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2011 youth book & media award winners

The American Library Association (ALA) today announced the past year's top books, video and audiobooks for children and young adults – including the Caldecott, Coretta Scott King, Newbery and Printz awards – at its annual Midwinter Meeting, held this year in San Diego.

Recognized worldwide for the high quality they represent, ALA awards guide parents, educators, librarians and others in selecting the best materials for youth. Selected by judging committees of librarians and other children's and young adult experts, the awards encourage original and creative work.

A list of all the 2011 award winners follows (For a list of other titles that were honored, see the ALA website at <http://ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pr.cfm?id=6048>. Check them out at your local Timberland Regional Library branch.

John Newbery Medal for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature:

"Moon over Manifest," written by Clare Vanderpool, published by Delacorte Press, an imprint of Random House Children's Books, a division of Random House, Inc.

Randolph Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children:

"A Sick Day for Amos McGee," illustrated by Erin E. Stead, written by Philip C. Stead, a Neal Porter Book, published by Roaring Brook Press, a division of Holtzbrinck Publishing.

Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in literature written for young adults:

"Ship Breaker," written by Paolo Bacigalupi, published by Little, Brown and Company, a division of Hachette Book Group, Inc.

Coretta Scott King (Author) Book Award recognizing an African American author of outstanding books for children and young adults:

"One Crazy Summer," written by Rita Williams-Garcia, published by Amistad, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers.

Coretta Scott King (Illustrator) Book Award recognizing an African American illustrator of outstanding books for children and young adults:

"Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave," illustrated by Bryan Collier, written by Laban Carrick Hill and published by Little, Brown and Company, a division of Hachette Book Group, Inc.

Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent (Author) Award:

“Zora and Me,” written by Victoria Bond and T. R. Simon, published by Candlewick Press.

Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent (Illustrator) Award:

“Seeds of Change,” illustrated by Sonia Lynn Sadler, written by Jen Cullerton Johnson, published by Lee & Low Books Inc.

Coretta Scott King – Virginia Hamilton Practitioner Award for Lifetime Achievement:

Dr. Henrietta Mays Smith. (The award pays tribute to the quality and magnitude of beloved children’s author Virginia Hamilton’s contributions through her literature and advocacy for children and youth.)

Schneider Family Book Award for books that embody an artistic expression of the disability experience:

- For children ages 0 to 10: “The Pirate of Kindergarten,” written by George Ella Lyon, illustrated by Lynne Avril and published by Atheneum Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing Division, wins the award.
- For the middle-school (ages 11-13): “After Ever After,” written by Jordan Sonnenblick, published by Scholastic Press, an imprint of Scholastic Inc.
- For the teen (ages 13-18): “Five Flavors of Dumb,” written by Antony John, published by Dial Books, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA) Inc.

Alex Awards for the 10 best adult books that appeal to teen audiences:

- “The Reapers Are the Angels: A Novel,” by Alden Bell, published by Holt Paperbacks, a division of Henry Holt and Company, LLC
- “The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake: A Novel,” by Aimee Bender, published by Doubleday, a division of Random House, Inc.
- “The House of Tomorrow,” by Peter Bognanni, published by Amy Einhorn Books, an imprint of G.P. Putnam’s Sons, a division of the Penguin Group
- “Room: A Novel,” by Emma Donoghue, published by Little, Brown and Company a division of Hachette Book Group, Inc.
- “The Vanishing of Katharina Linden: A Novel,” by Helen Grant, published by Delacorte, an imprint of The Random House Publishing Group, a division of Random House, Inc.
- “The Radleys,” by Matt Haig, published by Free Press, a division of Simon & Schuster, Inc.
- “The Lock Artist,” by Steve Hamilton, published by Thomas Dunne Books for Minotaur Books, an imprint of St. Martin’s Press
- “Girl in Translation,” by Jean Kwok, published by Riverhead Books, an imprint of the Penguin Group
- “Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard,” by Liz Murray, published by Hyperion
- “The Boy Who Couldn’t Sleep and Never Had To,” by DC Pierson, published by Vintage Books, a division of Random House, Inc.

Andrew Carnegie Medal for excellence in children’s video:

Paul R. Gagne and Melissa Reilly Ellard of Weston Woods, producers of “The Curious Garden.” The video is based on the book of the same name, written and illustrated by Peter Brown, and is narrated by Katherine Kellgren, with music by David Mansfield.

Laura Ingalls Wilder Award, honoring an author or illustrator whose books, published in the United States, have made, over a period of years, a substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children:

Tomie dePaola, author and illustrator of over 200 books, including: “26 Fairmont Avenue” (Putnam, 1999), “The Legend of the Poinsettia” (Putnam, 1994), “Oliver Button Is a Sissy” (Harcourt, 1979) and “Strega Nona” (Prentice-Hall, 1975).

Margaret A. Edwards Award, honoring an author, as well as a specific body of his or her work, for significant and lasting contribution to young adult literature:

Sir Terry Pratchett. His books include: “The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents,” “The Wee Free Men,” and “A Hat Full of Sky” published by HarperCollins Children’s Books; and “The Color of Magic,” “Guards! Guards!” “Equal Rites,” “Going Postal,” “Small Gods,” and “Mort” all published by HarperCollins Publishers.

May Hill Arbutnot Honor Lecture Award recognizing an author, critic, librarian, historian or teacher of children’s literature, who then presents a lecture at a winning host site:

Peter Sís will deliver the 2012 lecture. Born in Brno, Czechoslovakia, in 1949, Sís attended the Academy of Applied Arts in Prague and the Royal College of Art in London. He has lived in the United States since 1982. Sís was awarded the 2008 Robert F. Sibert Medal and has illustrated three Caldecott Honor books. Sís’ work is admired throughout the world, and in 2003 he was named MacArthur Fellow, an honor bestowed by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Mildred L. Batchelder Award for an outstanding children’s book translated from a language other than English and subsequently published in the United States:

“A Time of Miracles,” originally published in French in 2009 as “Le Temps des Miracles,” the book was written by Anne-Laure Bondoux, translated by Y. Maudet, and published by Delacorte Press, an imprint of Random House Children’s Books, a division of Random House, Inc.

Odyssey Award for best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults, available in English in the United States:

“The True Meaning of Smekday,” produced by Listening Library, an imprint of Random House Audio Publishing Group, written by Adam Rex and narrated by Bahni Turpin.

Pura Belpré (Author) Award honoring a Latino writer whose children’s books best portray, affirm and celebrate the Latino cultural experience:

“The Dreamer,” written by Pam Muñoz Ryan, illustrated by Peter Sís and published by Scholastic Press, an imprint of Scholastic Inc.

Pura Belpré (Illustrator) Award honoring a Latino illustrator whose children’s books best portray, affirm and celebrate the Latino cultural experience:

“Grandma’s Gift,” illustrated and written by Eric Velasquez, published by Walker Publishing Company, Inc., a division of Bloomsbury Publishing, Inc.

Robert F. Sibert Medal for most distinguished informational book for children:

“Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World’s Strangest Parrot,” written by Sy Montgomery, photographs by Nic Bishop, published by Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, an imprint of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.

Stonewall Children’s and Young Adult Literature Award:

“Almost Perfect,” written by Brian Katcher, published by Delacorte Press, an imprint of Random House Children’s Books, a division of Random House, Inc. The award is given annually to English-language children’s and young adult books of exceptional merit relating to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered experience.

Theodor Seuss Geisel Award for the most distinguished beginning reader book:

“Bink and Gollie,” written by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee, illustrated by Tony Fucile, published by Candlewick Press.

William C. Morris Award for a debut book published by a first-time author writing for teens:

“The Freak Observer,” written by Blythe Woolston, published by Carolrhoda Lab, an imprint of Carolrhoda Books, a division of Lerner Publishing Group.

YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults honoring the best nonfiction book published for young adults during a November 1 – October 31 publishing year:

“Janis Joplin: Rise Up Singing,” written by Ann Angel, published by Amulet/Abrams.

For more information on this year’s ALA youth media awards and notables, please see the page of the ALA website at <http://ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pr.cfm?id=6048>.

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