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Notable authors like Laurence Yep (winner of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award), Christopher Paul Curtis (three-time winner of the Coretta Scott King Book Award), and Lois Lowry (winner of two Newbery Medals for *Number the Stars* and *The Giver*) were recognized with this award early in their illustrious careers.

Check out this inspiring reading list with all the award-winning titles from the last 40 years.
1983
Meredith Ann Pierce
*The Darkangel*
Atlantic Monthly/Little, Brown

1984
Clare Bell
*Ratha’s Creature*
Atheneum

1985
Janni Howker
*Badger on the Barge*
Julia MacRae Books (London) and Greenwillow

1986
Pam Conrad
*Prairie Songs*
Harper & Row

1987
Margaret I. Rostkowski
*After the Dancing Days*
Young Adult Category Harper & Row

1988
Leslie Baker
*The Third-Story Cat*
Little, Brown

1989
Philip Pullman
*The Ruby in the Smoke*
Knopf

1990
Patricia Polacco
*Rechenka’s Eggs*
Younger Reader Category Putnam & Grosset

1991
Megan McDonald
*Is This a House for Hermit Crabs?*
Younger Reader Category Orchard Press

1992
Virginia Grossman and Sylvia Long
*Ten Little Rabbits*
Younger Reader Category Chronicle Books

1993
Douglas Wood and Cheng-Khee Chee
*Old Turtle*
Younger Reader Category Hyperion Books

Marisabina Russo
*The Line Up Book*
Greenwillow Books
1994
Deborah Hopkinson
Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt
Younger Reader Category
Random House

Nelly S. Toll
Behind the Secret Window
Older Reader Category
E. P. Dutton

Elizabeth Alder
The King’s Shadow
Older Reader Category
Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Susan E. Quinlan
The Case of the Mummified Pigs and Other Mysteries in Nature
Informational Reader Category
Boyds Mills Press

Ronder Thomas Young
Moving Mama to Town
Older Reader Category
Orchard Books

Brandon Marie Miller
Just What the Doctor Ordered: The History of American Medicine
Informational Reader Category
Lerner

1995
Gay Matthaei, Jewel Grutman, and Adam Cvijanovic
The Ledgerbook of Thomas Blue Eagle
Younger Reader Category
Thomasson-Grant, Inc.

Trudy Krisher
Spite Fences
Older Reader Category
Bantam Books

Gary Bowen
Stranded at Plimoth Plantation 1626
Informational Reader Category
HarperCollins Publishers

1997
Ingrid Slyder
The Fabulous Flying Fandinis
Younger Reader Category
Cobblehill/Dutton

Margaret Peterson Haddix
Don’t You Dare Read This, Mrs. Dunphrey
Older Reader Category
Simon & Schuster Books for Young People

Elizabeth Mann
The Brooklyn Bridge
Informational Reader Category
Mikaya Press

1999
Frances and Ginger Park
My Freedom Trip: A Child’s Escape From North Korea
Younger Reader Category
Boyds Mills Press

John H. Ritter
Choosing Up Sides
Older Reader Category
Philomel Books

Derek T. Dingle
First in the Field: Baseball Hero Jackie Robinson
Informational Reader Category
Hyperion Books

2000
Sy Montgomery
The Snake Scientist
Younger Reader Category
Houghton Mifflin

1996
Marie Bradby and Chris K. Soentpiet
More About Anything Else
Younger Reader Category
Orchard Books

Milly Lee and Yangsok Choi
Nim and the War Effort
Younger Reader Category
Farrar, Straus and Giroux
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Andrea U’ren
Mary Smith
Primary–Fiction
Farrar, Straus & Giroux

James Warhola
Uncle Andy’s: A Faabbbulous Visit with Andy Warhol
Primary–Nonfiction
Penguin

Esmé Raji Codell
Sahara Special
Intermediate–Fiction
Hyperion Books

Penelope Niven
Carl Sandburg: Adventures of a Poet
Intermediate–Nonfiction
Harcourt

Kathe Koja
Buddha Boy
Young Adult–Fiction
Farrar, Straus & Giroux

Miriam Stone
At the End of Words: A Daughter’s Memoir
(Young Adult–Nonfiction)
Candlewick Press

2005

Leslie Conner and Mary Azarian
Miss Bridie Chose a Shovel
(Primary–Fiction)
Houghton Mifflin

Susie Caldwell Rinehart and Anisa Claire Hovemann
Eliza and the Dragonfly
Primary–Nonfiction
Dawn Publications

Maiya Williams
The Golden Hour
Intermediate–Fiction
Amulet Books

Joan Marie Arbogast
Buildings in Disguise
Intermediate–Nonfiction
Boyds Mill Press

Brenda Woods
Emako Blue
Young Adult–Fiction
G.P. Putnam’s Sons

Brent Runyon
The Burn Journals
Young Adult–Nonfiction
Alfred A. Knopf

2006

Rob Scotton
Russell the Sheep
Primary–Fiction
HarperCollins

Jane Ann Peddicord
Night Wonders
Primary–Nonfiction
Charlesbridge

David L. Dudley
The Bicycle Man
Intermediate–Fiction
Clarion Books

Robert Shetterly
Americans Who Tell the Truth
Intermediate–Nonfiction
Dutton

Paul Volponi
Black and White
Young Adult–Fiction
Viking Press

Wynton Marsalis and Paul Rogers
JAZZ ABZ: An A to Z Collection of Jazz Portraits
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Stacy McAnulty
*Dear Santasaurus*
Primary–Fiction
Boyd's Mill Press

Kathryn Selbert
*War Dogs: Churchill & Rufus*
Primary–Nonfiction
Charlesbridge

Liesl Shurtliff
*Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstilskin*
Intermediate–Fiction
Knopf

Brian McLachlan
*Draw Out the Story: Ten Secrets to Creating Your Own Comics*
Intermediate–Nonfiction
Owlkids

Rainbow Rowell
*Eleanor and Park*
Young Adult–Fiction
St. Martin’s Griffin

Jonathan Auxier
*The Night Gardener*
Intermediate–Fiction
Amulet Books

Cheryl Mullenbach
*The Industrial Revolution for Kids: The People and Technology That Changed the World*
Intermediate–Nonfiction
Chicago Review Press, Inc.

2015

Lois Brandt, author, and Vin Vogel, illustrator
*Maddi’s Fridge*
Primary–Fiction
Flashlight Press

Katherine Hall
*Polar Bears and Penguins: A Compare and Contrast Book*
Primary–Nonfiction
Abordale Publishing

Tawni Waters
*Beauty of the Broken*
Young Adult–Fiction
Simon Pulse