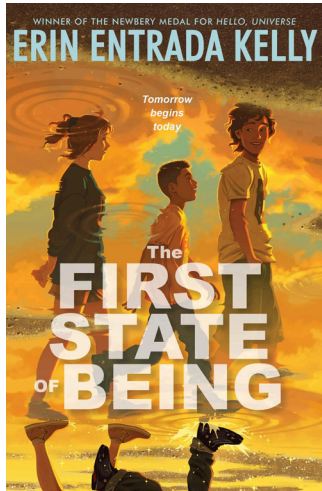


# Newbery

Medal Winners & Honor Books  
2021–Present



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## 2025 MEDAL WINNER:

### [The First State of Beings](#)

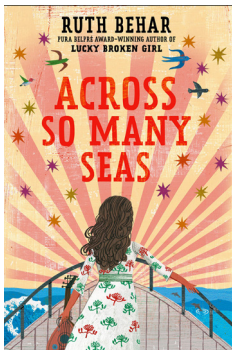
by Erin Entrada Kelly  
(Greenwillow Books/  
HarperCollins Publishers)

When a teenage boy appears out of nowhere in 1999, claiming he's the world's first time-traveler and has a book outlining the events of the next 20 years, 12-year-old Michael wants to get his hands on the book and must decide how far he's willing to go to do so.

This award dates back to 1922.

A complete list of winners can also be found at [fvrl.org/kids](https://fvrl.org/kids).

## 2025 HONOR BOOKS



### [Across So Many Seas](#)

by Ruth Behar

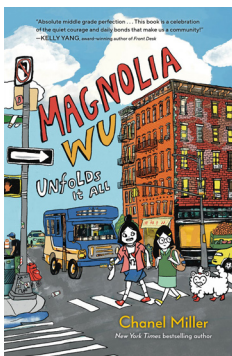
Spanning over five hundred years, this novel tells the stories of four girls from different generations of a Jewish family who are united by a love of music and poetry, a desire to belong and to matter, and their longing for a home where all are welcome.



### [One Big Open Sky](#)

by Lesa Cline-Ransome

In 1879, three women—Lettie, her mother Sylvia, and young teacher Philomena—who are free from slavery but bound by poverty, access to opportunity and patriarchal social structures, head westward on a perilous wagon journey that could cost them everything they have—including their lives.



### [Magnolia Wu Unfolds It All](#)

by Chanel Miller

A self-proclaimed sock detective inside her parents' New York City laundromat, 10-year-old Magnolia Wu and Iris, a new friend from California, set off across the city to solve the mystery of each missing sock, meeting people and uncovering the unimaginable along the way.



### [The Wrong Way Home](#)

by Kate O'Shaughnessy

When her mom sneaks them away from the Ranch, saying its leader is dangerous, 12-year-old Fern refuses to believe it and devises a plan to return to the off-the-grid, sustainable community in upstate N.Y. until she makes a discovery that causes her to question everything..



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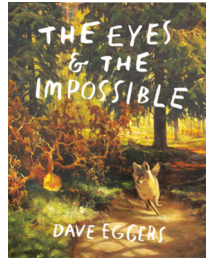


## 2024–2023

### 2024 MEDAL WINNER:

#### [\*The Eyes and the Impossible\*](#)

by Dave Eggers



### HONOR BOOKS:

[\*Eagle Drums\*](#) by Nasuġraq Rainey Hopson

[\*Mexikid: A Graphic Memoir\*](#) by Pedro Martín

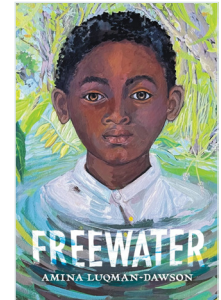
[\*Elf Dog and Owl Head\*](#) by M.T. Anderson

[\*The Many Assassinations of Samir, the Seller of Dreams\*](#) by Daniel Nayeri

### 2023 MEDAL WINNER:

#### [\*Freewater\*](#)

by Amina Luqman-Dawson



### HONOR BOOKS:

[\*Iveliz Explains It All\*](#)

by Andrea Beatriz Arango

[\*The Last Mapmaker\*](#) by Christina Soontornvat

[\*Maizy Chen's Last Chance\*](#) by Lisa Yee

## 2022–2021

### 2022 MEDAL WINNER:

#### [\*The Last Cuentista\*](#)

by Donna Barba Higuera



### HONOR BOOKS:

[\*Red, White, and Whole\*](#)

by Rajani LaRocca

[\*Too Bright to See\*](#) by Kyle Lukoff

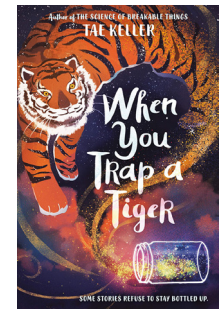
[\*A Snake Falls to Earth\*](#) by Darcie Little Badger

[\*Watercress\*](#) by Andrea Wang

### 2021 MEDAL WINNER:

#### [\*When You Trap a Tiger\*](#)

by Tae Keller



### HONOR BOOKS:

[\*All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave\*](#)

[\*Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team\*](#)

by Christina Soontornvat

[\*BOX: Henry Brown Mails Himself to Freedom\*](#)

by Carole Boston Weatherford,  
illustrated by Michele Wood

[\*Fighting Words\*](#) by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

[\*We Dream of Space\*](#) by Erin Entrada Kelly,  
illustrated by Erin Entrada Kelly and Celia Krampien

[\*A Wish in the Dark\*](#) by Christina Soontornvat