

Newbery Medal

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Barnhill, Kelly. **The Girl Who Drank the Moon**. (J BAR) **2017 Newbery Medal Winner**

An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.

Bryan, Ashley. **Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life by Ashley Bryan**. (Juvenile Nonfiction: J 811 BRY) **2017 Newbery Honor Book**

Using an original 1828 slave auction and plantation estate document, the author contrasts the monetary value of a slave with the priceless value of life experiences and dreams that a slave owner could never take away, in eleven free verse poems.

Gidwitz, Adam. **The Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog**. (J GID) **2017 Newbery Honor Book**

Crossing paths at an inn, thirteenth-century travelers impart the tales of a monastery oblate, a Jewish refugee, and a psychic peasant girl with a loyal greyhound, the three of whom join forces on a chase through France to escape persecution.

Wolk, Lauren. **Wolf Hollow**. (J WOL) **2017 Newbery Honor Book**

Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn to stand up for what's right in the face of a manipulative and violent new bully who targets people Annabelle cares about, including a homeless World War I veteran

de la Peña, Matt. **Last Stop on Market Street**. (Picture Books: E PEN) **2016 Newbery Medal Winner**

A young boy rides the bus across town with his grandmother and learns to appreciate the beauty in everyday things.

Jamieson, Victoria. **Roller Girl**. (Juvenile Graphic Novels: JGN 741.5 JAM) **2016 Newbery Honor Book**

Twelve-year-old Astrid has always done everything with her best friend Nicole. So when Astrid signs up for roller derby camp, she assumes Nicole will too. But Nicole signs up for dance camp with a new friend instead, and so begins the toughest summer of Astrid's life.

Ryan, Pam Muñoz. **Echo: A Novel**. (Young Adult Fiction: YA RYA) **2016 Newbery Honor Book**

Lost in the Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and finds himself entwined in a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica--and decades later three children, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California find themselves caught up in the same thread of destiny in the darkest days of the twentieth century, struggling to keep their families intact, and tied together by the music of the same harmonica.

Alexander, Kwame. **The Crossover**. (J ALE) **2015 Newbery Medal Winner**

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures**. (J DIC) **2014 Newbery Medal Winner**

Rescuing a squirrel after an accident involving a vacuum cleaner, comic-reading cynic Flora Belle Buckman is astonished when the squirrel, Ulysses, demonstrates astonishing powers of strength and flight after being revived.

Applegate, Katherine. **The One and Only Ivan**. (J APP) **2013 Newbery Medal Winner**

Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall. When Ruby is abused, he decides that he must find her a better life.

Gantos, Jack. **Dead End in Norvelt**. (J GAN) **2012 Newbery Medal Winner**

Twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses, until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with some unusual chores.

Vanderpool, Clare. **Moon Over Manifest**. (J VAN) **2011 Newbery Medal Winner**

Twelve-year-old Abilene Tucker is the daughter of a drifter who, in the summer of 1936, sends her to stay with an old friend in Manifest, Kansas, where he grew up, and where she hopes to find out some things about his past. It seems that Manifest is a town of secrets and mystery.

Stead, Rebecca. **When You Reach Me**. (J STE) **2010 Newbery Medal Winner**

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space.

Gaiman, Neil. **The Graveyard Book**. (Young Adult Fiction: YA GAI) **2009 Newbery Medal Winner**

Bod is an unusual boy who inhabits an unusual place—he's the only living resident of a graveyard. Can a boy raised by ghosts face the wonders and terrors of the worlds of both the living and the dead?

Schlitz, Laura Amy. **Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village**.

(Juvenile Non-fiction: J 812.6 SCH) **2008 Newbery Medal Winner**

A collection of short one-person plays featuring characters, between ten and fifteen years old, who live in or near a thirteenth-century English manor.

Patron, Susan. **The Higher Power of Lucky**. (J PAT) **2007 Newbery Medal Winner**

Fearing that her legal guardian plans to abandon her to return to France, ten-year-old aspiring scientist Lucky Trimble determines to run away while also continuing to seek the Higher Power that will bring stability to her life.

Perkins, Lynne Rae. **Criss Cross**. (Young Adult Fiction: YA PER) **2006 Newbery Medal Winner**

Teenagers in a small town in the 1960s experience new thoughts and feelings, question their identities, connect, and disconnect as they search for the meaning of life and love.

Kadohata, Cynthia. **Kira-Kira**. (J KAD) **2005 Newbery Medal Winner**

Chronicles the close friendship between two Japanese-American sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950s and early 1960s, and the despair when one sister becomes terminally ill.

DiCamillo, Kate. **The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread**. (J DIC) **2004 Newbery Medal Winner**

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

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Avi. **Crispin: The Cross of Lead**. (Young Adult Fiction: YA AVI) **2003 Newbery Medal Winner**

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.

Park, Linda Sue. **A Single Shard**. (J PAR) **2002 Newbery Medal Winner**

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.

Peck, Richard. **A Year Down Yonder**. (J PEC) **2001 Newbery Medal Winner**

In 1937, during the Depression, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice, initially apprehensive about leaving Chicago to spend a year with her fearsome, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois, gradually begins to better understand and admire her grandmother's unusual qualities.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. **Bud, Not Buddy**. (J CUR) **2000 Newbery Medal Winner**

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

Sachar, Louis. **Holes**. (J SAC) **1999 Newbery Medal Winner**

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune, which they attribute to a curse, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a boys' juvenile detention center in the Texas desert. As punishment, the boys here must each dig a hole every day, five feet deep and five feet across. Ultimately, Stanley "digs up the truth"--and through his experience, finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

Hesse, Karen. **Out of the Dust**. (J HES) **1998 Newbery Medal Winner**

In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.

Konigsburg, E. L. **The View from Saturday**. (J KON) **1997 Newbery Medal Winner**

Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.

Cushman, Karen. **The Midwife's Apprentice**. (J CUS) **1996 Newbery Medal Winner**

In medieval England, a nameless, homeless girl is taken in by a sharp-tempered midwife, and in spite of obstacles and hardship, eventually gains the three things she most wants: a full belly, a contented heart, and a place in this world.

Creech, Sharon. **Walk Two Moons**. (J CRE) **1995 Newbery Medal Winner**

After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.

Naylor, Phillis Reynolds. **Shiloh**. (J NAY) **1992 Newbery Medal Winner**

When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.

Lowry, Lois. **Number the Stars**. (J LOW) **1990 Newbery Medal Winner**

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

Cleary, Beverly. **Dear Mr. Henshaw**. (J CLE) **1984 Newbery Medal Winner**

In his letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world.

Paterson, Katherine. **Bridge to Terabithia**. (J PAT) **1978 Newbery Medal Winner**

The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.

Taylor, Mildred D. **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**. (J TAY) **1977 Newbery Medal Winner**

A black family living in Mississippi during the Depression of the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.

George, Jean Craighead. **Julie of the Wolves**. (J GEO) **1973 Newbery Medal Winner**

While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.

O'Brien, Robert C. **Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH**. (J OBR) **1972 Newbery Medal Winner**

Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise and long lived.

Armstrong, William H. **Souder**. (J ARM) **1970 Newbery Medal Winner**

A young boy learns the pain of humiliation and anger when his father is given an unjust jail sentence for stealing a ham from a white man. Learning to read and to discover that things do not die but become part of other things brings the youngster new hope.

Konigsburg, E.L. **From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankenweiler**. (J KON)

1968 Newbery Medal Winner

Having run away with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, twelve-year-old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home and to become a changed person and a heroine to herself.

L'Engle, Madeleine. **A Wrinkle in Time**. (J LEN) **1963 Newbery Medal Winner**

Meg Murray and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

O'Dell, Scott. **Island of the Blue Dolphins**. (J ODE) **1961 Newbery Medal Winner**

Records the courage and self-reliance of an Indian girl who lived alone for years on an isolated island off the California coast when her tribe migrated and she was left behind.

Brink, Carol Ryrie. **Caddie Woodlawn**. (J BRI) **1936 Newbery Medal Winner**

The adventures of an eleven-year-old tomboy growing up on the Wisconsin frontier in the mid-nineteenth century.