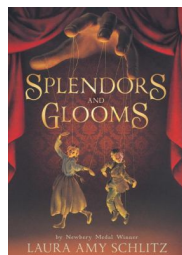
The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate; Patricia Castelao (Illustrator)
Call Number: PZ7 .A6483 On 2012
ISBN: 9780061992254

Publication Date: 2012-01-17

Ivan is an easygoing gorilla. Living at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade, he has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass walls of his domain. He rarely misses his life in the jungle. In fact, he hardly ever thinks about it at all. Instead, Ivan thinks about TV shows he's seen and about his friends Stella, an elderly elephant, and Bob, a stray dog. But mostly Ivan thinks about art and how to capture the taste of a mango or the sound of leaves with color and a well-placed line. Then he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from her family, and she makes Ivan see their home—and his own art—through new eyes. When Ruby arrives, change comes with her, and it's up to Ivan to make it a change for the better. Katherine Applegate blends humor and poignancy to create Ivan's unforgettable first-person narration in a story of friendship, art, and hope.



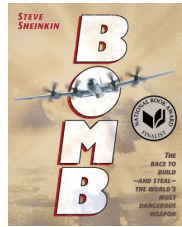
Winner is listed first followed by honors.



Splendors and Glooms by Laura Amy Schlitz
Call Number: PZ7 .S347145 Spl 2012
ISBN: 9780763653804
Publication Date: 2012-08-28

A Newbery Medalist ("Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village")

Ladies: voices from a medieval village , brings her sorcery to a Victorian gothic thriller-
-an enthralling, darkly comic tale that would do Charles Dickens proud.



Bomb by Steve Sheinkin

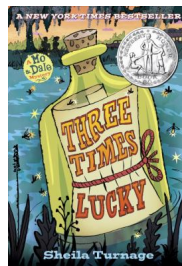
Call Number: UG1282 .A8

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ISBN: 9781596434875

Publication Date: 2012-09-04

In December of 1938, a chemist in a German laboratory made a shocking discovery: When placed next to radioactive material, a Uranium atom split in two. That simple discovery launched a scientific race that spanned 3 continents. In Great Britain and the United States, Soviet spies worked their way into the scientific community; in Norway, a commando force slipped behind enemy lines to attack German heavy-water manufacturing; and deep in the desert, one brilliant group of scientists was hidden away at a remote site at Los Alamos. This is the story of the plotting, the risk-taking, the deceit, and genius that created the world's most formidable weapon. This is the story of the atomic bomb. Bomb is a 2012 National Book Awards finalist for Young People's Literature.



Three Times Lucky by Sheila

Turnage

Call Number: PZ7 .T8488 Thr

2012

ISBN: 9780803736702


Publication Date: 2012-05-10

Meet Miss Moses LoBeau—
rising sixth grader natural born detective,
borderline straight-A student, and goddess of
free enterprise. Mo washed ashore in Tupelo
Landing, North Carolina, eleven years ago
during one of the meanest hurricanes in
history, and she's been making waves ever
since. Mo's summer is looking good. She'll take
karate with her best friend, Dale Earnhardt
Johnson III (whose daddy believes in naming
for the famous) and plot against her sworn



for the famous), and plot against her sworn enemy, Anna Celeste (aka Attila). She'll help out at the café run by the Colonel and Miss Lana, and continue her lifelong search for her Upstream Mother. But when the café's crankiest customer turns up dead and a city-slick lawman shows up asking questions, Mo's summer takes an unexpected turn. With another hurricane bearing down on Tupelo Landing, Mo and Dale set out to save those they love and solve a mystery of epic proportion.

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