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### **Newbery Medal**

Awarded annually to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

### **Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award**

Awarded annually to the author and illustrator of the picture book voted most popular by preschool children in Missouri's public libraries.

### **Show Me Readers Award**

Awarded annually by the Missouri Association of School Librarians for the best book, as chosen by Missouri students in grades 1 to 3.

### **Mark Twain Award**

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### **Truman Readers Award**

Awarded annually by the Missouri Association of School Librarians for the best book, as chosen by Missouri students in grades 6 to 8.

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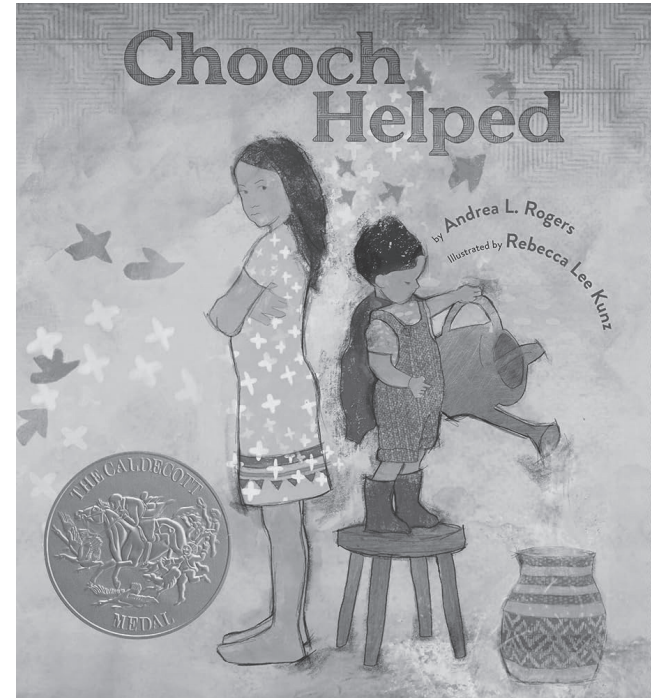
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# The Caldecott Medal

## Recent Winners List



### 2025 Caldecott Medal Winner



The Caldecott Medal was named in honor of 19th century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott. It has been awarded annually since 1938 by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

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## 2025 Winner

**Chooch Helped** *illus. by Rebecca Lee Kunz, text by Andrea L. Rogers* (E ROG)

Sissy's younger brother, Chooch, isn't a baby anymore. They just celebrated his second birthday, after all. But no matter what Chooch does — even if he's messing something up, which is basically all the time — their parents say he's just "helping." When Sissy tries to make a clay pot, Chooch helps ... and bursts into tears when Sissy yells at him.

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## 2024 Winner

**Big** by *Vashti Harrison* (E HAR)

A young girl with big dreams is praised for acting like a big girl when she is small. As she grows, "big" becomes a word of criticism. People continue to comment on the girl's size until, one day, she stands up to their criticism and embraces her size and beauty, redefining what "big" means to her.

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## 2023 Winner

**Hot Dog** by *Doug Salati* (E SAL)

This hot dog has had enough of summer in the city! When he plops down in the middle of a crosswalk, his owner endeavors to get him the breath of fresh air he needs.

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## 2022 Winner

**Watercress** *illus. by Jason Chin, text by Andrea Wang* (E WAN)

Embarrassed about gathering watercress from a roadside ditch, a girl learns to appreciate her Chinese heritage after learning why the plant is so important to her parents.

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## 2021 Winner

**We Are Water Protectors** *illus. by Michaela Goade, text by Carole Lindstrom* (E LIN)

Water is the first medicine. It affects and connects us all. When a black snake threatens to destroy the Earth and poison her people's water, one young water protector takes a stand to defend Earth's most sacred resource.

## 2020 Winner

**The Undeclared** *illus. by Kadir Nelson, text by Kwame Alexander* (E 811.6 ALE)

This poem is a love letter to Black American triumph and tribulation in the United States. It highlights the unspeakable trauma of slavery, the faith and fire of the civil rights movement and the grit, passion and perseverance of some of the world's greatest heroes.

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## 2019 Winner

**Hello Lighthouse** by *Sophie Blackall* (E BLA)

Step back in time and explore the life of one lighthouse as it beams its message out to the sea. Outside, there is water all around. Inside, the daily life of a lighthouse keeper and his family unfolds.

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## 2018 Winner

**Wolf in the Snow** by *Matthew Cordell* (E COR)

When a lost wolf cub and a lost little girl discover each other in a snowstorm, they help each other find their way back home.

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## 2017 Winner

**Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist**

**Jean-Michel Basquiat** by *Javaka Steptoe* (EB BAS)

Award-winning illustrator Javaka Steptoe uses vivid text and bold artwork echoing Basquiat's art to introduce young readers to the powerful message that art doesn't always have to be neat or clean — and definitely not inside the lines — to be beautiful.

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## 2016 Winner

**Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most**

**Famous Bear** *illus. by Sophie Blackall, text by Lindsay Mattick* (E MAT)

A woman tells her young son the true story of how his great-great-grandfather, Captain Harry Colebourn, rescued and learned to love a bear cub in 1914 as he was on his way to take care of soldiers' horses during World War I. That bear became the inspiration for A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh.