

Caldecott Medal

The Caldecott Medal was named in honor of nineteenth-century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children. For more titles, visit the website of the ALSC. The following titles are shelved in the picture book section by the first three letters of the author's last name unless otherwise noted. Need help? Ask a librarian!

Step toe, Javaka. [Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat.](#)

(available through the MORE system) **2017 Caldecott Medal Winner**

Presents the life of the artist, who was inspired as a child by a book of anatomy given to him by his mother after being injured in a car crash and who went on to become a celebrity in the art world before his early death at twenty-eight.

Ellis, Carson. [Du Iz Tak?](#) (E ELL) **2017 Caldecott Medal Honor Book**

Readers are invited to imagine the dramatic possibilities to be found in the natural world, even the humblest back garden! With exquisitely-detailed illustration that will appeal to children and art-lovers alike, and a wonderfully playful invented language, we soon find ourselves speaking "Bug".

Bros gol, Vera. [Leave Me Alone!](#) (E GRA) **2017 Caldecott Medal Honor Book**

A young boy being bullied by a giant just wants to be left alone, but his animal friends are determined to help him.

Wenzel, Brendan. [They All Saw a Cat.](#) (E WEN) **2017 Caldecott Medal Honor Book**

In this glorious celebration of observation, curiosity, and imagination, Brendan Wenzel, in simple rhythmic prose and stylized pictures, shows us the many lives of one cat, and how perspective shapes what we see. When you see a cat, what do you see?

Christie, R Gregory, illustrator. Written by Carole Boston Weatherford. [Freedom in Congo Square.](#)

(available through the MORE system) **2017 Caldecott Medal Honor Book**

Six days a week, slaves labor from sunup to sundown and beyond, but on Sunday afternoons, they gather with free blacks at Congo Square outside New Orleans, free from oppression.

Blackall, Sophie, illustrator. Written by Lindsay Mattick. [Finding Winnie: the True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear.](#) (E MAT) **2016 Caldecott Medal Winner**

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, and the bear became the inspiration for A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh.

Santat, Dan. [The Adventures of Beekle: the Unimaginary Friend.](#) (E SAN) **2015 Caldecott Medal Winner**

An imaginary friend waits a long time to be imagined by a child and given a special name, and finally does the unimaginable--he sets out on a quest to find his perfect match in the real world.

Floca, Brian. [Locomotive.](#) (E FLO) **2014 Caldecott Medal Winner**

Learn what it was like to travel on the transcontinental railroad in the 1860s.

Klassen, Jon. [This Is Not My Hat.](#) (E KLA) **2013 Caldecott Medal Winner**

A tiny minnow wearing a pale blue bowler hat has a thing or two up his fins in this underwater light-on-dark chase scene.

Raschka, Chris. [A Ball for Daisy.](#) (E RAS) **2012 Caldecott Medal Winner**

A wordless picture book about all the fun a dog can have with her ball.

Stead, Erin E, illustrator. Written by Philip C. Stead. [A Sick Day for Amos McGee](#). (E STE)

2011 Caldecott Medal Winner

Amos McGee, a friendly zookeeper, always made time to visit his good friends: the elephant, the tortoise, the penguin, the rhinoceros, and the owl. But one day--'Ah-choo!'--he woke with the sniffles and the sneezes. Though he didn't make it into the zoo that day, he did receive some unexpected guests.

Pinkney, Jerry. [The Lion and the Mouse](#). (E PIN) **2010 Caldecott Medal Winner**

In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when he rescues the King of the Jungle.

Krommes, Beth, illustrator. Written by Susan Marie Swanson. [The House in the Night](#). (E SWA)

2009 Caldecott Medal Winner

Illustrations and easy-to-read text explore the light that makes a house in the night a home filled with light.

Selznick, Brian. [The Invention of Hugo Cabret](#). (Juvenile Fiction: J SEL) **2008 Caldecott Medal Winner**

When Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

Wiesner, David. [Flotsam](#). (E WIE) **2007 Caldecott Medal Winner**

A bright boy goes to the beach equipped to collect and examine flotsam--anything floating that has washed ashore. While there, he discovers a barnacle-encrusted underwater camera with its own secrets to share.

Raschka, Chris, illustrator. Written by Norton Juster. [The Hello, Goodbye Window](#). (E JUS)

2006 Caldecott Medal Winner

A little girl describes the magic kitchen window in her grandparents' home.

Henkes, Keven. [Kitten's First Full Moon](#). (E HEN) **2005 Caldecott Medal Winner**

When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet, and hungry trying to reach it.

Gerstein, Mordicai. [The Man Who Walked Between the Towers](#). (E GER) **2004 Caldecott Medal Winner**

A lyrical evocation of Philippe Petit's 1974 tightrope walk between the World Trade Center towers.

Rohmann, Eric. [My Friend Rabbit](#). (E ROH) **2003 Caldecott Medal Winner**

Something always seems to go wrong when Rabbit is around, but Mouse lets him play with his toy plane anyway because he is his good friend.

Weisner, David. [The Three Pigs](#). (E WIE) **2002 Caldecott Medal Winner**

The three pigs escape the wolf by going into another world where they meet the cat and the fiddle, the cow that jumped over the moon, and a dragon.

Small, David, illustrator. Written by Judith St. George. [So You Want to be President?](#)

(Juvenile Non-fiction: J 973 SAI) **2001 Caldecott Medal Winner**

Presents an assortment of facts about the qualifications and characteristics of U.S. presidents, from George Washington to Bill Clinton.

Simms, Taback. [Joseph Had a Little Overcoat](#). (E TAB) **2000 Caldecott Medal Winner**

A very old overcoat is recycled numerous times into a variety of garments.