

# Caldecott

Medal Winners & Honor Books  
2017–Present



DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN PICTURE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN



## 2024 MEDAL WINNER

### [Big](#)

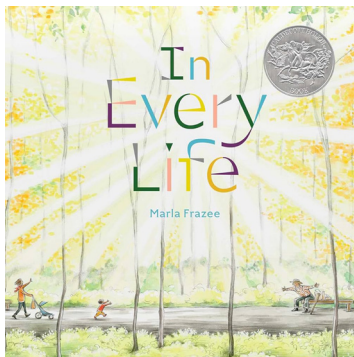
illustrated and written by  
Vashti Harrison (Little, Brown/  
Hachette)

This story shares valuable lessons  
about fitting in, standing out, and  
the beauty of joyful acceptance.

This award  
dates back  
to 1938.

A complete list  
of winners can  
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## 2024 HONOR BOOKS



### [In Every Life](#)

by Marla Frazee

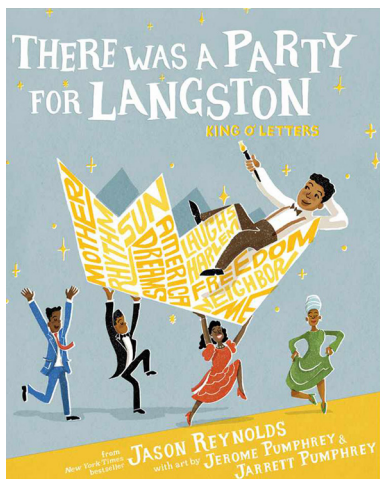
This book celebrates  
the moments,  
feelings, and  
experiences, both big  
and small, that make  
up a life.



### [Jovita Wore Pants: The Story of a Mexican Freedom Fighter](#)

by Aida Salazar

When tragedy strikes her  
family, this 14-year-old  
cuts her hair, changes  
her name, dons pants,  
and leads an army to  
fight for their freedom.



### [There Was a Party for Langston](#)

by Jason Reynolds

A celebration of  
Langston Hughes  
and the African  
American writers he  
inspired told through  
a party at the library.



### [The Truth About Dragons](#)

by Julie Leung

An adventure story  
about embracing both  
sides of one's heritage,  
told by a parent to their  
biracial child.



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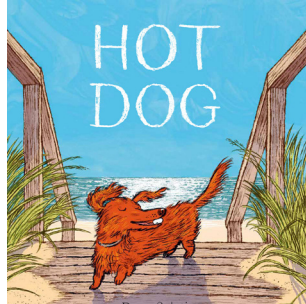


## 2023–2022

### 2023 MEDAL WINNER:

#### [Hot Dog](#)

illustrated and written by  
Doug Salati



### HONOR BOOKS:

[Ain't Burned All the Bright](#) illustrated by Jason Griffin,  
written by Jason Reynolds

[Berry Song](#) illustrated and written by Michaela Goade

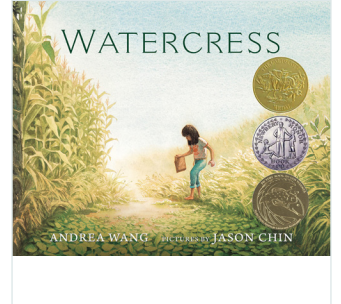
[Choosing Brave: How Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till Sparked the Civil Rights Movement](#) illustrated by  
Janelle Washington, written by Angela Joy

[Knight Owl](#) illustrated and written by Christopher Denise

### 2022 MEDAL WINNER:

#### [Watercress](#)

illustrated by Jason Chin,  
written by Andrea Wang



### HONOR BOOKS:

[Have You Ever Seen a Flower?](#) by Shawn Harris

[Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre](#) by Carole  
Boston Weatherford

[Mel Fell](#) by Corey R. Tabor

[Wonder Walkers](#) by Micha Archer

## 2021–2020

### 2021 MEDAL WINNER:

#### [We Are Water Protectors](#)

illustrated by Michaela Goade,  
written by Carole Lindstrom



### HONOR BOOKS:

[A Place Inside of Me: A Poem to Heal the Heart](#)  
illustrated by Noa Denmon, written by Zetta Elliott

[The Cat Man of Aleppo](#) illustrated by Yuko Shimizu,  
written by Irene Latham & Karim Shamsi-Basha

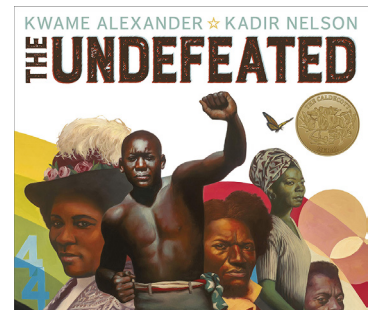
[Me & Mama](#) illustrated and written by Cozbi A. Cabrera

[Outside In](#) illustrated by Cindy Derby,  
written by Deborah Underwood

### 2020 MEDAL WINNER:

#### [The Undeclared](#)

illustrated by Kadir  
Nelson, written by Kwame  
Alexander



### HONOR BOOKS:

[Bear Came Along](#) illustrated by LeUyen Pham,  
written by Richard T. Morris

[Double Bass Blues](#) illustrated by Rudy Gutierrez,  
written by Andrea J. Loney

[Going Down Home with Daddy](#) illustrated by  
Daniel Minter, written by Kelly Starling Lyons

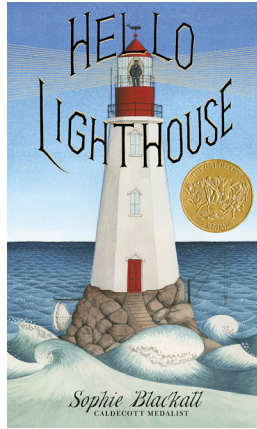




## 2019–2018

### 2019 MEDAL WINNER:

[\*Hello Lighthouse\*](#) illustrated  
and written by Sophie Blackall



### HONOR BOOKS:

[\*Alma and How She Got Her Name\*](#)  
illustrated and written by Juana  
Martinez-Neal

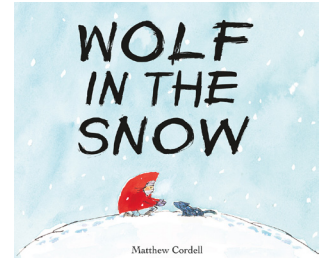
[\*A Big Mooncake for Little Star\*](#)  
illustrated and written by Grace Lin

[\*The Rough Patch\*](#) illustrated and written by Brian Lies

[\*Thank You, Omu!\*](#) illustrated and written by Oge Mora

### 2018 MEDAL WINNER:

[\*Wolf in the Snow\*](#)  
illustrated and written  
by Matthew Cordell



### HONOR BOOKS:

[\*Big Cat, Little Cat\*](#) illustrated  
and written by Elisha Cooper

[\*Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut\*](#) illustrated by  
Gordon C. James, written by Derrick Barnes

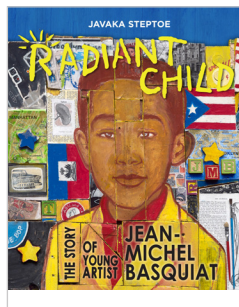
[\*A Different Pond\*](#) illustrated by Thi Bui,  
written by Bao Phi

[\*Grand Canyon\*](#) illustrated and written  
by Jason Chin

## 2017

### 2017 MEDAL WINNER:

[\*Radiant Child: The Story of  
Young Artist Jean-Michel  
Basquiat\*](#) written and illustrated  
by Javaka Steptoe



[\*Du Iz Tak?\*](#) illustrated and written by Carson Ellis

[\*They All Saw a Cat\*](#) illustrated and written by  
Brendan Wenzel

### HONOR BOOKS:

[\*Leave Me Alone!\*](#) illustrated and written by Vera Brosgol

[\*Freedom in Congo Square\*](#) illustrated by R. Gregory  
Christie, written by Carole Boston Weatherford