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Caldecott Medal

Awarded annually to the illustrator of the best American picture book 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

Awarded annually by the Missouri Association of School Librarians for the best book, as chosen by Missouri students in grades 4 to 6.

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.

Gateway Readers Award

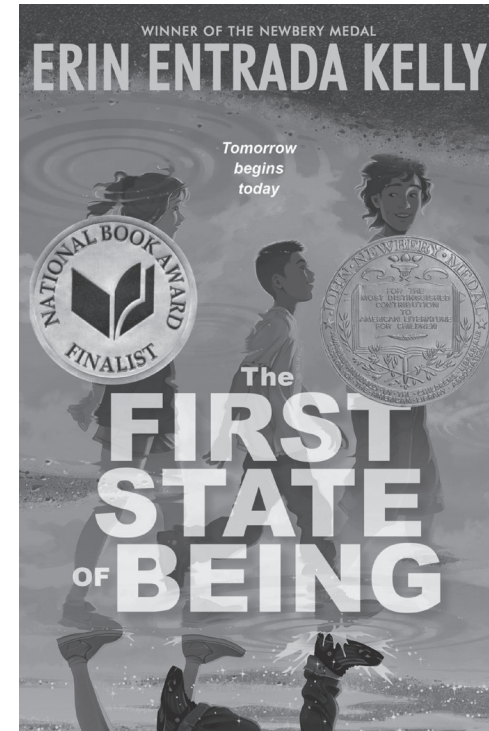
Awarded annually by the Missouri Association of School Librarians for the best book, as chosen by Missouri students in grades 9 to 12.



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The Newbery Medal

Recent Winners List



2025 Newbery Medal Winner



The Newbery Medal was named for 18th century British bookseller John Newbery. It has been awarded annually since 1922 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.

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2025 Winner

The First State of Being by *Erin Entrada Kelly* (J KEL)

When Ridge, a time-traveling teenager from the future, gets trapped in 1999, he befriends Michael, a lonely 12-year old boy, changing the course of their lives forever.

2024 Winner

The Eyes and the Impossible by *Dave Eggers* (J EGG)

Free dog Johannes' job is to observe everything that happens in his urban park and report back to the park's three bison elders, but changes are afoot, including more humans, a new building, a boatload of goats and a shocking revelation that changes his view of the world.

2023 Winner

Freewater by *Amina Luqman-Dawson* (J LUQ)

After fleeing the plantation where they were enslaved, siblings Ada and Homer discover the secret community of Freewater, and work with freeborn Sanzi to protect their new home from the dangers of the outside world.

2022 Winner

The Last Cuentista by *Donna Barba Higuera* (J HIG)

Petra Peña wanted nothing more than to be a storyteller, but Petra's world is ending. Earth has been destroyed by a comet, and only a few hundred scientists and their children have been chosen to journey to a new planet. Hundreds of years later, Petra wakes to this new planet and the discovery that she is the only person that remembers Earth. Petra alone now carries the stories of the past and, with them, any hope for the future.

2021 Winner

When You Trap a Tiger by *Tae Keller* (J KEL)

When Lily and her family move in with Halmoni, her sick grandmother, a magical tiger also arrives, straight out of Korean folktales. The tiger offers Lily a deal: if Lily will open her grandmother's star jars and return what she stole, the tiger will heal Halmoni. But deals with tigers are never what they seem!

2020 Winner

New Kid by *Jerry Craft* (J GN NEW)

Jordan loves nothing more than drawing cartoons. When his parents enroll him in a private school focused on academics and not art, he finds himself torn between two worlds. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture — where he is one of the few kids of color — while keeping his neighborhood friends and staying true to himself?

2019 Winner

Merci Suárez Changes Gears by *Meg Medina* (J MED)

Merci Suárez knew sixth grade at her private school would be different, but not just how different. Merci finds herself navigating community service for her scholarship and bullying from her privileged classmates, all while dealing with trouble in her multigenerational home.

2018 Winner

Hello, Universe by *Erin Entrada Kelly* (J KEL)

Virgil, Valencia, Kaori, Gen and Chet are not friends, not even close. But when Chet pulls a prank that traps Virgil and his pet guinea pig at the bottom of a well, unlikely friendships form. Kaori, Gen and Valencia go on an epic quest to find Virgil.

2017 Winner

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by *Kelly Barnhill* (J BAR)

Every year, the forest witch, Xan, rescues an abandoned baby and nourishes it with starlight on the journey to a new home. When Xan accidentally feeds a baby magic-filled moonlight instead, she raises the girl as her own. As Luna's magic begins to emerge, she must learn how to protect those around her.

2016 Winner

Last Stop on Market Street by *Matt de la Peña* (E DEL)

On Sundays, CJ and his nana ride the bus to Market Street. One day, CJ starts to wonder out loud why they don't have a car like his other friends. On their ride, Nana opens CJ's eyes and shows him the beauty in the city around them.