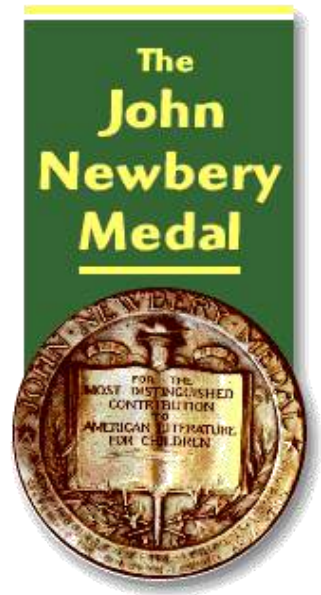
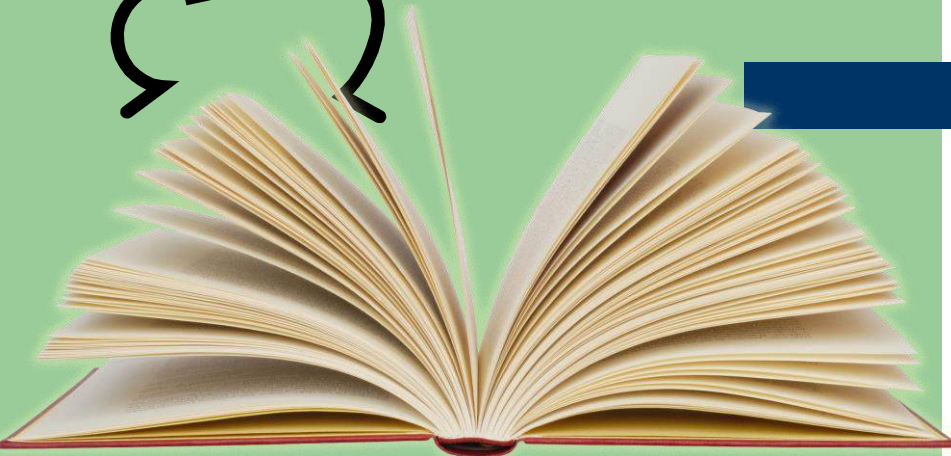


Newbery Award Unit




A study of books that have won this prestigious children's book award



Vocabulary

A preview of the words
we will be using
throughout the Newbery
Unit.



children

Young people ages 8-14



publisher

The company that
produces the book.

Educational

People can learn content material from the book.

Prestigious

Very special, impressive,
respected, important,
admired, celebrated

author

The writer of a book,
poem or article

literature

written works

For example: fiction, poetry, drama,
and criticism, that are recognized as
having important or permanent
artistic value

annually

Something that happens every year, usually about the same time each year.

distinguished

well known and respected
for an achievement, skill,
knowledge, or talent

popularity

admiration, approval, or acceptance of somebody or something by people in general or by a group of people

Preceding

coming, going, existing,
or happening immediately
before somebody or
something else.

citizens

somebody who has the right to live in a country because he or she was born there or has been legally accepted as a permanent resident

History of the Newbery Award



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The John Newbery Medal is a literary award given by the Association for Library Service to Children of the American Library Association (ALA) to the author of the outstanding American book for children. The award has been given since 1922. Together with the Caldecott Medal, it is considered the most prestigious award for children's literature in the United States. It is named for John Newbery, an 18th century publisher of juvenile books.

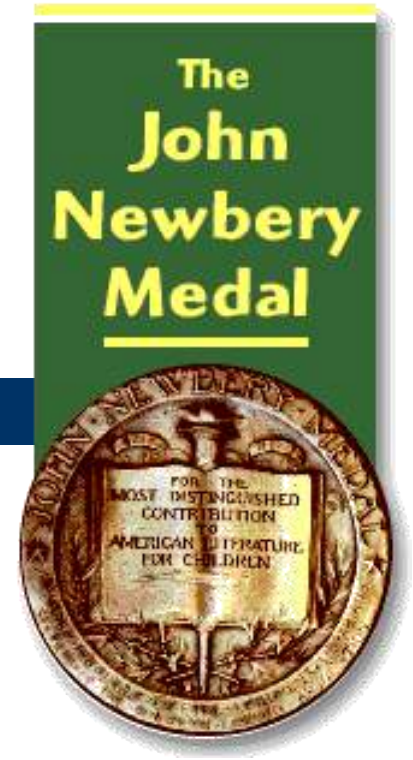
Why do we give the Newbery Award???

"To encourage original creative work in the field of books for children. To emphasize to the public that contributions to the literature for children deserve similar recognition to poetry, plays, or novels. To give those librarians, who make it their life work to serve children's reading interests, an opportunity to encourage good writing in this field."

The Newbery Award thus became the first children's book award in the world. Its terms, as well as its long history, continue to make it the best known and most discussed children's book award in this country.

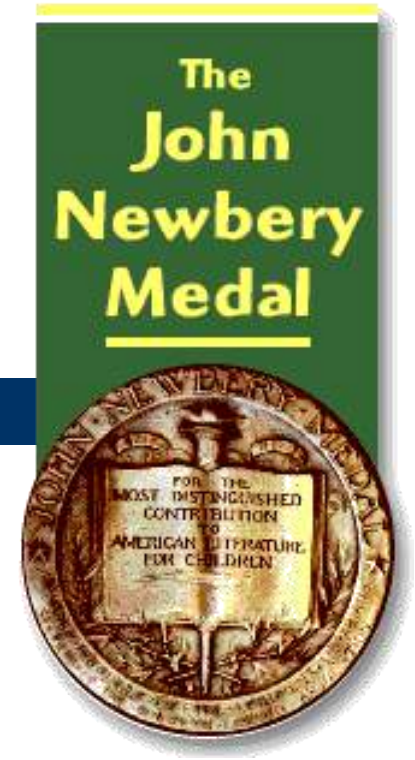
The Medal

The Newbery Medal was designed by Rene Paul Chambellan in 1921 and depicts on the reverse, an author giving his work (a book) to a male and female child to read. A bronze medal is given to the author at an important ceremony. A sticker of the medal is then placed on the books.



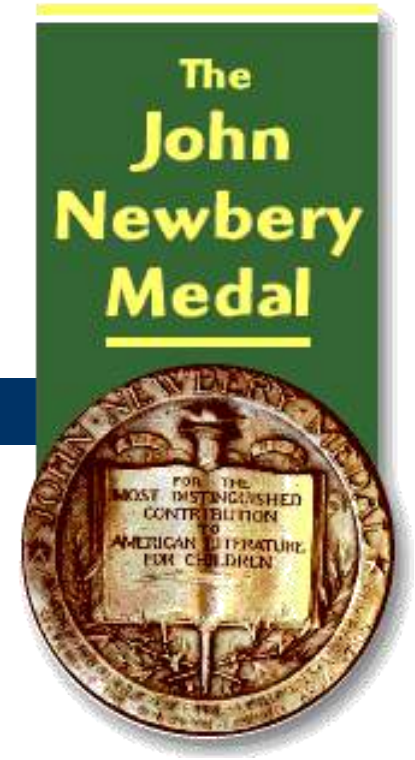
The Medal

The medal shall be awarded annually to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children published by an American publisher in English during the preceding year.



The Medal

The committee should keep in mind that the award is for literary quality and quality presentation for children. The award is not for educational content or popularity. It can be given for fiction, nonfiction or poetry.

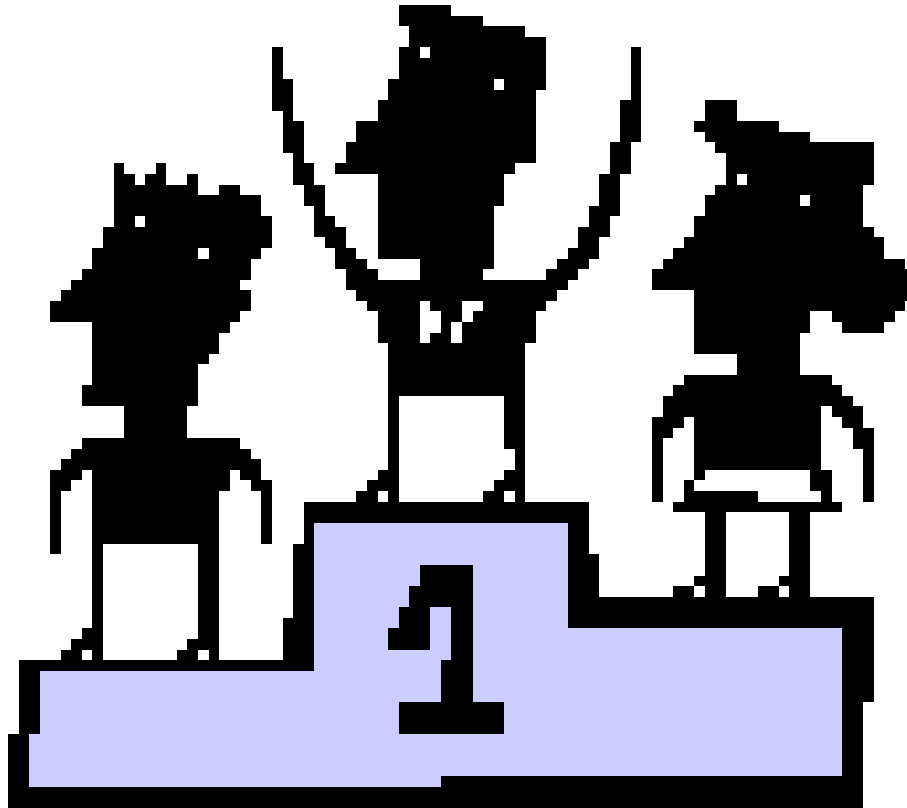


Newbery Honor Books



The runners – up for the Newbery Award are called honor books. Honor books have this seal on their cover, and are also noted for being the “greats” for that year as well. Usually 2-4 honor books are chosen each year.

Newbery Award Winners



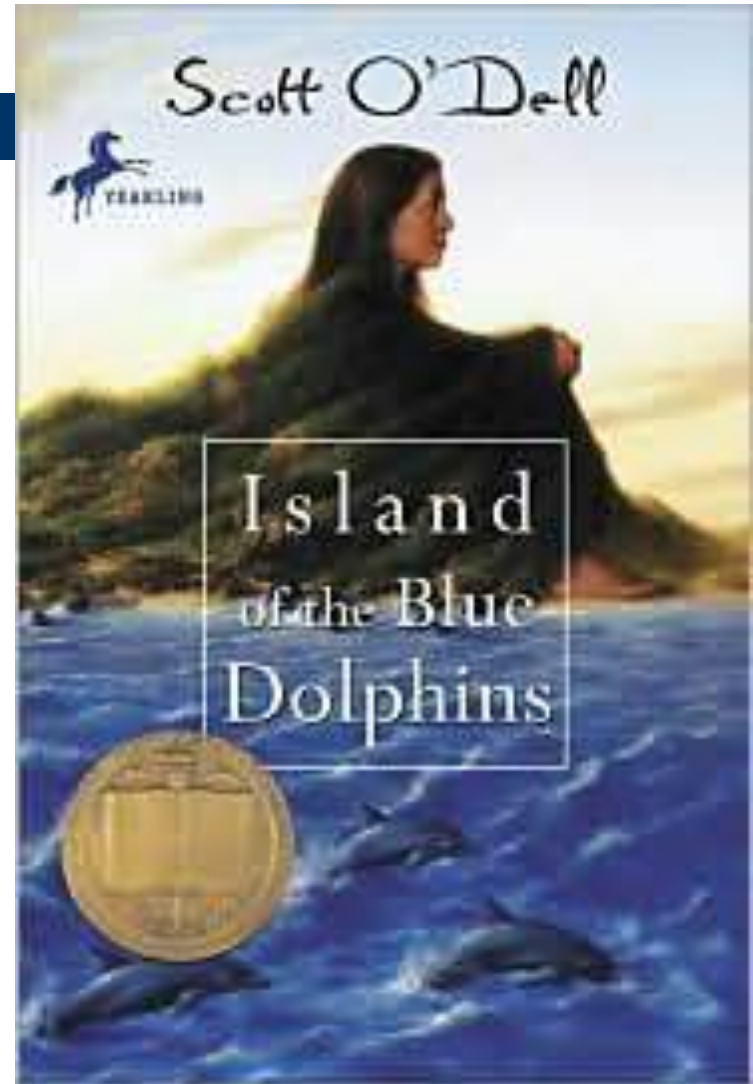
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1961

Island of the Blue Dolphins

by Scott O'Dell

Island of the Blue Dolphins is the remarkable story of a strange and beautiful Indian girl who lives a serene and courageous life as the solitary survivor on a rocky island off the California coast. The island looks like a big fish sunning itself in the sea. Around it, blue dolphins swim, otters frolic in the surf, and sea elephants and birds abound. Once, many Indians lived on the island, too. But when the Russian arrived to prey on the wildlife surrounding the island, a war broke out, and many perished. The few that were left fled the island and sailed to the island of Santa Catalina in the east, but Karana, The Girl with the Long Black Hair, and Ramo, her brother, were left behind.

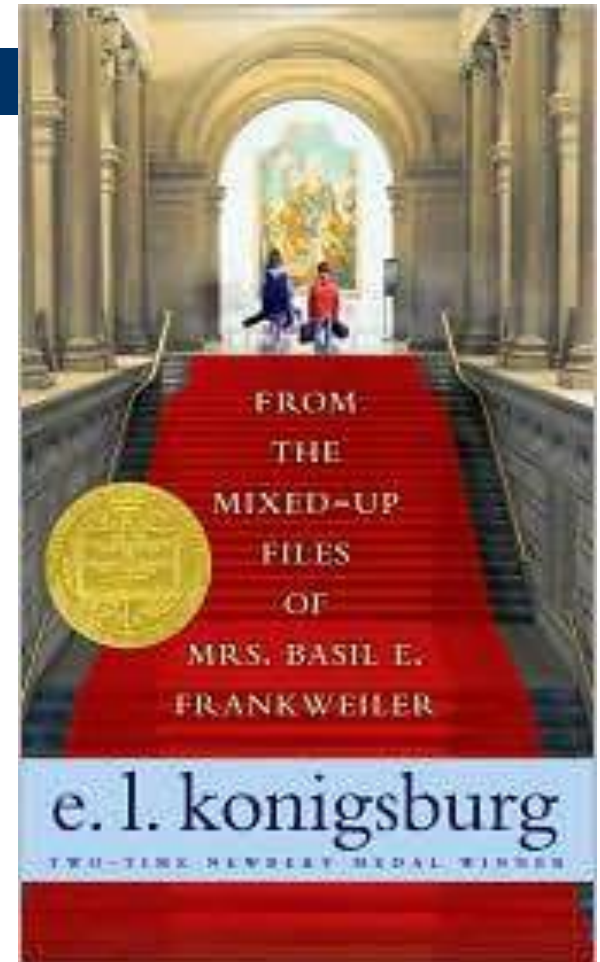


1968

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg

Twelve-year-old Claudia Kincaid is restless--she wants to do something different, such as running away from her comfortable suburban life in Connecticut for a while. But not just any place will do because Claudia likes her comforts. It needs to be a place with a bit of luxury and some good company. And she wants to be gone just long enough to teach her parents to appreciate her.

With careful planning, Claudia stages her own secret live-in at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, taking along her nine-year-old brother, not so much for company, but mostly because he is a miser and will have money. What happens to Claudia and Jamie, and the changes that come about in this sister-brother duo, prove greater than either had bargained for.



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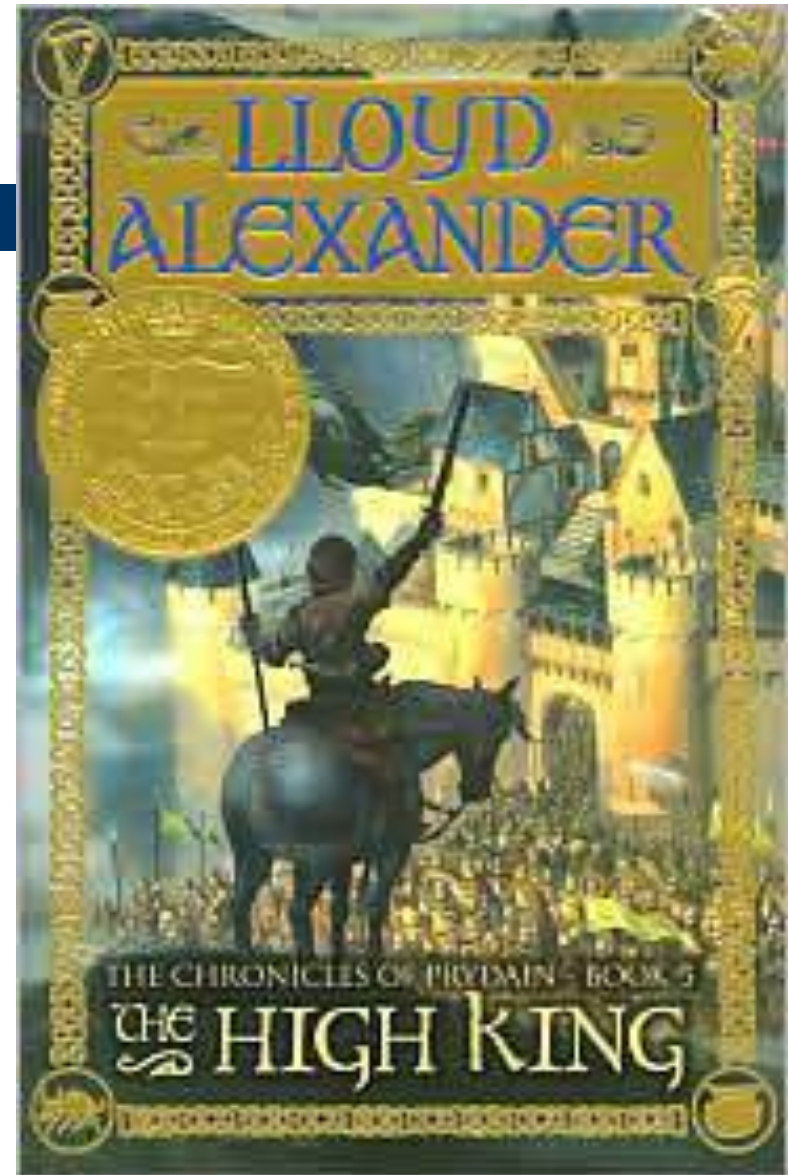
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mq mz 2WyGGkU>

1969

The High King

by Lloyd Alexander

The Sword of Dyrnwyn, the most powerful weapon in the kingdom of Prydain, has fallen into the hands of Arawn-Death-Lord. Now Taran, Assistant Pig-Keeper, and Price Gwydion lead an army against the powerful lord. After a winter expedition filled with danger, Taran's forces arrive at Mount Dragon, evil's stronghold. There Tara is forced to make the most crucial decisions of his life as he confronts the evil enchantress Achren and the diabolical Arawn.

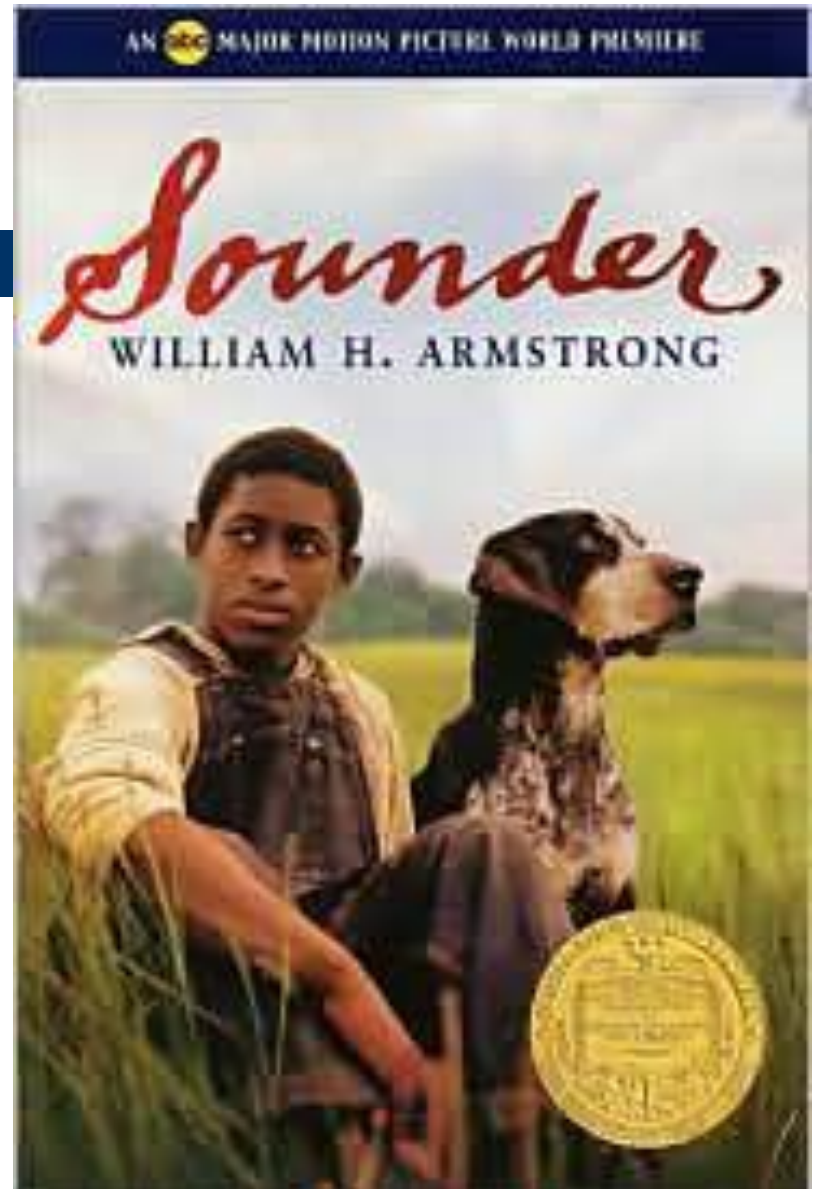


1970

Sounder

by William H. Armstrong

Sounder traces the keen sorrow and the abiding faith of a poor African-American boy in the 19th-century South. The boy's father is a sharecropper, struggling to feed his family in hard times. Night after night, he and his great coon dog, Sounder, return to the cabin empty-handed. Then, one morning, almost like a miracle, a sweet-smelling ham is cooking in the family's kitchen. At last the family will have a good meal. But that night, an angry sheriff and his deputies come, and the boy's life will never be the same.

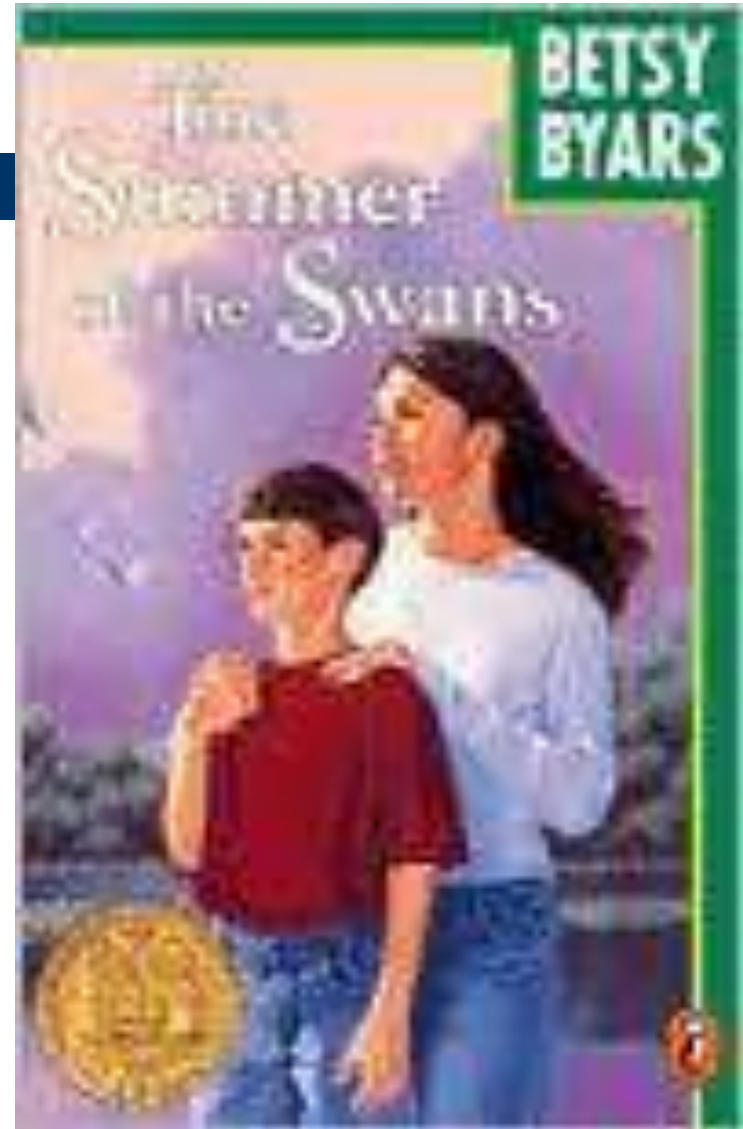


1971

Summer of the Swans

by Betsy Byars

A teenage girl gains new insight into herself and her family when her mentally handicapped brother gets lost.



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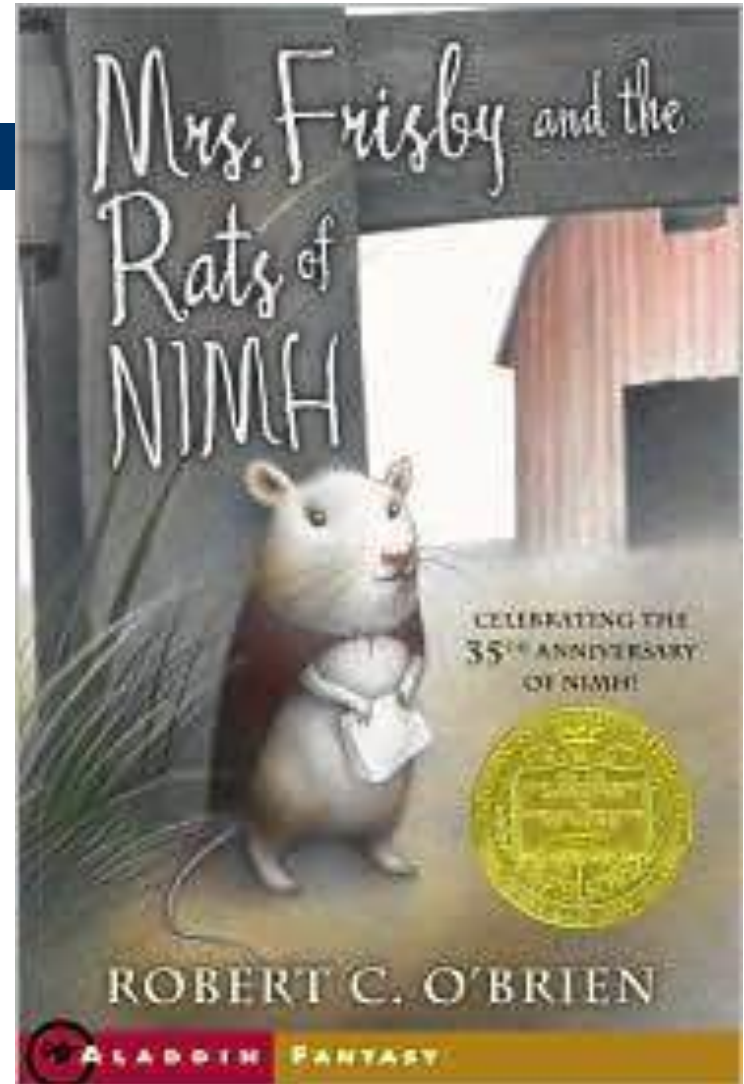
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1972

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH

by Robert C. O'Brien

Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse with four small children, is faced with a terrible problem. She must move her family to their summer quarters immediately, or face almost certain death. But her youngest son, Timothy, lies ill with pneumonia and must not be moved. Fortunately, she encounters the rats of NIMH, an extraordinary breed of highly intelligent creatures, who come up with a brilliant solution to her dilemma. And Mrs. Frisby in turn renders them a great service.

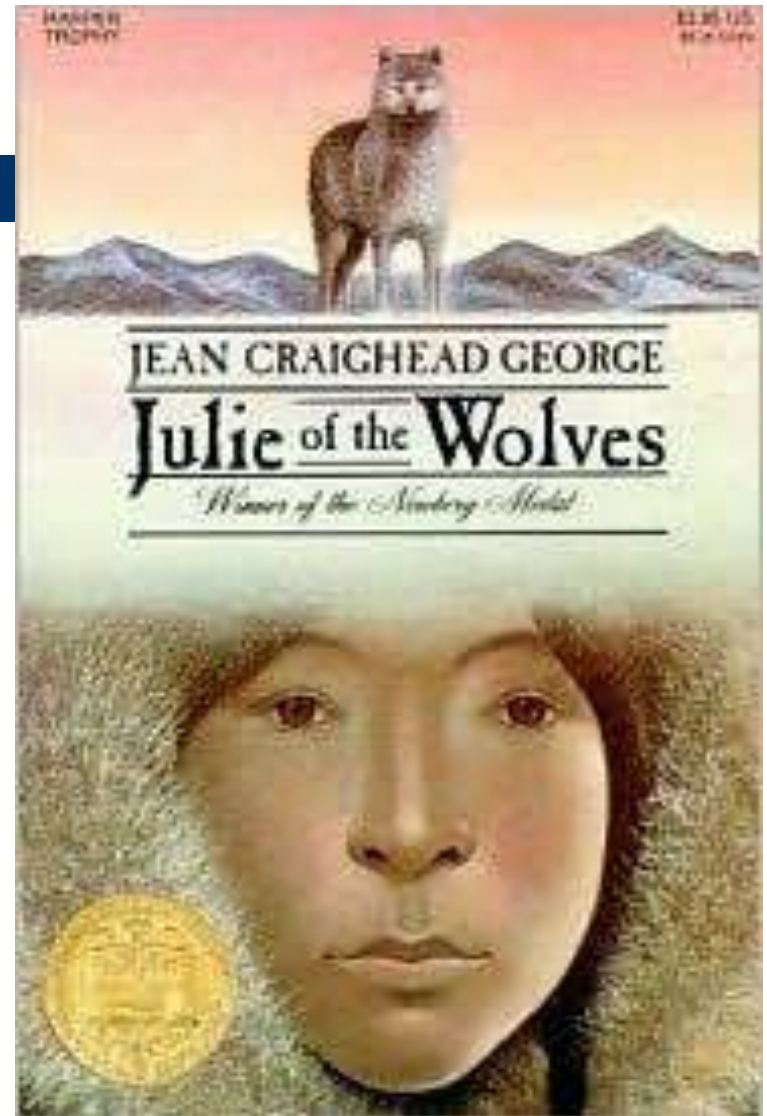


1973

Julie of the Wolves

by Jean Craighead George

To her small Eskimo village, she is known as Miyax; to her friend in San Francisco, she is Julie. When the village is no longer safe for her, Miyax runs away. But she soon finds herself lost in the Alaskan wilderness, without food, without even a compass to guide her.

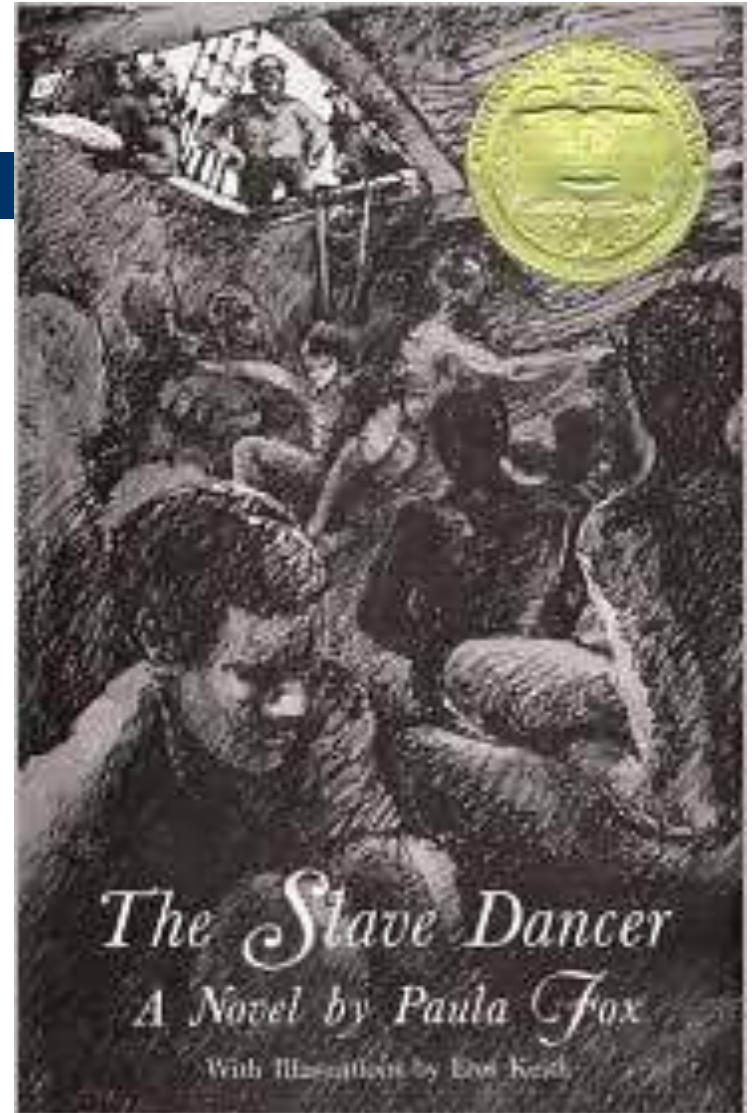


1974

The Slave Dancer

by Paula Fox

One day, thirteen-year-old Jessie Bollier is earning pennies playing his fife on the docks of New Orleans; the next, he is kidnapped and thrown aboard a slave ship, where his job is to provide music while shackled slaves "dance" to keep their muscles strong and their bodies profitable. As the endless voyage continues, Jessie grows increasingly sickened by the greed, brutality, and inhumanity of the slave trade, but nothing prepares him for the ultimate horror he will witness before his nightmare ends—a horror that will change his life forever.



Book Trailer:

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1975

M. C. Higgins, the Great

by Virginia Hamilton

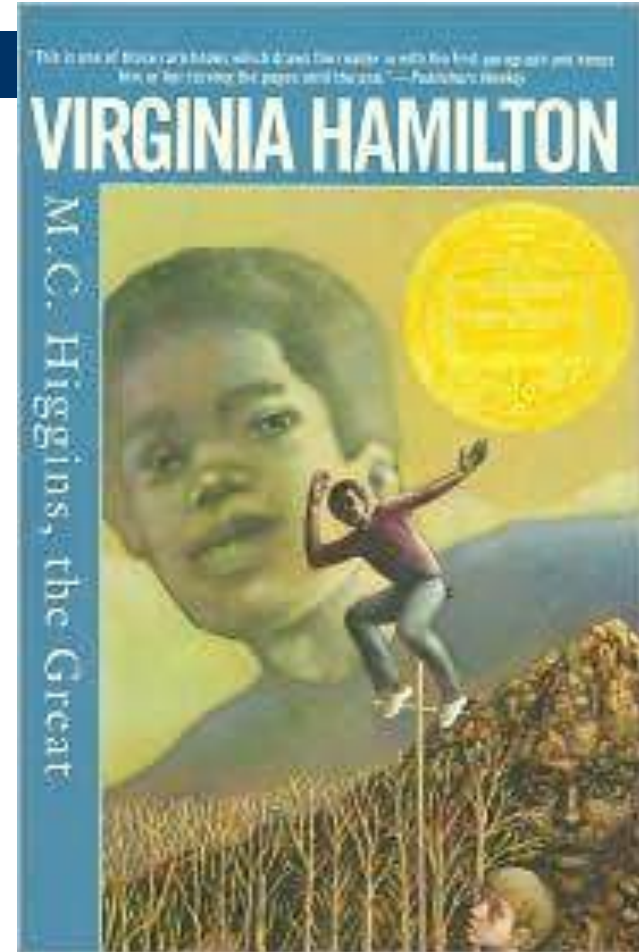
M.C.'s family is rooted to the slopes of Sarah's Mountain. His great-grandmother escaped to the mountain as a runaway slave and made it her home. It bears her name, and her descendants have lived there ever since.

When M.C. looks out from atop the gleaming forty-foot pole that his father planted in the mountain for him -- a gift for swimming the Ohio River -- he sees only the rolling hills and shady valleys that stretch out for miles in front of him. And M.C. knows why his father never wants his family to leave.

But when M.C. looks behind, he sees only the massive remains of strip mining -- a gigantic heap of dirt and debris perched threateningly on a cliff above his home.

And M.C. knows they cannot stay.

So when two strangers arrive in the hills, one bringing the promise of fame in the world beyond the mountains and the other the revelation that choice and action both lie within his grasp, M.C.'s life is changed -- forever.

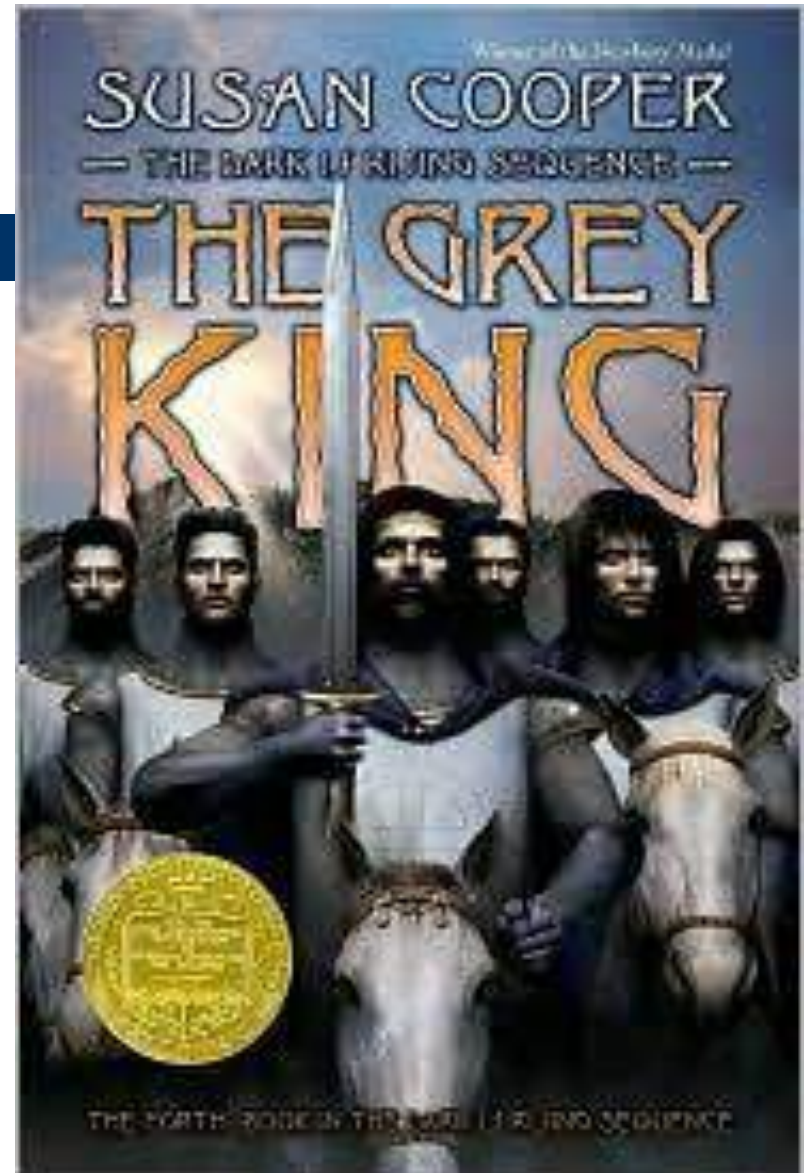


1976

The Grey King

by Susan Cooper

There is a Welsh legend about a harp of gold, hidden within a certain hill, that will be found by a boy and a white dog with silver eyes -- a dog that can see the wind. Will Stanton knew nothing of this when he came to Wales to recover from a severe illness. But when he met Bran, a strange boy who owned a white dog, he began to remember.

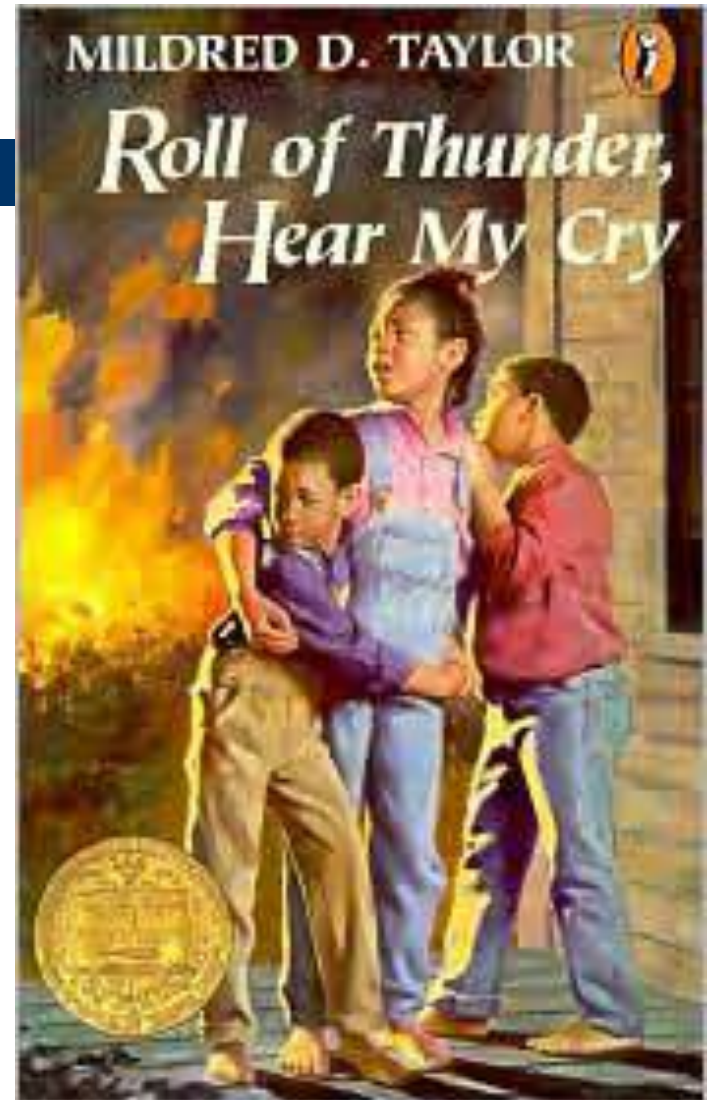


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Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

by Mildred D. Taylor

The story of one African American family fighting to stay together and strong in the face of brutal racist attacks, illness, poverty, and betrayal in the Deep South of the 1930s.

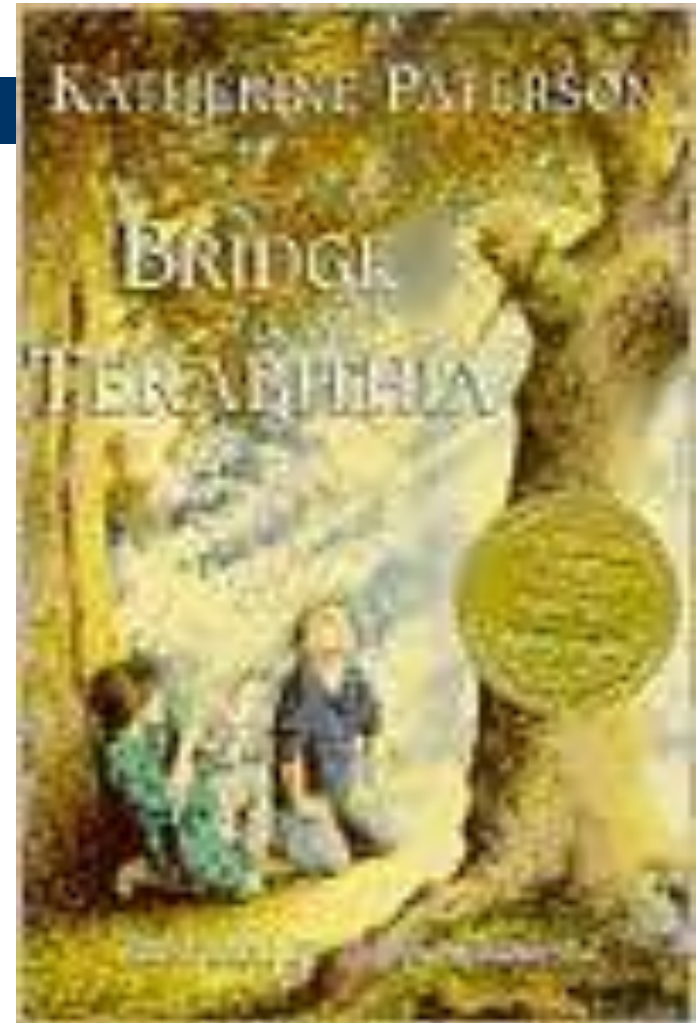


1978

Bridge to Terabithia

by Katherine Paterson

All summer, Jess pushed himself to be the fastest boy in the fifth grade, and when the year's first school-yard race was run, he was going to win. But his victory was stolen by a newcomer, by a girl, one who didn't even know enough to stay on the girls' side of the playground. Then, unexpectedly, Jess finds himself sticking up for Leslie, for the girl who breaks rules and wins races. The friendship between the two grows as Jess guides the city girl through the pitfalls of life in their small, rural town, and Leslie draws him into the world of imaginations world of magic and ceremony called Terabithia. Here, Leslie and Jess rule supreme among the oaks and evergreens, safe from the bullies and ridicule of the mundane world. Safe until an unforeseen tragedy forces Jess to reign in Terabithia alone, and both worlds are forever changed.

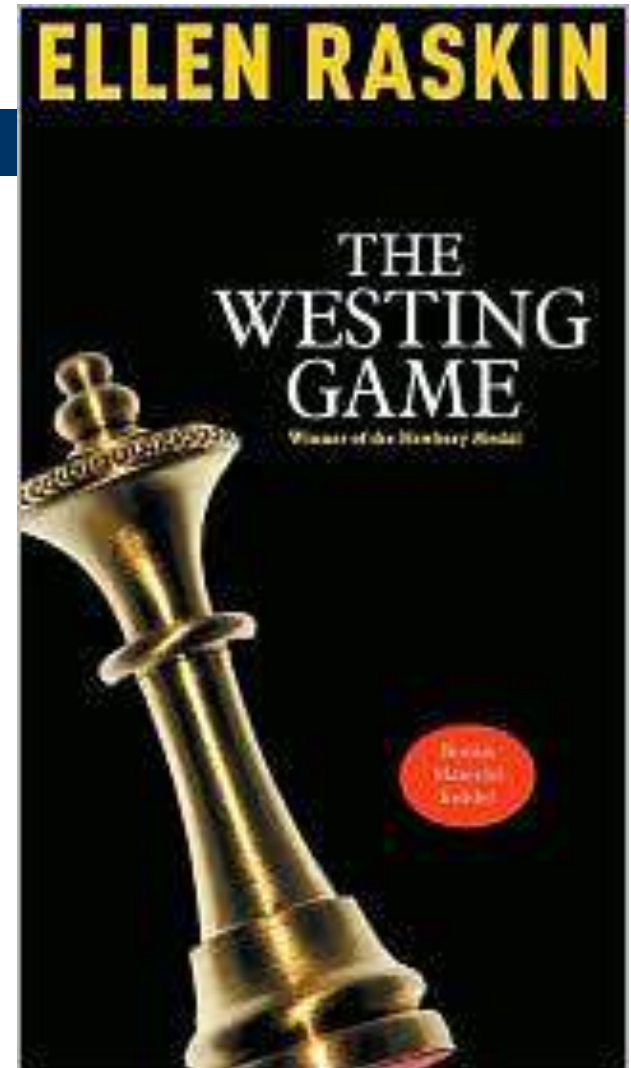


1979

The Westing Game

by Ellen Raskin

This brilliantly crafted, award-winning novel is an intriguing mystery that follows an eclectic group of characters as they struggle to be the first to solve the puzzle set forth Sam Westing's will-and, most importantly, lay claim to the Westing fortune. The Premium Edition of *The Westing Game* will feature all-new bonus matter, as well as a stunning new cover and the distinctive new trim size. Plus, we will maintain the existing pagination for ease in classroom and book club use.

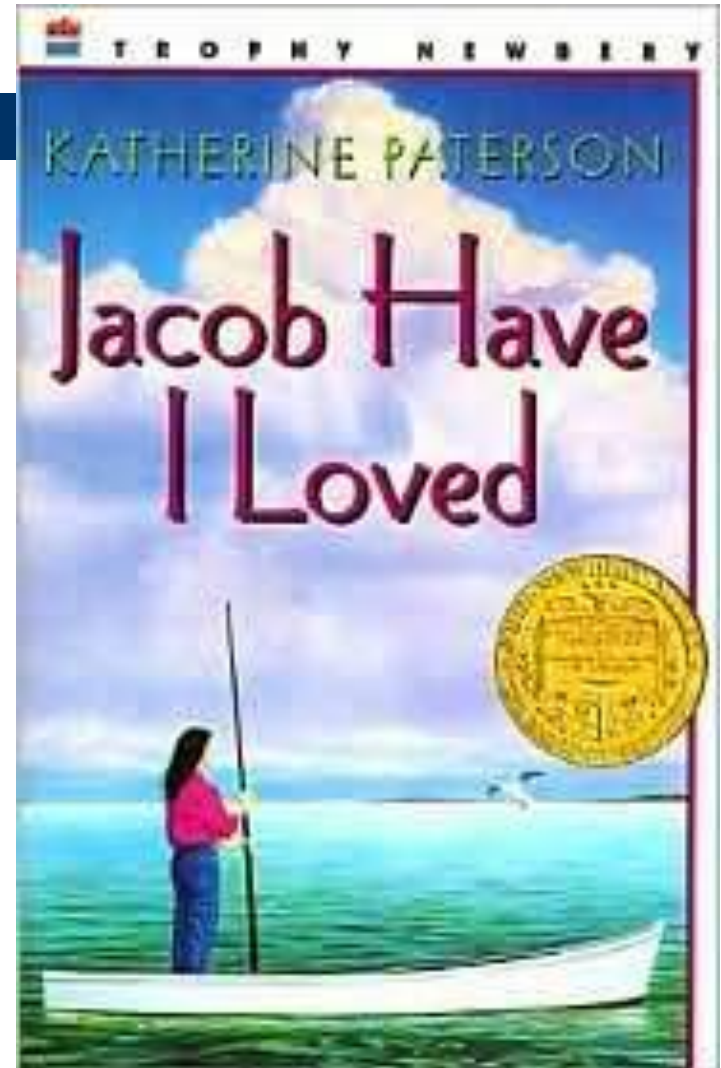


1981

Jacob Have I Loved

by Katherine Paterson

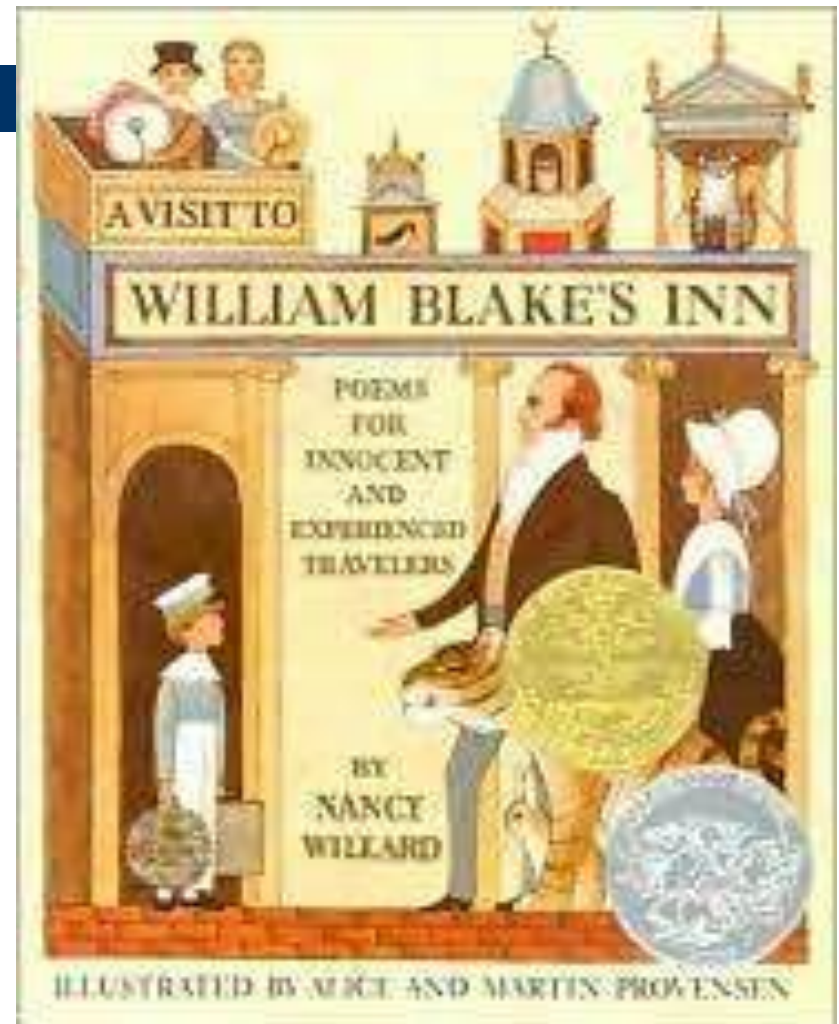
Growing up on a tiny Chesapeake Bay island in the early 1940s, angry Louise reveals how Caroline robbed her of everything: her hopes for schooling, her friends, her mother, even her name. While everyone pampered Caroline, Wheeze (her sister's name for her) began to learn the ways of the watermen and the secrets of the island, especially of old Captain Wallace, who had mysteriously returned after fifty years. The war unexpectedly gave this independent girl a chance to fulfill her childish dream to work as a waterman alongside her father. But the dream did not satisfy the woman she was becoming. Alone and unsure, Louise began to fight her way to a place where Caroline could not reach.



***A Visit to William Blake's Inn:
Poems for Innocent and Experienced Travelers***
by Nancy Willard

1982

Inspired by William Blake's *Songs of Innocence* and *Songs of Experience*, this delightful collection of poetry for children brings to life Blake's imaginary inn and its unusual guests.

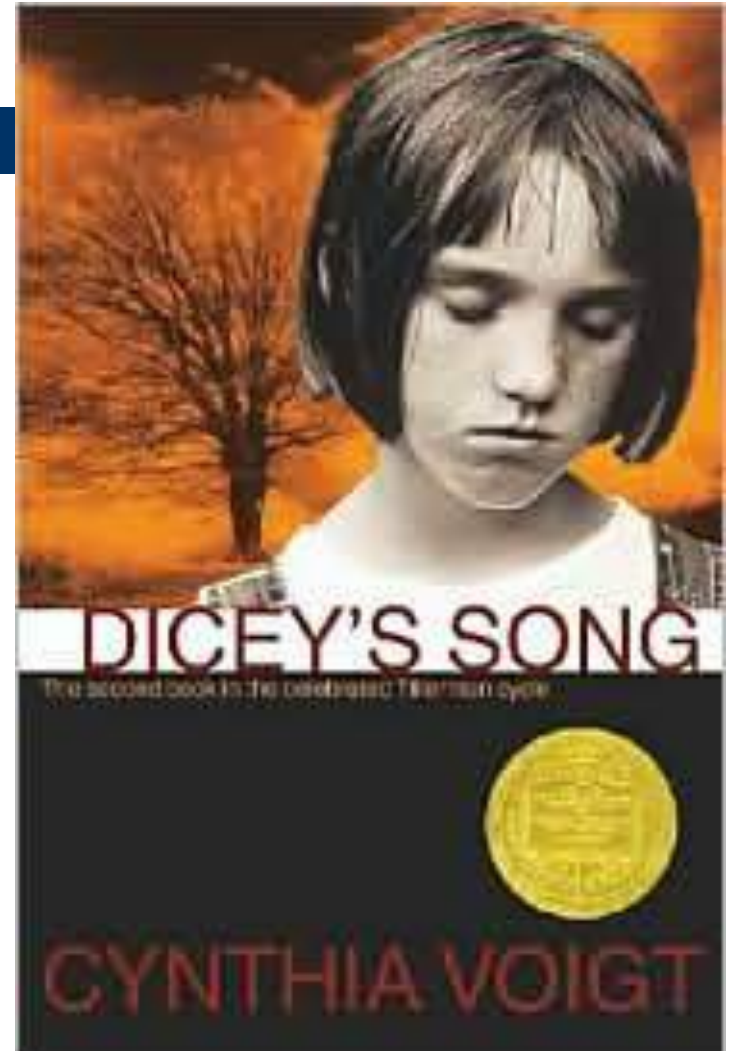


1983

Dacey's Song

by Cynthia Voigt

Letting Go The four Tillerman children finally have a home at their grandmother's rundown farm on the Maryland shore. It's what Dacey has dreamed of for her three younger siblings, but after watching over the others for so long, it's hard to let go.

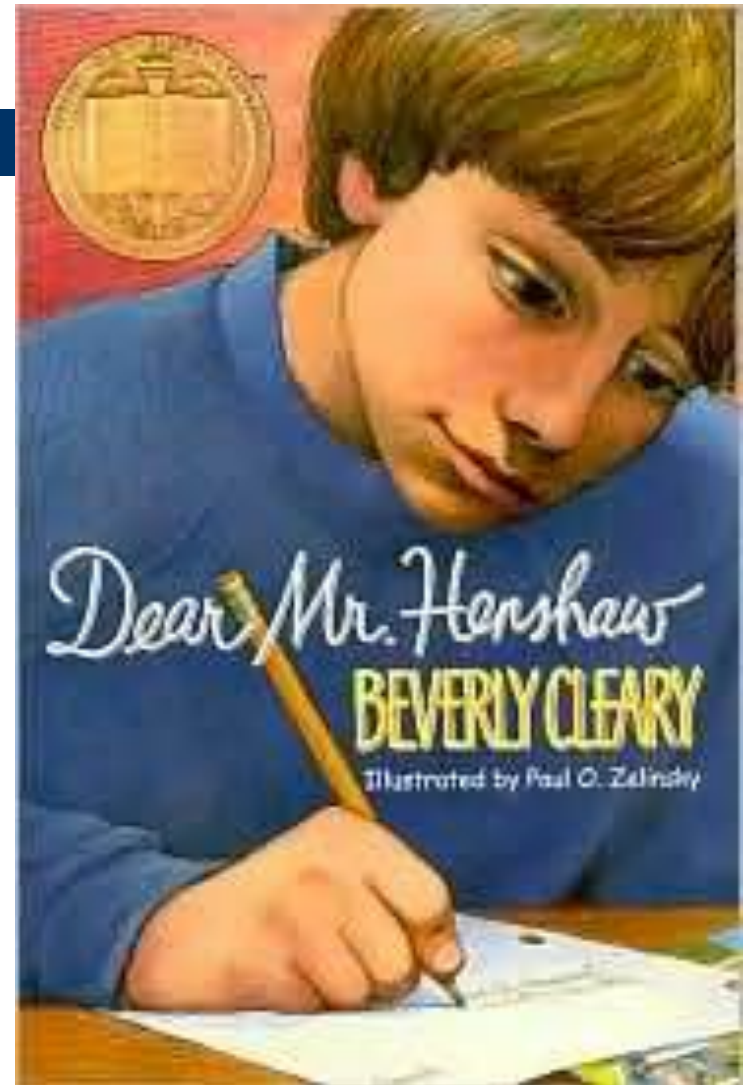


1984

Dear Mr. Henshaw

by Beverly Cleary

Leigh Botts has been author Boyd Henshaw's number one fan ever since he was in second grade. Now in sixth grade, Leigh lives with his mother and is the new kid at school. He's lonely, troubled by the absence of his father, a cross-country trucker, and angry because a mysterious thief steals from his lunchbag. Then Leigh's teacher assigns a letter-writing project. Naturally Leigh chooses to write to Mr. Henshaw, whose surprising answer changes Leigh's life.



1985

The Hero and the Crown

by Robin McKinley

From childhood, Aerin had been haunted by the story of her mother—a "witchwoman" who enspelled the king and then died in childbirth, leaving behind a newborn daughter and an heirless land. Left to her own devices, Aerin grew up wild, doing her best to live up to her reputation as the disappointment of the realm. But little did the young princess know the long-dormant powers of her mother would wield their own destiny, and leave Aerin with a duty to her scornful homeland that she couldn't refuse.

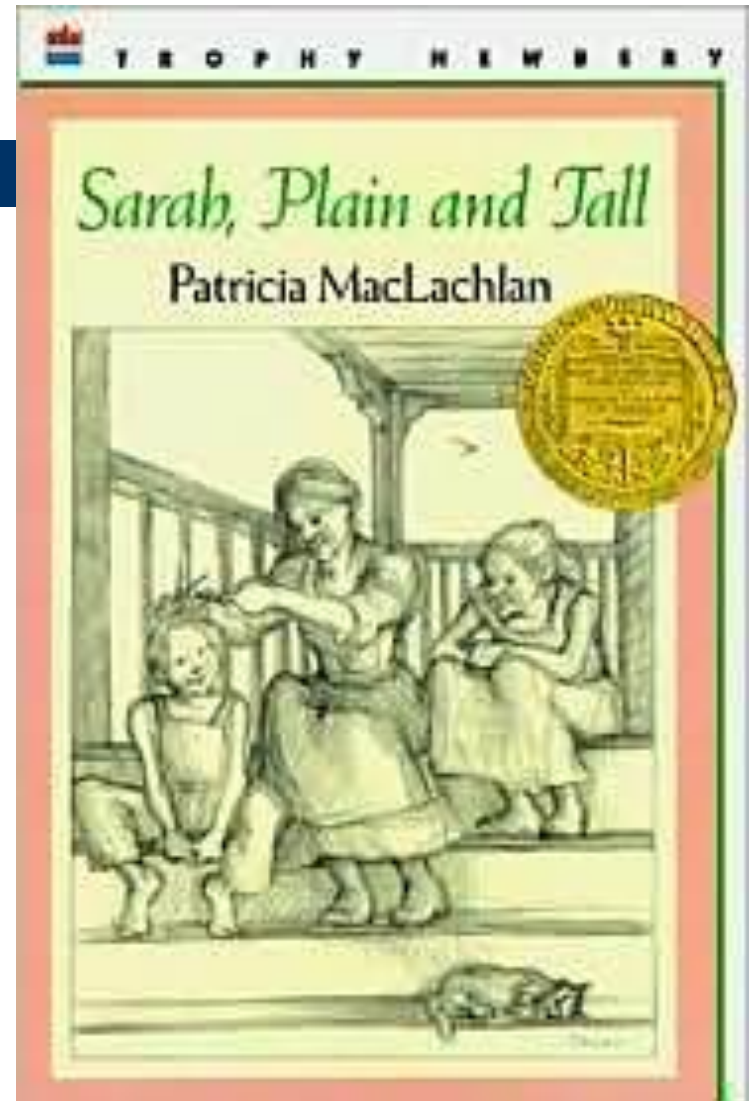


1986

Sarah, Plain and Tall

by Patricia MacLachlan

A heartwarming story about two children, Anna and Caleb, whose lives are changed forever when their widowed papa advertises for a mail-order bride. Sarah Elisabeth Wheaton from Maine answers the ad and agrees to come for a month. Sarah brings gifts from the sea, a cat named Seal, and singing and laughter to the quiet house. But will she like it enough to stay? Anna and Caleb wait and wonder -- and hope.

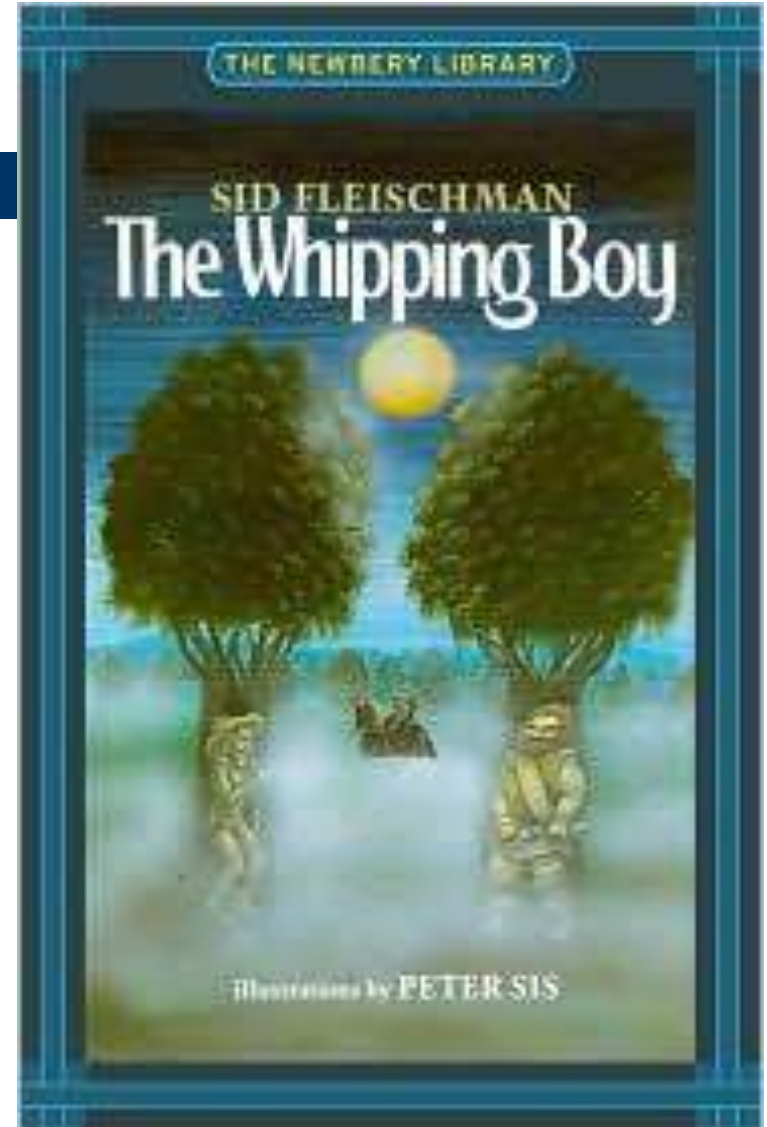


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The Whipping Boy

by Sid Fleischman

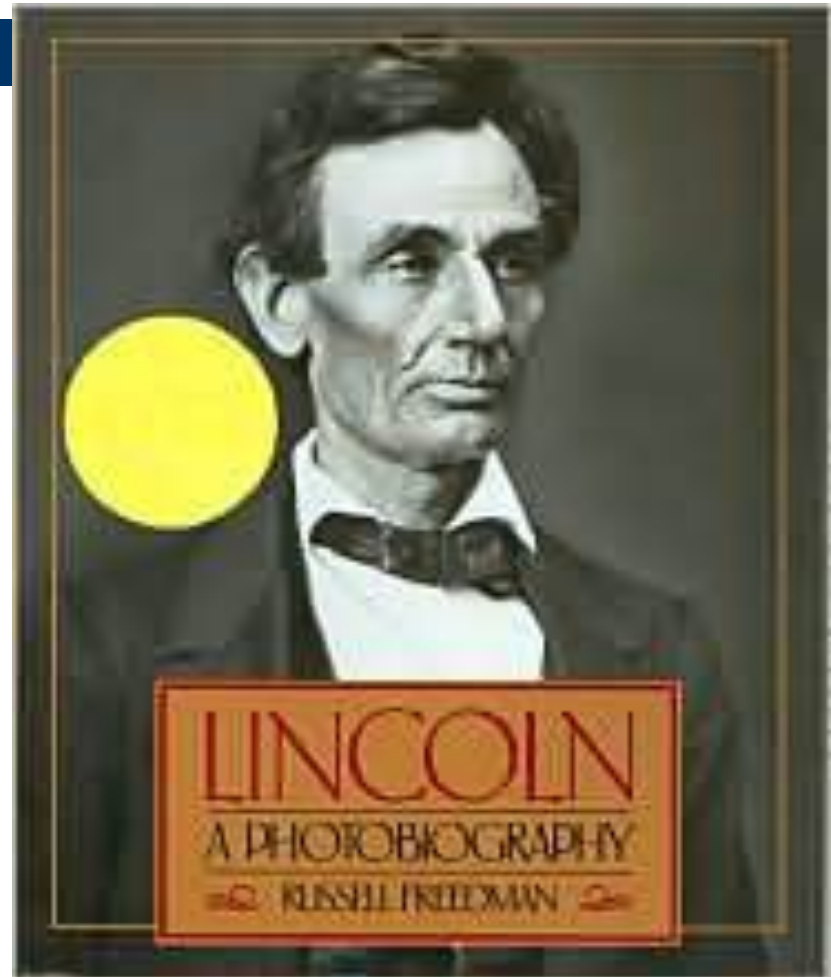
Since it is forbidden to spank the heir to the throne, Jemmy has been taken from the streets to serve as whipping boy to the arrogant and spiteful Prince Brat. Jemmy is smart, and learns to read and write while living in the castle with Prince Brat, but he is also resentful and thinks about escape. Both he and Prince Brat leave the castle, but in a fateful encounter they are kidnapped and their identities are mistaken. Jemmy is treated like the Prince and Prince Brat like the servant. In the end Prince Brat learns from his experience, and Jemmy's lot in life is forever changed as well.



1988

Lincoln: A Photobiography by Russell Freedman

Abraham Lincoln stood out in a crowd as much for his wit and rollicking humor as for his height. Here is a warm, appealing biography of our Civil War president. Russell Freedman begins with a lively account of Abraham Lincoln's boyhood, his career as a country lawyer, and his courtship and marriage to Mary Todd. Then the author focuses on the presidential years (1861 to 1865), skillfully explaining the many complex issues Lincoln grappled with as he led a deeply divided nation through the Civil War. The audiobook's final chapter is a moving account of that tragic evening in Ford's Theatre on April 14, 1865.

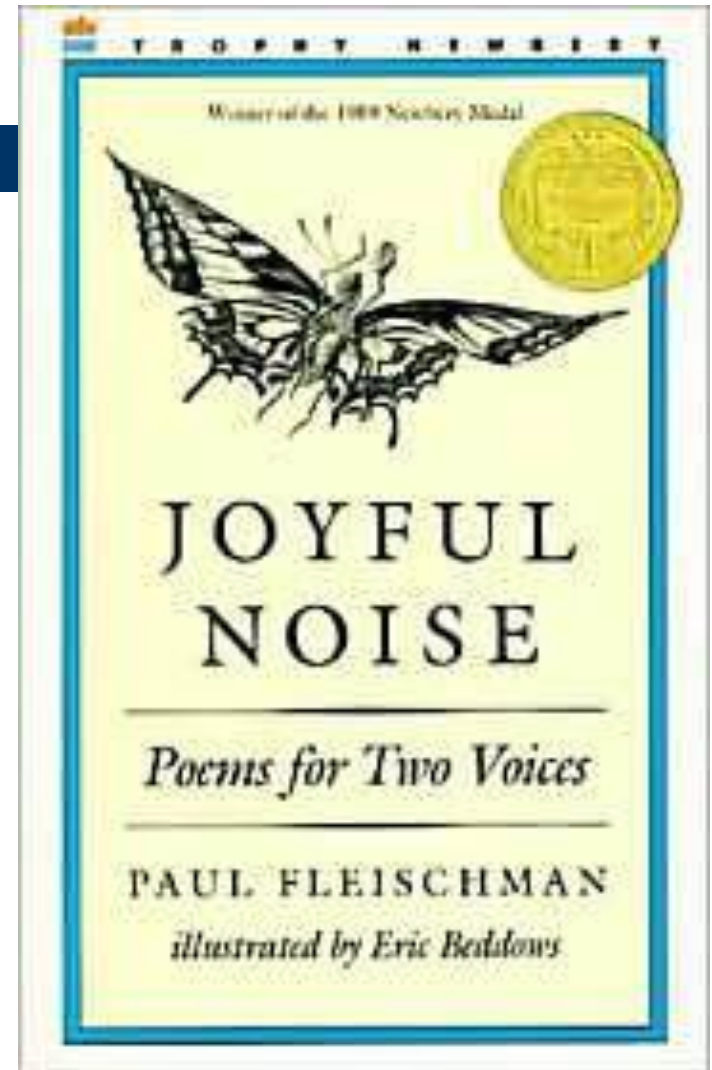


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Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices

by Paul Fleischman

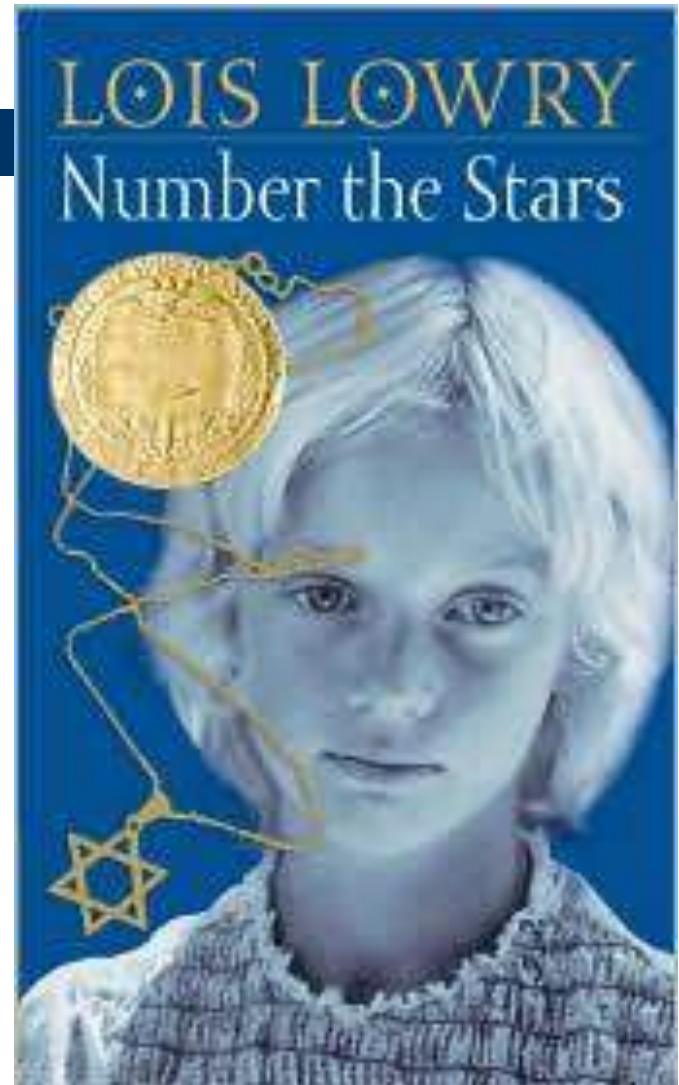
Written to be read aloud by two voices—sometimes alternating, sometimes simultaneous—here is a collection of irresistible poems that celebrate the insect world, from the short life of the mayfly to the love song of the book louse. Funny, sad, loud, and quiet, each of these poems resounds with a booming, boisterous, joyful noise.



1990

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

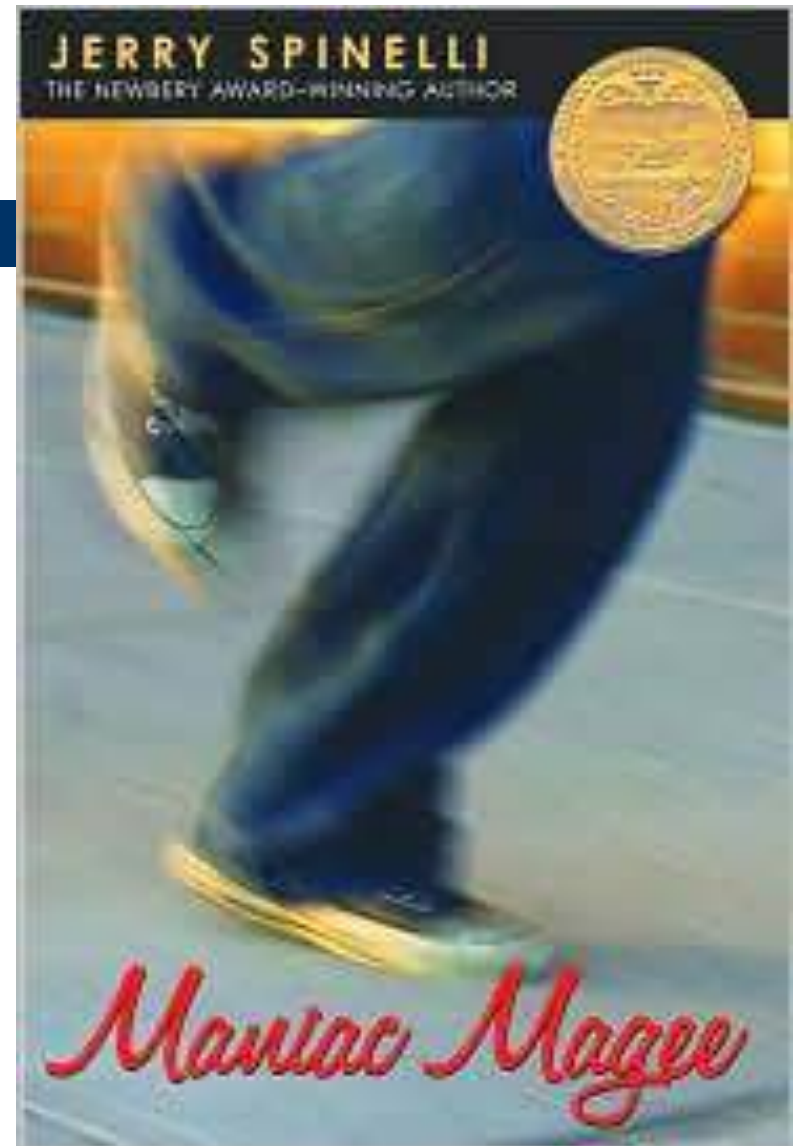
Ten-year-old Annemarie Johansen and her best friend Ellen Rosen often think of life before the war. It's now 1943 and their life in Copenhagen is filled with school, food shortages, and the Nazi soldiers marching through town. When the Jews of Denmark are "relocated," Ellen moves in with the Johansens and pretends to be one of the family. Soon Annemarie is asked to go on a dangerous mission to save Ellen's life.



1991

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

He wasn't born with the name Maniac Magee. He came into this world named Jeffrey Lionel Magee, but when his parents died and his life changed, so did his name. And Maniac Magee became a legend. Even today kids talk about how fast he could run; about how he hit an inside-the-park "frog" homer; how no knot, no matter how snarled, would stay that way once he began to untie it. But the thing Maniac Magee is best known for is what he did for the kids from the East Side and those from the West Side.



1992

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

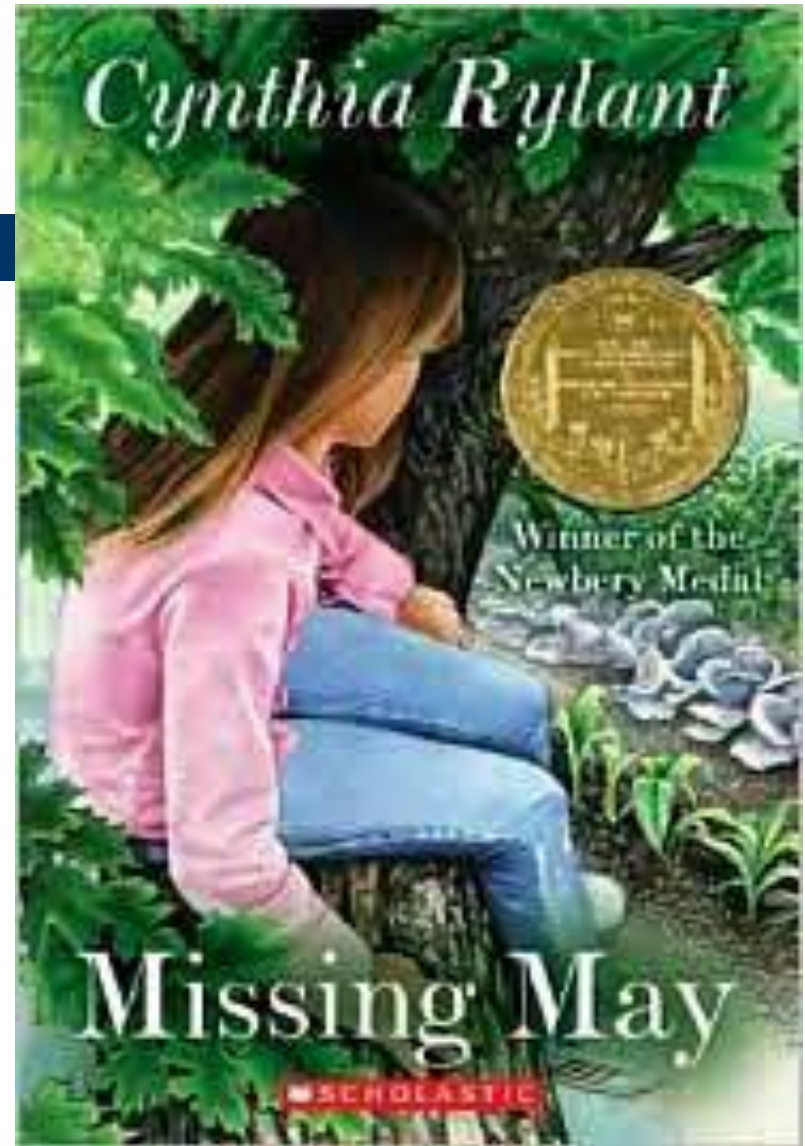
Eleven-year-old Marty Preston loves to spend time up in the hills behind his home near Friendly, West Virginia. Sometimes he takes his .22 rifle to see what he can shoot, like some cans lined up on a rail fence. Other times he goes up early in the morning just to sit and watch the fox and deer. But one summer Sunday, Marty comes across something different on the road just past the old Shiloh schoolhouses—a young beagle—and the trouble begins. What do you do when a dog you suspect is being mistreated runs away and comes to you? When it is someone else's dog? When the man who owns him has a gun? This is Marty's problem, and he finds it is one he has to face alone. When his solution gets too big for him to handle, things become more frightening still. Marty puts his courage on the line, and discovers in the process that it is not always easy to separate right from wrong. Sometimes, however, you do almost anything to save a dog.



1993

Missing May by Cynthia Rylant

When May dies suddenly while gardening, Summer assumes she'll never see her beloved aunt again. But then Summer's Uncle Ob claims that May is on her way back--she has sent a sign from the spirit world. Summer isn't sure she believes in the spirit world, but her quirky classmate Cletus Underwood--who befriends Ob during his time of mourning--does. So at Cletus' suggestion, Ob and Summer (with Cletus in tow) set off in search of Miriam B. Young, Small Medium at Large, whom they hope will explain May's departure and confirm her possible return.

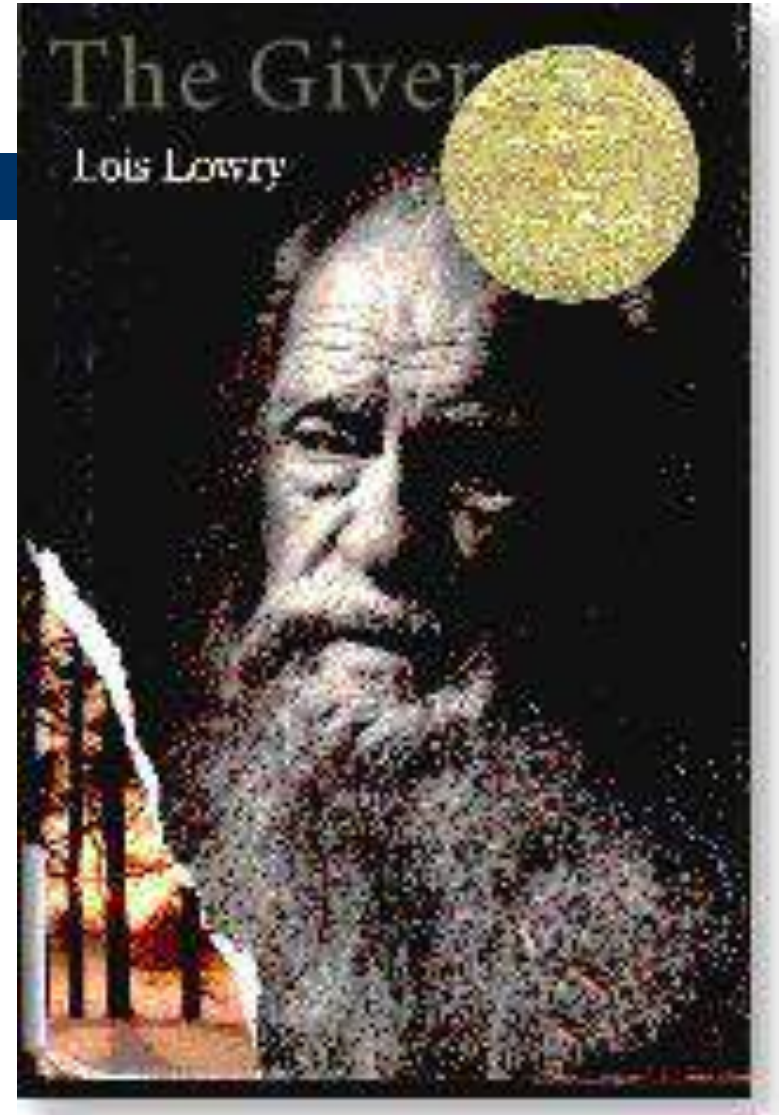


1994

The Giver

by Lois Lowry

Twelve-year-old Jonas performs well in the impressively ordered society that the Elders have developed. But when he is selected to be the new "Receiver," Jonas begins to unravel the truth that underlies his world.



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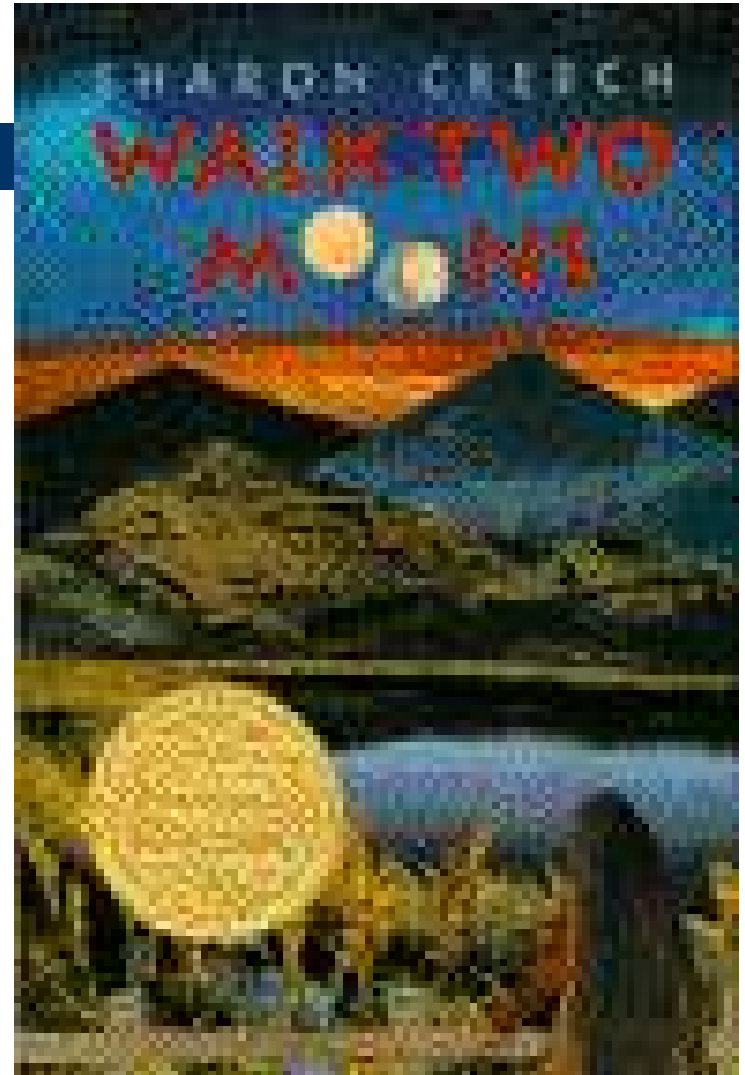
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1995

Walk Two Moons

by Sharon Creech

Thirteen-year-old Salamanca Tree Hiddle sets out on a cross-country journey with her grandparents to see her mother, who has not returned from a visit to Idaho. Sal entertains her grandparents by telling them about her new friend Phoebe, and in so doing begins to understand herself and her own mother. The book, packed with humor and affection, is an odyssey of unexpected twists and surprising conclusions.

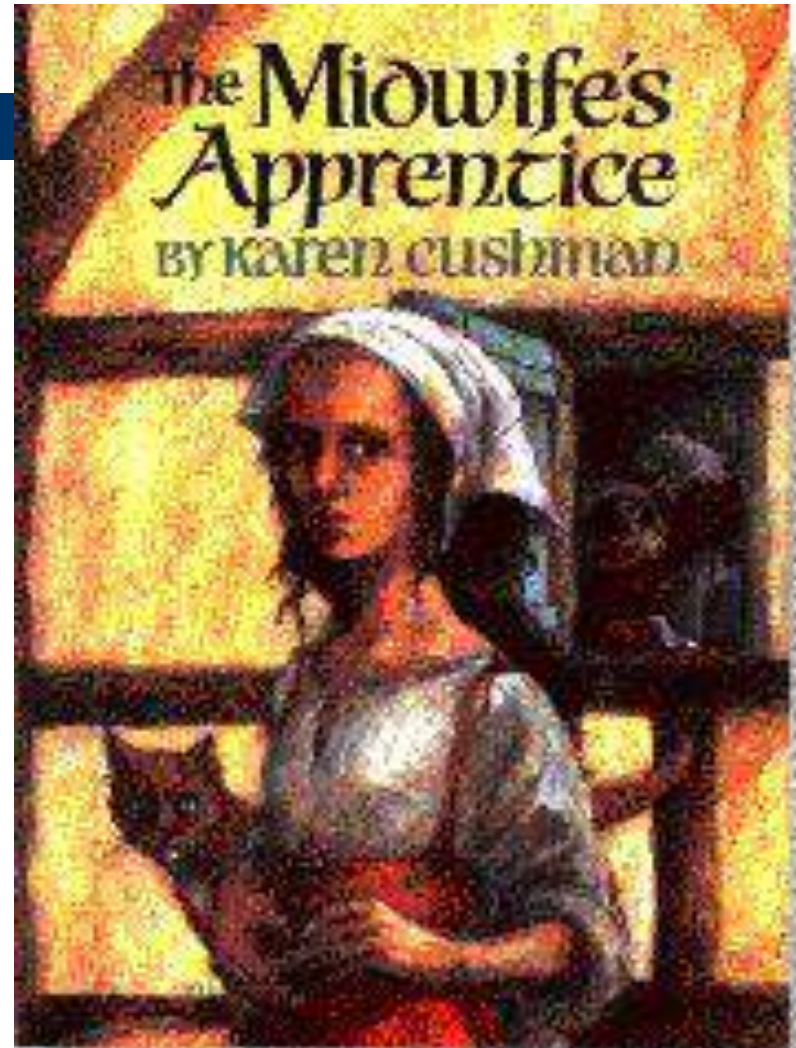


1996

The Midwife's Apprentice

by Karen Cushman

"The reader is drawn in from the first sentence when the author speaks of a 'rotting and moiling heap,'" said Mary Beth Dunhouse, chair of the Newbery Award Selection Committee. "And this is when the reader meets the central character, Brat--'unwashed, unnourished, unloved, and unlovely... who dreamed of nothing, for she hoped of nothing and expected nothing.' This homeless waif becomes the midwife's apprentice--a person with a name and a place in the world. Medieval England is well-evoked, and readers will find this world so compelling that they will keep turning pages to see what happens next."



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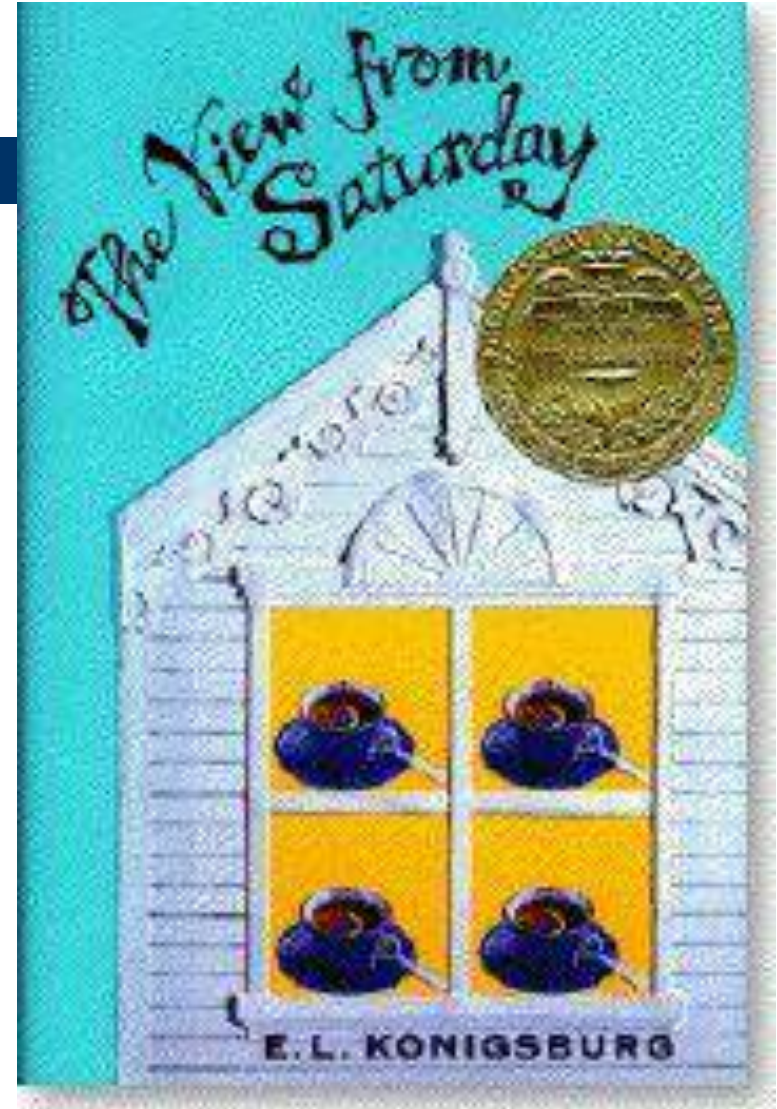
1997

The View from Saturday by E. L. Konigsburg

In *The View from Saturday*, a special bond develops among the four sixth graders who, along with their teacher/coach, Mrs. Olinski, comprise a surprisingly--in fact amazingly--successful Academic Bowl team.

This is the second Newbery Medal for Konigsburg, who received both the Newbery Medal for *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* and an honor book award for *Jennifer, Hecate, Macbeth, William McKinley, and Me, Elizabeth* in 1968.

She is the only author to have received both the medal and an honor book award in the same year.



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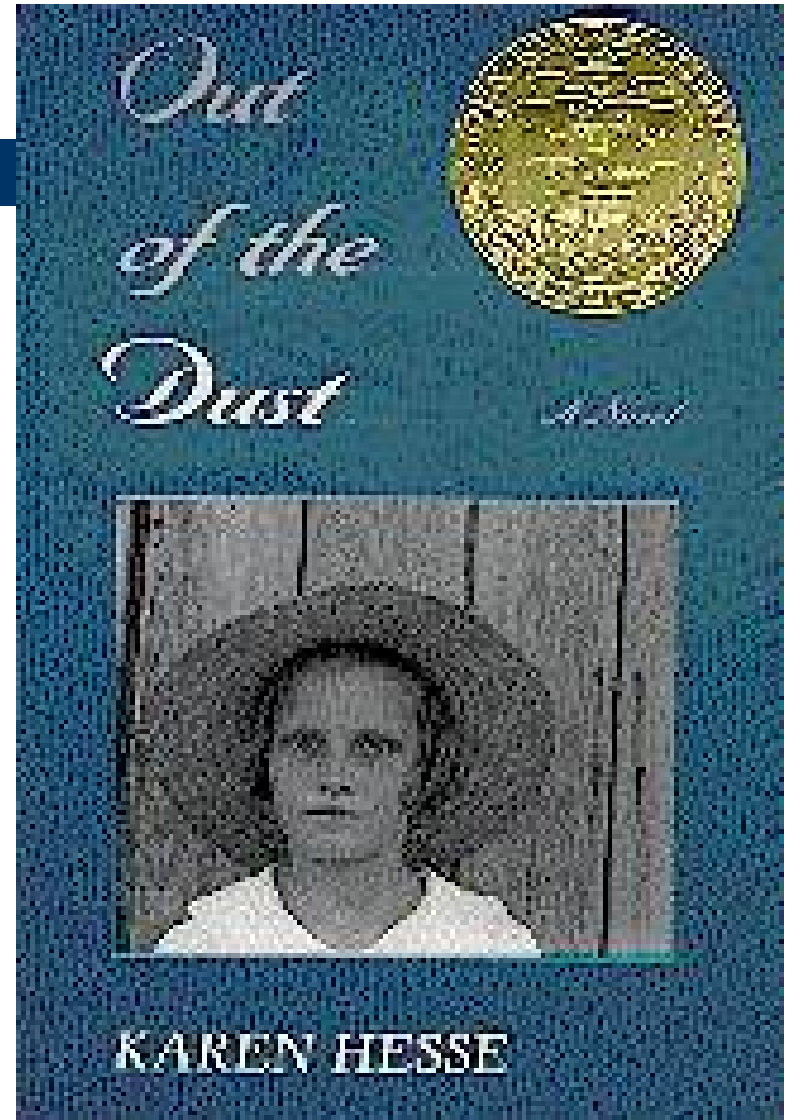
First Chapter Friday Read Aloud:

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1998

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

In *Out of the Dust*, 14-year-old Billie Jo relates how her mother dies after an accident with burning kerosene. Blaming both herself and her father, she is unable to express herself through her piano playing because of the burns that scar her hands. She leaves but quickly returns to her home "of dust" and she realizes how much a part of her it is.



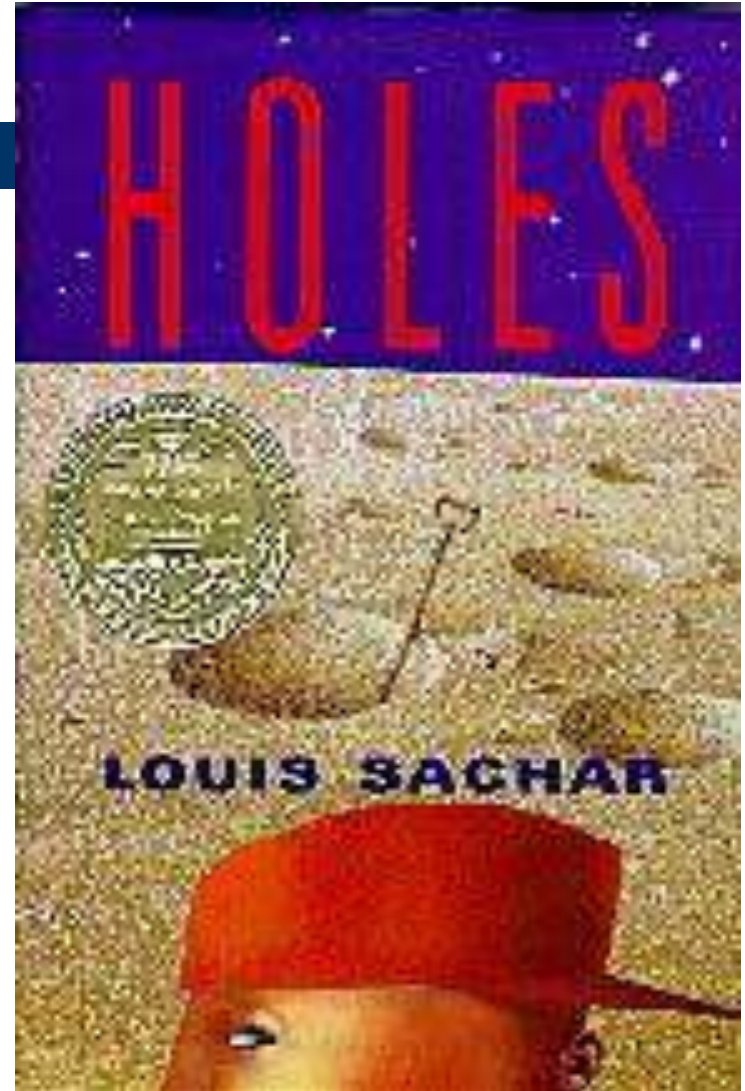
Book Trailer:

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1999

Holes by Louis Sachar

Sachar's "Holes" tells the story of Stanley Yelnats. The heir to his family's curse of bad luck, Stanley is convicted of a crime he didn't commit. He serves his sentence at Camp Green Lake, a dry, flat wasteland where the warden assigns each inmate the task of digging one deep hole every day. Hole by hole, Stanley and his friend Zero dig their destiny.



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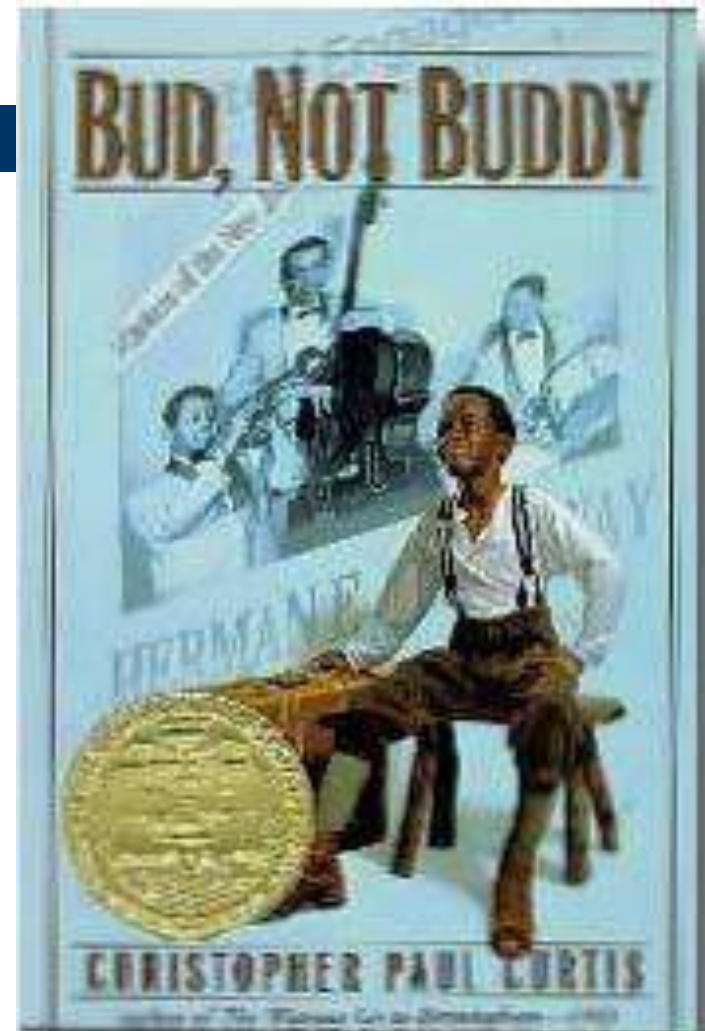
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2000

Bud, Not Buddy

By Christopher Paul Curtis

Ten-year-old Bud Caldwell runs away from a foster home and begins an unforgettable journey in search of his father. His only clues are old flyers left by his now-deceased mother that point to a legendary jazz bandleader.

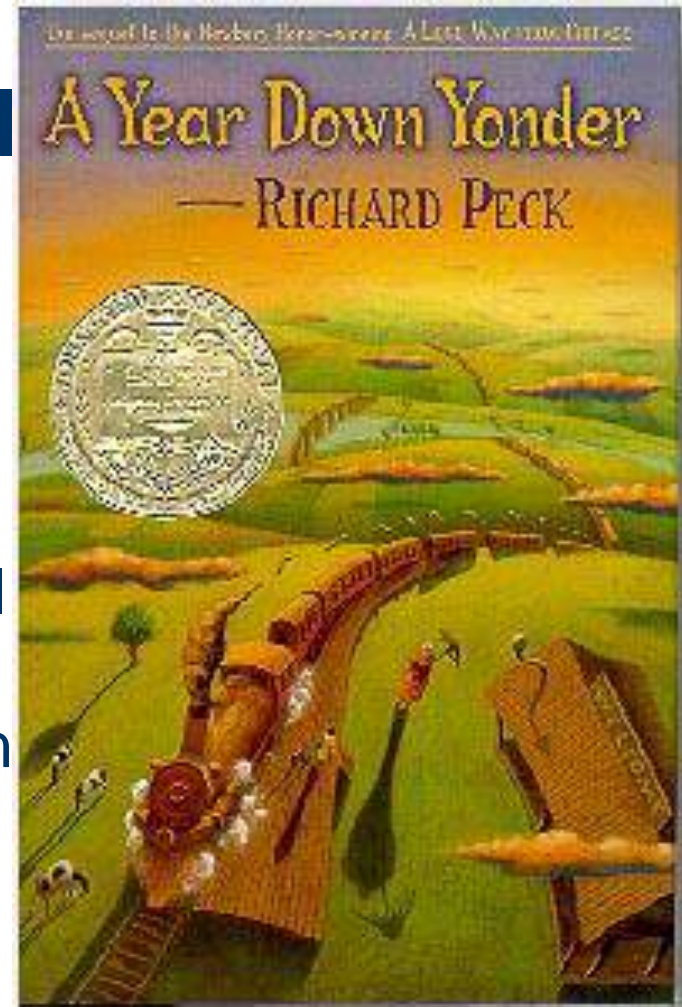


2001

A Year Down Yonder

by Richard Peck

This linked series of carefully crafted vignettes is set in rural Illinois during the Depression, when fifteen-year-old Mary Alice leaves Chicago to spend a year with Grandma Dowdel. Her initial apprehension at life in a small town with a scheming old woman gradually gives way to admiration and love as she recognizes the warm heart behind Grandma's shenanigans.



Book Trailer:

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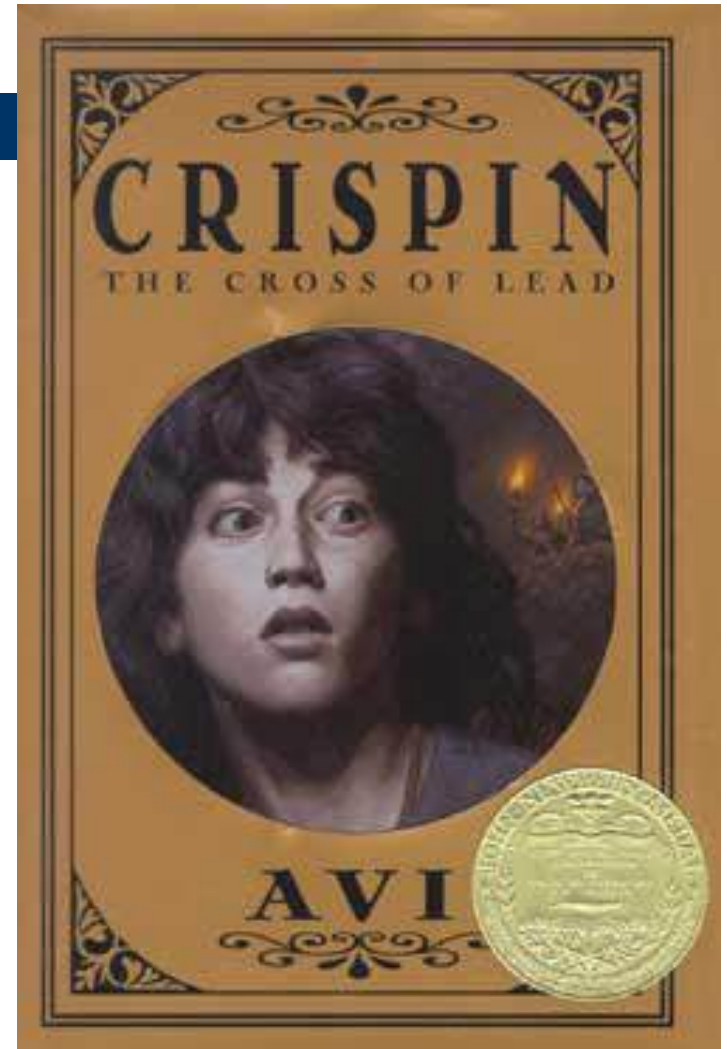
2003

Crispin

by Avi

“Crispin: The Cross of Lead,” published by Hyperion Books for Children, is an action-filled page-turner set in 14th-century England. “Asta’s son” is the only name the 13-year-old title character has ever known when he is suddenly orphaned and stripped of home and possessions. Accused of murder and wanted dead or alive, Crispin flees his village and falls in with a juggler, Bear, who becomes his protector and teacher.

Relentlessly pursued by Crispin’s enemies, the pair flees to solve the mystery of his identity and fight the injustices of feudalism.



2004

The Tale of Despereaux written by **Kate DiCamillo**,

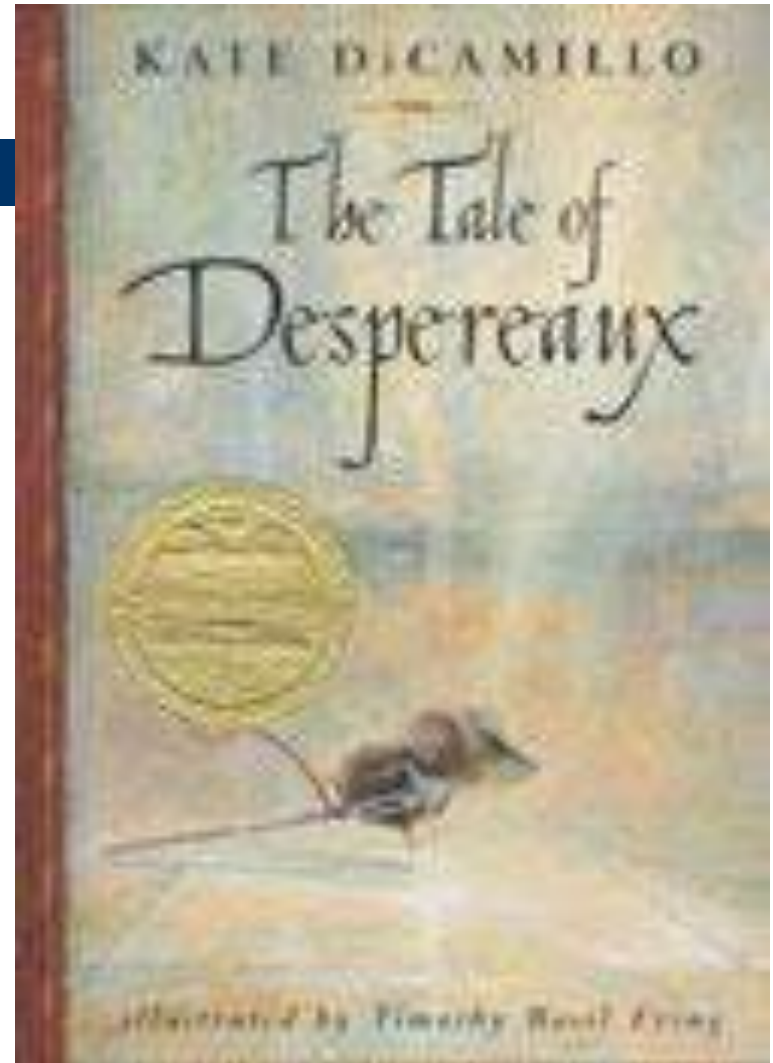
Welcome to the story of Despereaux Tilling, a mouse who is in love with music, stories, and a princess named Pea. It is also the story of a rat called Roscuro, who lives in the darkness and covets a world filled with light. And it is the story of Miggery Sow, a slow-witted serving girl who harbors a simple, impossible wish. These three characters are about to embark on a journey that will lead them down into a horrible dungeon, up into a glittering castle, and, ultimately, into each other's lives. What happens then? As Kate DiCamillo would say: Reader, it is your destiny to find out.

Book Trailer:

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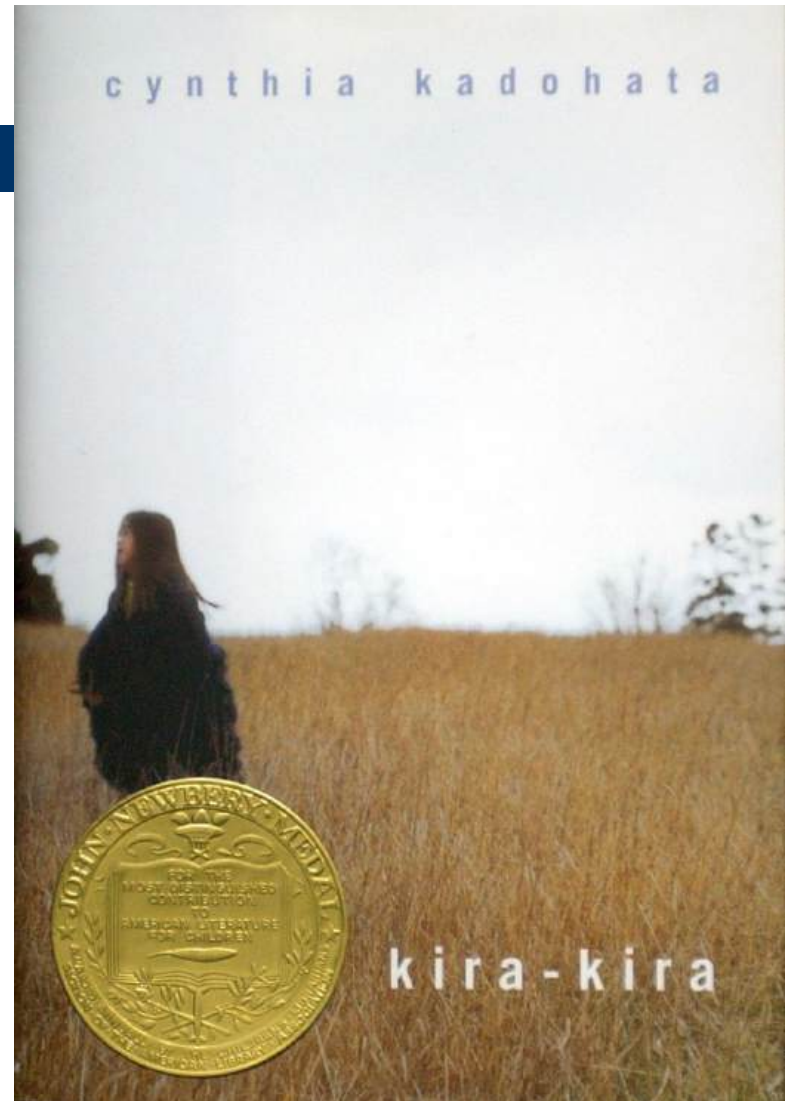
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2005

Kira-Kira written by **Cynthia Kadohata**

Two sisters lie on their backs, watching the stars and repeating the Japanese word for "glittering" - "kira-kira." Like this quiet opening scene, Kadohata's tenderly nuanced novel glitters with plain and poignant words that describe the strong love within a Japanese American family from the point of view of younger sister Katie. Personal challenges and family tragedy are set against the oppressive social climate of the South during the 1950s and early 1960s.



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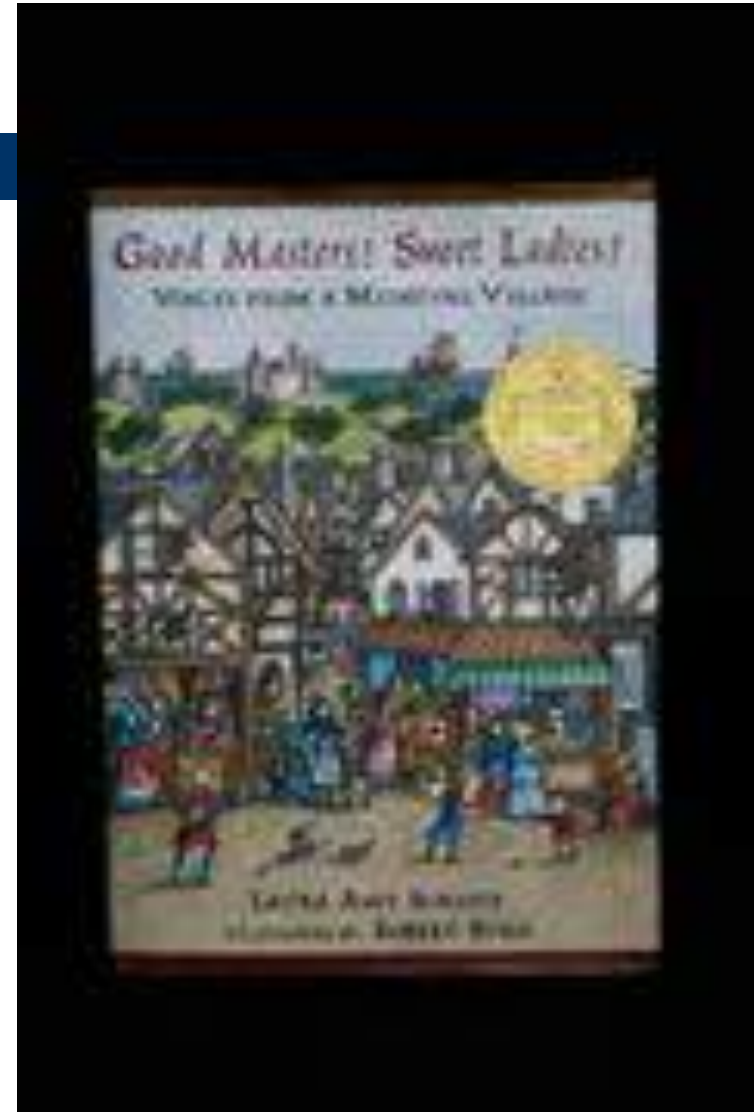
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ip33i6EOkE>

2008

Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village

by Laura Amy Schlitz

In “***Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village***,” thirteenth-century England springs to life using 21 dramatic individual narratives that introduce young inhabitants of village and manor; from Hugo, the lord's nephew, to Nelly, the sniggler. Schlitz's elegant monologues and dialogues draw back the curtain on the period, revealing character and relationships, hinting at stories untold. Explanatory interludes add information and round out this historical and theatrical presentation.



Book Trailer:

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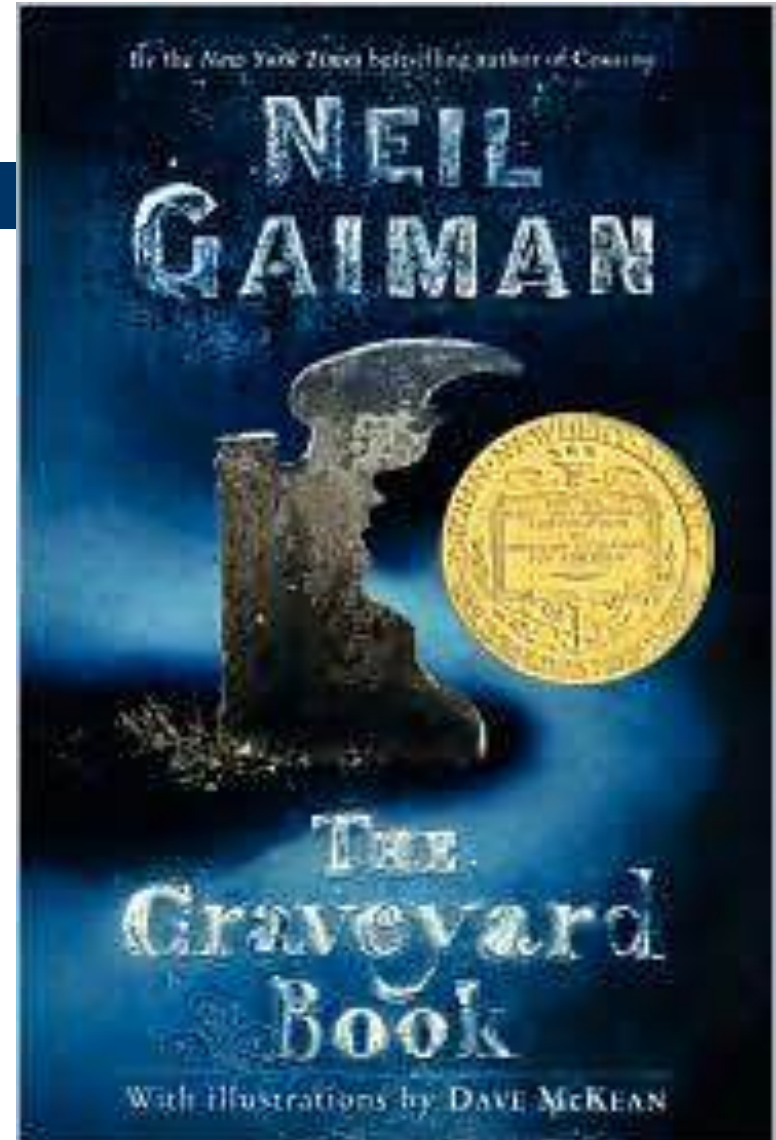
<https://youtu.be/6kcNL-wS-sc>

2009

The Graveyard Book

By Neil Gaiman

Nobody Owens, known to his friends as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be *completely* normal if he didn't live in a sprawling graveyard, being raised and educated by ghosts, with a solitary guardian who belongs to neither the world of the living nor of the dead. There are dangers and adventures in the graveyard for a boy. But if Bod leaves the graveyard, then he will come under attack from the man Jack—who has already killed Bod's family . . .



Book Trailer:

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2010

When You Reach Me

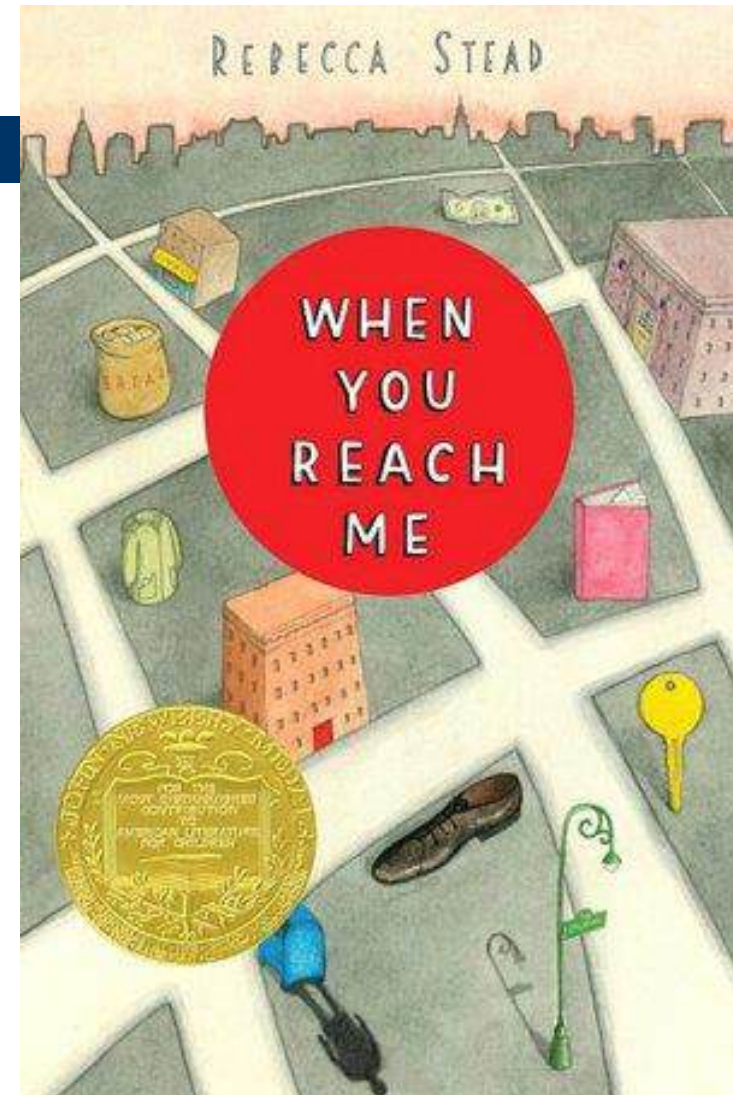
By Rebecca Stead

By sixth grade, Miranda and her best friend, Sal, know how to navigate their New York City neighborhood. They know where it's safe to go, and they know who to avoid. Like the crazy guy on the corner.

But things start to unravel. Sal gets punched by a kid on the street for what seems like no reason, and he shuts Miranda out of his life. The apartment key that Miranda's mom keeps hidden for emergencies is stolen. And then a mysterious note arrives, scrawled on a tiny slip of paper. The notes keep coming, and Miranda slowly realizes that whoever is leaving them knows things no one should know. Each message brings her closer to believing that only she can prevent a tragic death. Until the final note makes her think she's too late.

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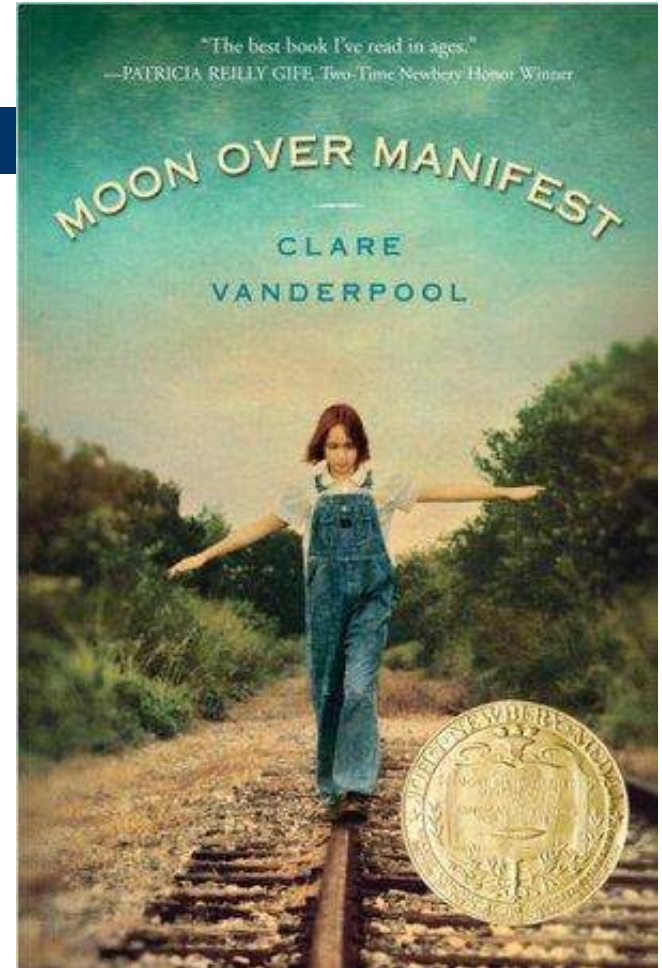
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2011

Moon Over Manifest By Clare Vanderpool

Abilene Tucker feels abandoned. Her father has put her on a train, sending her off to live with an old friend for the summer while he works a railroad job. Armed only with a few possessions and her list of universals, Abilene jumps off the train in Manifest, Kansas, aiming to learn about the boy her father once was.

Having heard stories about Manifest, Abilene is disappointed to find that it's just a dried-up, worn-out old town. But her disappointment quickly turns to excitement when she discovers a hidden cigar box full of mementos, including some old letters that mention a spy known as the Rattler. These mysterious letters send Abilene and her new friends, Lettie and Ruthanne, on an honest-to-goodness spy hunt, even though they are warned to "Leave Well Enough Alone."



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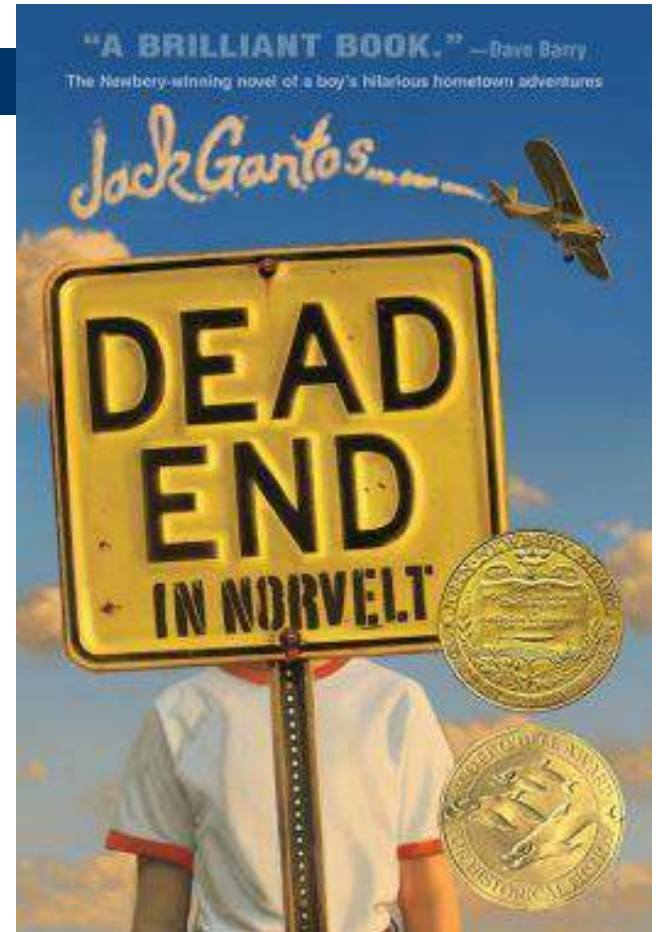
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2012

Dead End in Norvelt

By Jack Gantos

Melding the entirely true and the wildly fictional, *Dead End in Norvelt* is a novel about an incredible two months for a kid named Jack Gantos, whose plans for vacation excitement are shot down when he is “grounded for life” by his feuding parents, and whose nose spews bad blood at every little shock he gets. But plenty of excitement (and shocks) are coming Jack’s way once his mom loans him out to help a feisty old neighbor with a most unusual chore—typewriting obituaries filled with stories about the people who founded his utopian town.



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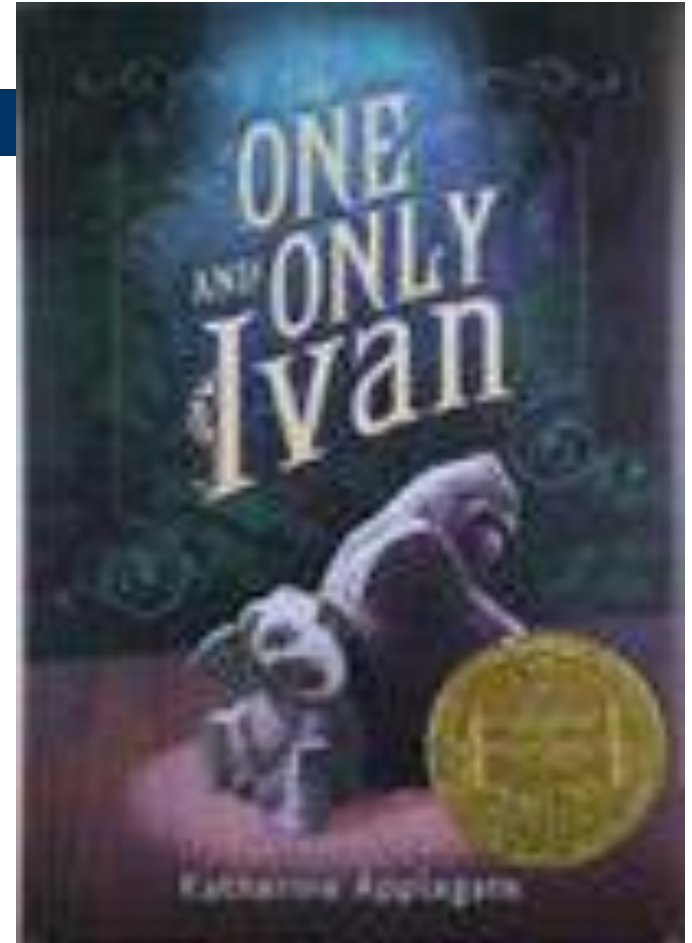
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2013

The One and Only Ivan

By Katharine Applegate

- Ivan's transformative emergence from the "Ape at Exit 8" to "The One and Only Ivan, Mighty Silverback," comes to life through the gorilla's own distinct narrative voice, which is filled with wry humor, deep emotion and thought-provoking insights into the nature of friendship, hope and humanity.



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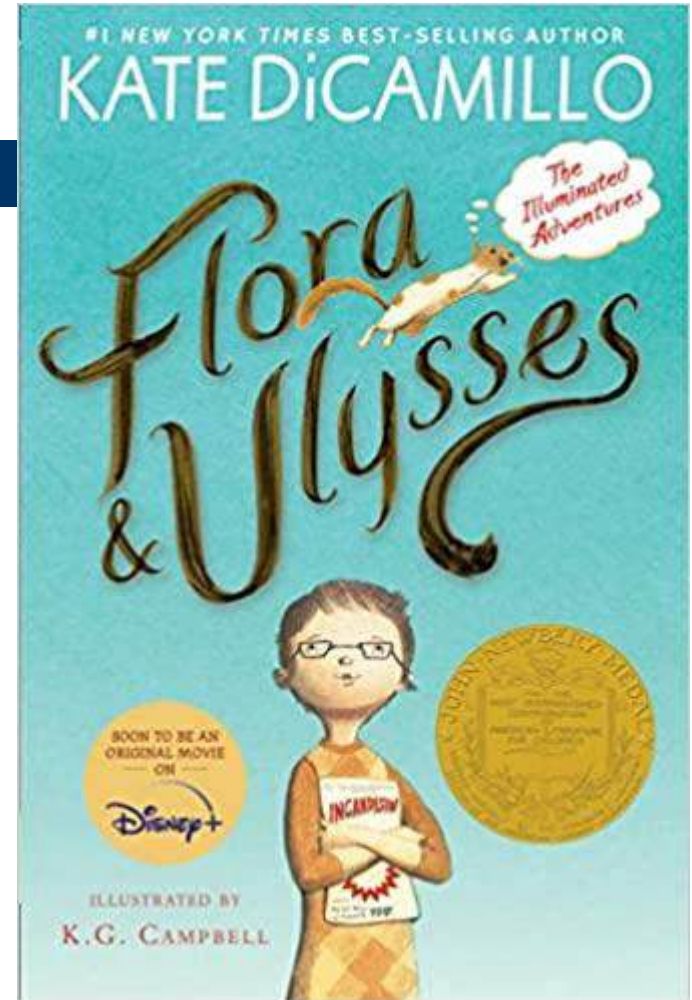
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2014

Flora and Ulysses

By Kate DiCamillo

Holy unanticipated occurrences!
From #1 *New York Times* best-selling author Kate DiCamillo comes a laugh-out-loud story filled with eccentric, endearing characters — a novel interspersed with comic-style graphic sequences and full-page illustrations, all rendered in black and white by K. G. Campbell.



Book Trailer:

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2015

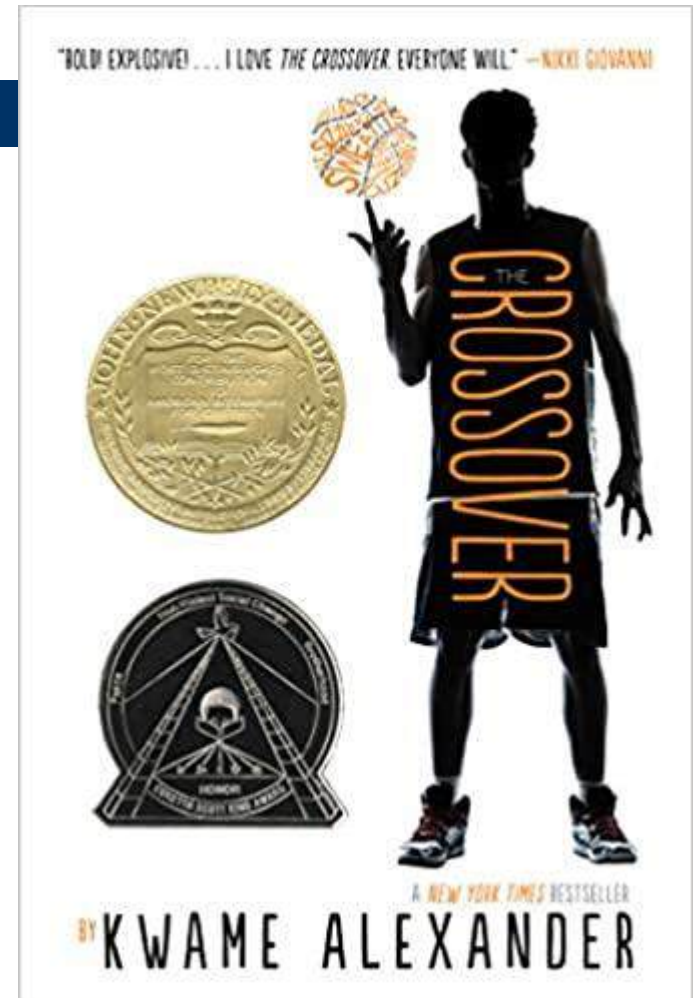
Crossover

By Kwame Alexander

"With a bolt of lightning on my kicks . . . The court is SIZZLING. My sweat is DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. 'Cuz tonight I'm delivering," raps twelve-year-old Josh Bell. Thanks to their dad, he and his twin brother, Jordan, are kings on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood—he's got mad beats, too, which help him find his rhythm when it's all on the line.

As their winning season unfolds, things begin to change. When Jordan meets a girl, the twins' bond unravels. Told in dynamic verse, this fast and furious middle grade novel that started it all absolutely bounces with rhythm and bursts with heart.

Available as a novel in verse and also as a graphic novel.



Book Trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QKWyXcA8bIU>

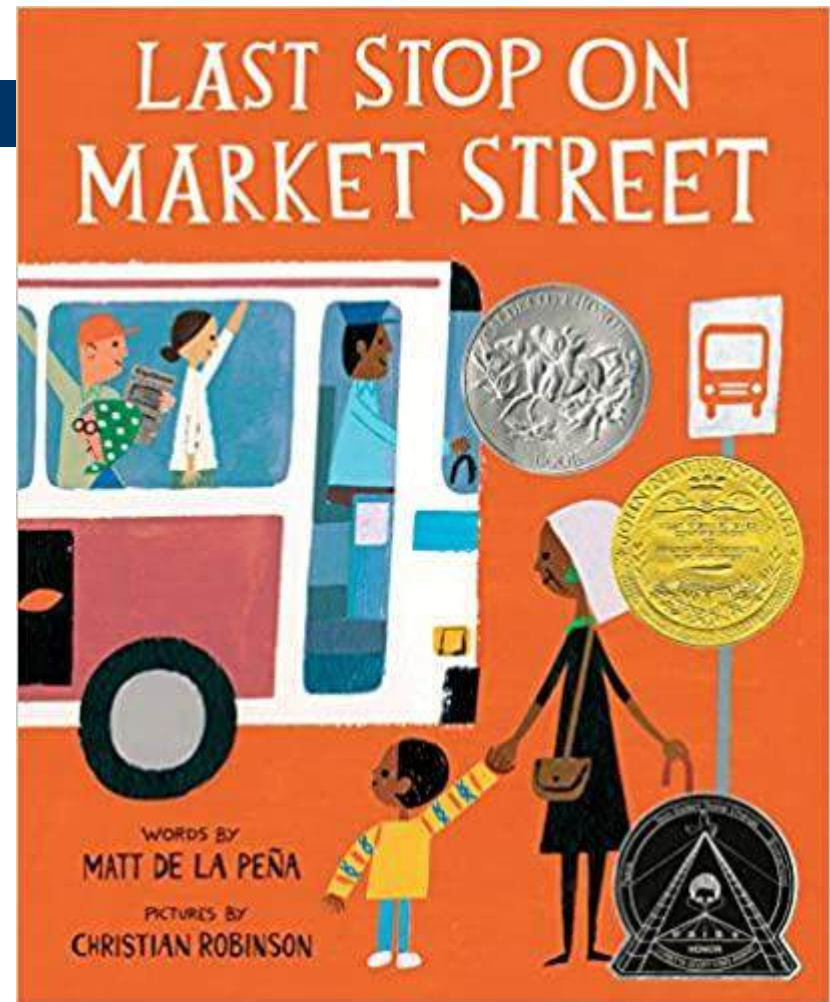
2016

Last Stop on Market Street

By Matt De La Peña

Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don't own a car like his friend Colby. Why doesn't he have an iPod like the boys on the bus? How come they always have to get off in the dirty part of town? Each question is met with an encouraging answer from grandma, who helps him see the beauty—and fun—in their routine and the world around them.

This energetic ride through a bustling city highlights the wonderful perspective only grandparent and grandchild can share, and comes to life through Matt de la Peña's vibrant text and Christian Robinson's radiant illustrations.



Book Trailer:

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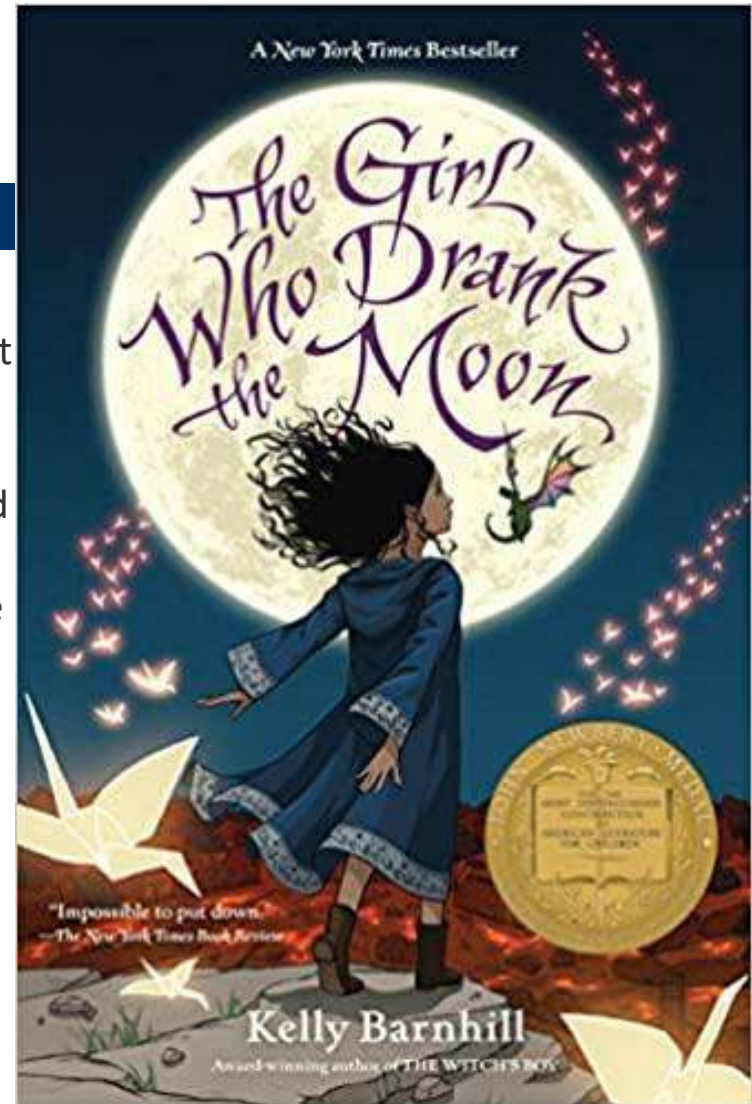
2017

The Girl Who Drank the Moon

By Kelly Barnhill

Every year, the people of the Protectorate leave a baby as an offering to the witch who lives in the forest. They hope this sacrifice will keep her from terrorizing their town. But the witch in the Forest, Xan, is kind. She shares her home with a wise Swamp Monster and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon. Xan rescues the children and delivers them to welcoming families on the other side of the forest, nourishing the babies with starlight on the journey.

One year, Xan accidentally feeds a baby moonlight instead of starlight, filling the ordinary child with extraordinary magic. Xan decides she must raise this girl, whom she calls Luna, as her own. As Luna's thirteenth birthday approaches, her magic begins to emerge—with dangerous consequences.



Book Trailer:

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First Chapter Friday Read Aloud: <https://youtu.be/s71UWBgKVyU>

2018

Hello, Universe

By Erin Entrada Kelly

In one day, four lives weave together in unexpected ways. Virgil Salinas is shy and kindhearted and feels out of place in his crazy-about-sports family. Valencia Somerset, who is deaf, is smart, brave, and secretly lonely, and she loves everything about nature. Kaori Tanaka is a self-proclaimed psychic, whose little sister, Gen, is always following her around. And Chet Bullens wishes the weird kids would just stop being so different so he can concentrate on basketball.

They aren't friends, at least not until Chet pulls a prank that traps Virgil and his pet guinea pig at the bottom of a well. This disaster leads Kaori, Gen, and Valencia on an epic quest to find missing Virgil. Through luck, smarts, bravery, and a little help from the universe, a rescue is performed, a bully is put in his place, and friendship blooms.



Book Trailer:

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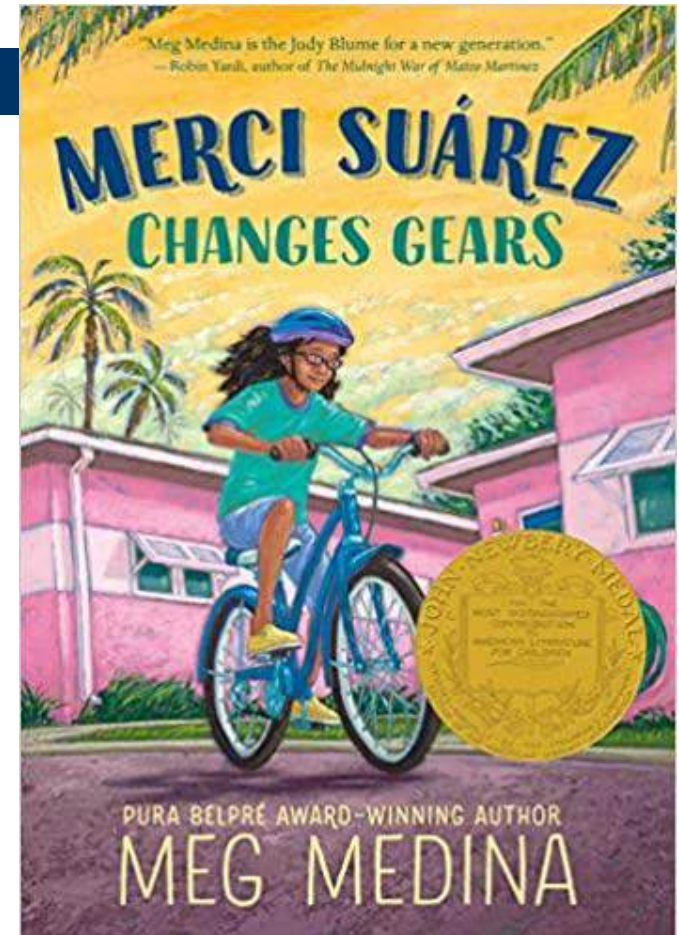
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2019

Merci Suarez

By Meg Medina

Merci Suarez knew that sixth grade would be different, but she had no idea just *how* different. For starters, Merci has never been like the other kids at her private school in Florida, because she and her older brother, Roli, are scholarship students. They don't have a big house or a fancy boat, and they have to do extra community service to make up for their free tuition. So when bossy Edna Santos sets her sights on the new boy who happens to be Merci's school-assigned Sunshine Buddy, Merci becomes the target of Edna's jealousy. Things aren't going well at home, either: Merci's grandfather and most trusted ally, Lolo, has been acting strangely lately — forgetting important things, falling from his bike, and getting angry over nothing. No one in her family will tell Merci what's going on, so she's left to her own worries, while also feeling all on her own at school.



Book Trailer:

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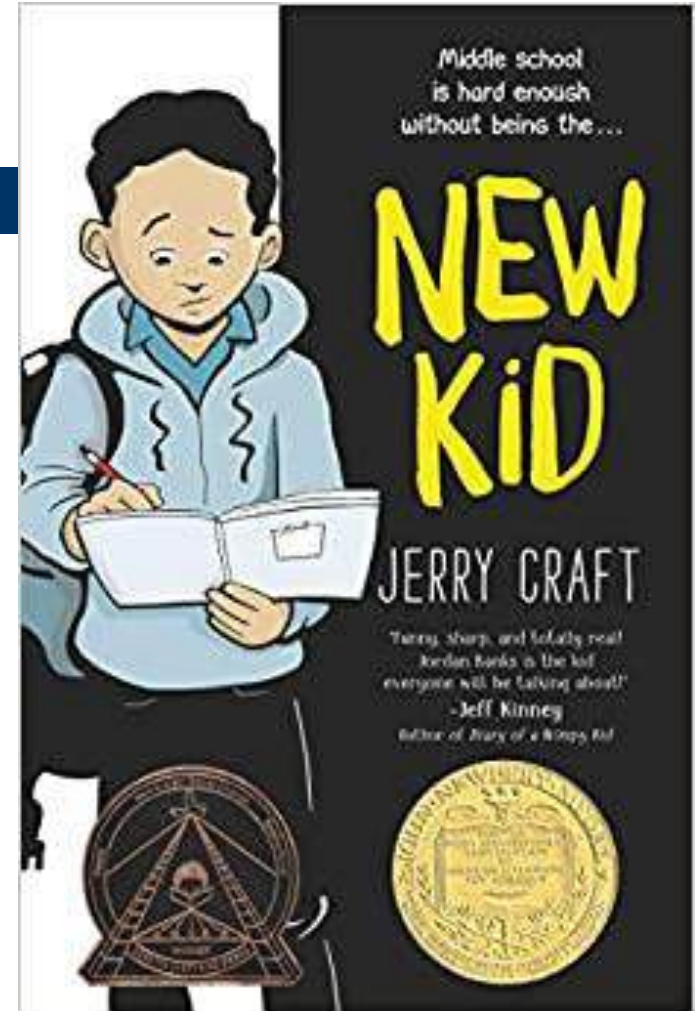
2020

New Kid

By Jerry Craft

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade.

As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds—and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighborhood friends and staying true to himself?



Message from the Author:

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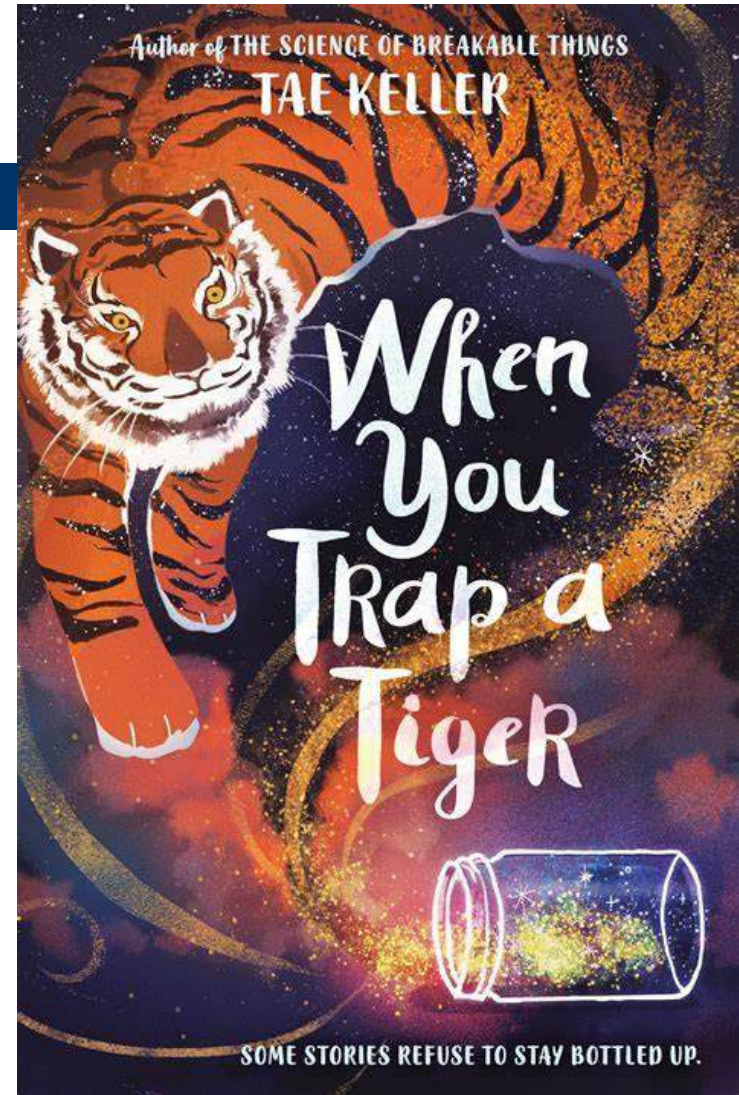
First Chapter Friday Read Aloud: <https://youtu.be/4IlvUBURGCK>

2021

When You Trap A Tiger

By Tae Keller

When Lily and her family move in with her sick grandmother, a magical tiger straight out of her halmoni's Korean folktales arrives, prompting Lily to unravel a secret family history. Long, long ago, Halmoni stole something from the tigers. Now they want it back. And when one of the tigers approaches Lily with a deal—return what her grandmother stole in exchange for Halmoni's health—Lily is tempted to agree. But deals with tigers are never what they seem! With the help of her sister and her new friend Ricky, Lily must find her voice . . . and the courage to face a tiger.



Book Trailer:

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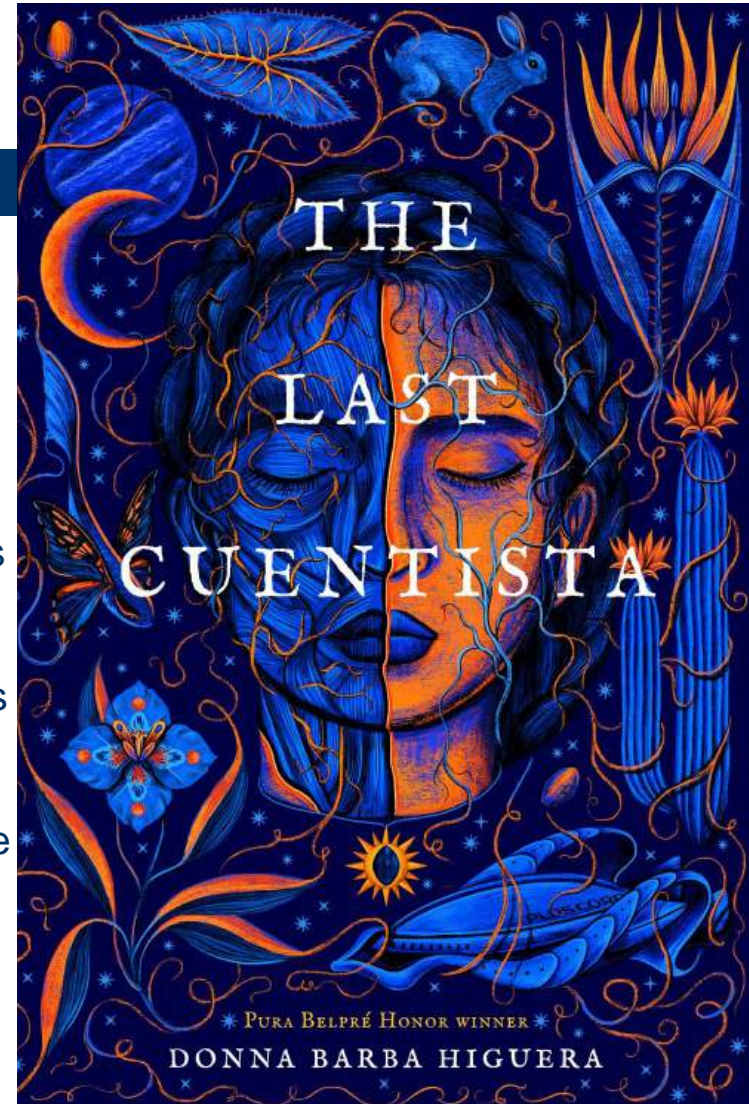
2022

The Last Cuentista

By Donna Barba Higuera

Había una vez . . . There lived a girl named Petra Peña, who wanted nothing more than to be a storyteller, like her abuelita. But Petra's world is ending. Earth has been destroyed by a comet, and only a few hundred scientists and their children – among them Petra and her family – have been chosen to journey to a new planet. They are the ones who must carry on the human race. Hundreds of years later, Petra wakes to this new planet – and the discovery that she is the only person who remembers Earth. A sinister Collective has taken over the ship during its journey, bent on erasing the sins of humanity's past. They have systematically purged the memories of all aboard – or purged them altogether.

Petra alone now carries the stories of our past, and with them, any hope for our future. Can she make them live again?

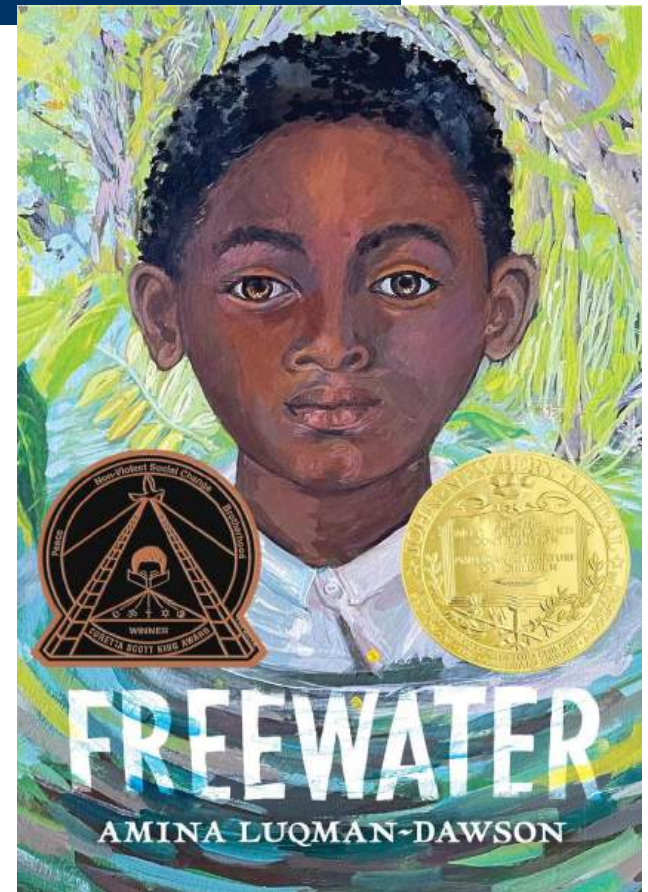


2023 - Freewater by Amina Luqman-Dawson

Under the cover of night, twelve-year-old Homer flees Southerland Plantation with his little sister Ada, unwillingly leaving their beloved mother behind. Much as he adores her and fears for her life, Homer knows there's no turning back, not with the overseer on their trail. Through tangled vines, secret doorways, and over a sky bridge, the two find a secret community called Freewater, deep in the swamp.

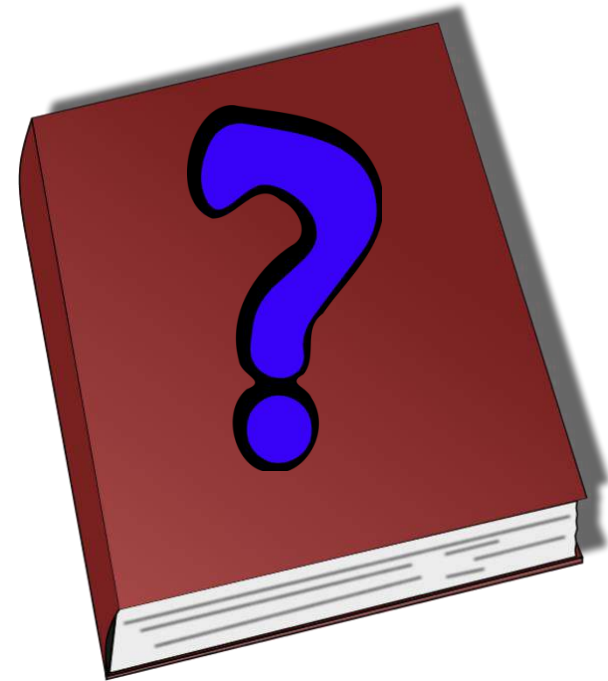
In this society created by formerly enslaved people and some freeborn children, Homer finds new friends, almost forgetting where he came from. But when he learns of a threat that could destroy Freewater, he crafts a plan to find his mother and help his new home.

Deeply inspiring and loosely based on the history of maroon communities in the South, this is a striking tale of survival, adventure, friendship, and courage.



2024 - ???

- The winner of the 2023 Newbery award will be announced on January 22, 2024.
- Check out [this website](#) on/after that date to find the big winners!!



Happy reading!!!



A woman with blonde hair, wearing a red dress, is smiling and holding a white card with the number '14' on it. She is standing in front of a background that is a collage of repeating text. The text includes 'AMANDA ZIEBA', 'word nerd', 'teach', and 'word ner'. The text is arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth and repetition, with some words appearing larger and more prominent than others. The overall color scheme is dominated by the red of the dress and the white of the card, set against a background of black and white text.

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NEWBERY AWARD HISTORY AND NOTE TAKING SHEET

NEWBERY AWARD

Notes Sheet



Newbery Notes

Name: _____

The _____ is a literary award given by the Association for Library Service to Children of the American Library Association (ALA) to the author of the outstanding _____ book for _____.

The award has been given since _____.

Together with the Caldecott Medal, it is considered the most _____ award for children's _____ in the United States. It is named for John Newbery, an 18th century _____ of children's books.

The award is a _____ medal. The real medal is presented to the _____ and a sticker of the medal is put on the cover of the books.

The Medal shall be awarded _____ to the author of the most _____ contribution to American literature for children published by an American publisher in the United States in _____ during the _____ year.

The Award is restricted to authors who are _____ or residents of the United States.

The committee should keep in mind that the award is for literary quality and quality presentation for _____.

The award is not for _____.

The award can be given to _____.

The runners - up for the Newbery Award are called _____ books. These books have a silver seal on their cover, and are also noted for being the "honorable" for that year as well.

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The Newbery Award is an important part of children's literature and a great opportunity for educators to expose their students to high quality books that will engage, educate and entertain. Learn about the history of this prestigious through the description passage and use the accompanying fill-in-the-blank sheet to work with targeted vocabulary to improve memory of the concepts as well as note taking skills.





Newbery Award History

Name: _____

The History of the Newbery Award

The John Newbery Medal is a literary award given by the Association for Library Service to Children of the American Library Association (ALA) to the author of the outstanding American book for children. The award has been given since 1922. Together with the Caldecott Medal, it is considered the most prestigious award for children's literature in the United States. It is named for John Newbery, an 18th century publisher of juvenile books.

Why is the Newbery Award Given?

The Newbery Award is given “to encourage original creative work in the field of books for children. To emphasize to the public that contributions to the literature for children deserve similar recognition to poetry, plays, or novels. To give those librarians, who make it their life work to serve children's reading interests, an opportunity to encourage good writing in this field. The Newbery Award thus became the first children's book award in the world. Its terms, as well as its long history, continue to make it the best known and most discussed children's book award in this country.”

The Medal

The Newbery Medal was designed by Rene Paul Chambellan in 1921 and depicts on the reverse, an author giving his work (a book) to a male and female child to read. A bronze medal is given to the author at an important ceremony. A sticker of the medal is then placed on the books. The medal shall be awarded annually to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children published by an American publisher in English during the preceding year. The committee should keep in mind that the award is for literary quality and quality presentation for children. The award is not for educational content or popularity. It can be given for fiction, nonfiction or poetry.

Newbery Honor Books

The runners – up for the Newbery Award are called honor books. Honor books have this seal on their cover, and are also noted for being the “greats” for that year as well. Usually 2-4 honor books are chosen each year.





Name: _____

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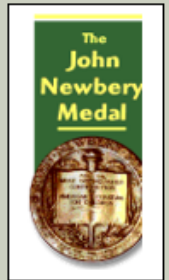
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The Award is restricted to authors who are **citizens** or residents of the United States.

The committee should keep in mind that the award is for literary quality and quality presentation for **children**. The award is not for **educational** content or **popularity**.

The award can be given to **fiction**, **nonfiction** or **poetry**.

The runners – up for the Newbery Award are called **honor** books. These books have a silver seal on their cover, and are also noted for being the “greats” for that year as well.



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NEWBERY MEDAL

ACTIVITY PACK



The Newbery Award is an important part of children's literature and a great opportunity for educators to expose their students to high quality books that will engage, educate and entertain. Learn about the history of this prestigious through the description passage and award criteria. Then, engage in critical thinking as students create their own award requirements and design for a new medal, as well as answer their choice of thought provoking journal write. Finally, end the unit with one of two quizzes on the content presented.



HELLO TEACHER FRIEND!

Thank you for downloading this product! I am hopeful that it will provide you and your students the chance to dig into this award a bit deeper and give you the opportunity for meaningful discussions and writing about literature.

In this product you will find:

- *An Informative passage on the history of the Newbery Award*
- *A link and note taking sheet to explore the criteria the selection committee uses to pick the Newbery winner*
- *A graphic organizer to evaluate your current book using Newbery Award Criteria*
- *An activity sheet to design your own Newbery award Medal and award criteria*
- *A critical thinking journal write quesiton, template and rubric*
- *2 quiz options covering the content presented.*

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Happy teaching and happy reading!

*Amanda Zieba
(Aka: The Word Nerd)*





Newbery Award History

Name: _____

The History of the Newbery Award

The John Newbery Medal is a literary award given by the Association for Library Service to Children of the American Library Association (ALA) to the author of the outstanding American book for children. The award has been given since 1922. Together with the Caldecott Medal, it is considered the most prestigious award for children's literature in the United States. It is named for John Newbery, an 18th century publisher of juvenile books.

Why is the Newbery Award Given?

The Newbery Award is given “to encourage original creative work in the field of books for children. To emphasize to the public that contributions to the literature for children deserve similar recognition to poetry, plays, or novels. To give those librarians, who make it their life work to serve children's reading interests, an opportunity to encourage good writing in this field. The Newbery Award thus became the first children's book award in the world. Its terms, as well as its long history, continue to make it the best known and most discussed children's book award in this country.”

The Medal

The Newbery Medal was designed by Rene Paul Chambellan in 1921 and depicts on the reverse, an author giving his work (a book) to a male and female child to read. A bronze medal is given to the author at an important ceremony. A sticker of the medal is then placed on the books. The medal shall be awarded annually to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children published by an American publisher in English during the preceding year. The committee should keep in mind that the award is for literary quality and quality presentation for children. The award is not for educational content or popularity. It can be given for fiction, nonfiction or poetry.

Newbery Honor Books

The runners – up for the Newbery Award are called honor books. Honor books have this seal on their cover, and are also noted for being the “greats” for that year as well. Usually 2-4 honor books are chosen each year.





Name: _____

Newbery Award Criteria

Visit the [ALA website](#) and read the information in the criteria section. Then, complete the Newbery Medal criteria list below.

- Criteria = book characteristics to be measured

1. Development of _____
 - a. How are the characters are described and explained?
 - b. Do they feel like a real person to you?
2. Development of _____
 - a. Are the events easily understood and followed?
3. Development of _____
 - a. Are the time and place well described?
 - b. Are they believable?
 - c. Can you see it in your imagination?
4. Interpretation of theme or _____
 - a. Does the author clearly communicate a message to the reader?
 - b. Can you walk away with a major lesson learned?
 - c. Did the book leave a lasting impression on you?
5. Presentation of _____
 - a. Is the information accurate?
 - b. Is the information clear?
 - c. Is it organized in an interesting way?
6. Appropriateness of _____
 - a. Did the author communicate in a way that is appropriate for children?
 - b. Did the author format the material in a way that is easy for kids to understand?



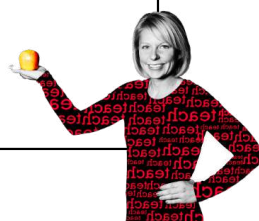


Name: _____

Newbery Award Criteria

Answer Key

1. Development of **Character**
 - a. How are the characters described and explained?
 - b. Do they feel like a real person to you?
2. Development of **Plot**
 - a. Are the events easily understood and followed?
3. Development of **Setting**
 - a. Are the time and place well described?
 - b. Are they believable?
 - c. Can you see it in your imagination?
4. Interpretation of theme or **Concept**
 - a. Does the author clearly communicate a message to the reader?
 - b. Can you walk away with a major lesson learned?
 - c. Did the book leave a lasting impression on you?
5. Presentation of **Information**
 - a. Is the information accurate?
 - b. Is the information clear?
 - c. Is it organized in an interesting way?
6. Appropriateness of **Style**
 - a. Did the author communicate in a way that is appropriate for children?
 - b. Did the author format the material in a way that is easy for kids to understand?





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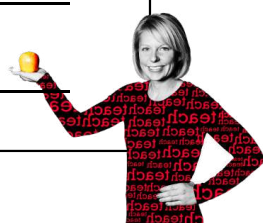
Newbery Award Criteria

Pretend you are a judge on the Newbery committee. Use the award criteria to evaluate the book you have just finished reading. How does it measure up to these standards? For each item, place a check mark in the yes, somewhat or no column. Then answer the writing prompt below.

Book: _____ Author: _____

| Criteria | Yes | Somewhat | No |
|---|-----|----------|----|
| Development of Character How is the character explained? Does it feel like a real person to you? | | | |
| Development of Plot Are the events easily followed and understood? | | | |
| Development of Setting Are the place and time well described? Can you see it in your imagination? | | | |
| Interpretation of Theme or Concept Does the author communicate a major message? Did the book look an impression on you? | | | |
| Presentation of Information Is the information accurate, clear and presented in an interesting way? | | | |
| Appropriateness of Style Did the author communicate in a way that is appropriate for children? Was the book easy to understand? | | | |

Do you think your book deserves the Newbery Medal, why or why not? Be sure to use complete sentences and also the criteria above in your answer.



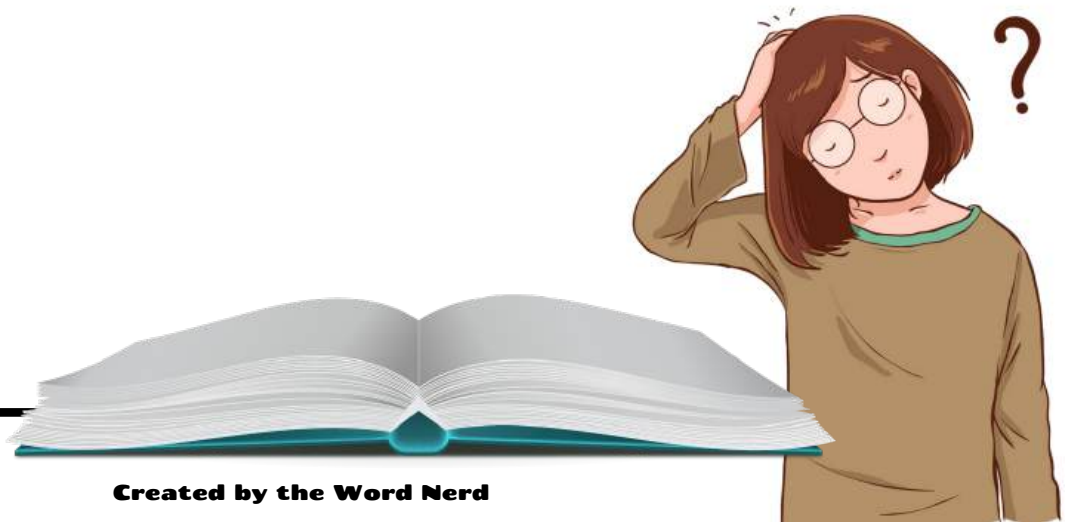
What Makes a Book GOOD!?!?

Name: _____

Directions: Create a list of qualities that good books possess. Think about your favorite books. What are they about? In what style are they written? Where do the stories take place? Use these as clues to help you make your list.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Directions: If you were an artist in charge of designing a new Newbery Medal, what would it look like? Shape? Color? Images used? Use this space to sketch your ideas.



What Makes a Book GOOD!?!?

Name: _____

Directions: Share final design for your new medal here.

Directions: Write a description for your new medal including award criteria, award name and any background information you'd like to share (invented history).



Newbery Journal Write

Name:

Directions: Choose one of the questions below and answer it in at least one paragraph. Make sure to fully explain your thoughts in complete sentences using correct capitalization and punctuation.

- **Why is it important to think about what makes a book good?**
- **Who do you think the judges of the Newbery Award should be?**
- **What criteria of a book would you evaluate if you were a Newbery judge?**
- **What do you think the winner of the Newbery Award should get as a prize?**

[illegible]

Newbery Journal Write Rubric

Name: _____

| Task | 2 points | 1 point | 0 points |
|-----------------------------|--|--|---|
| Response Journal Set Up | Journal response included the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date • Name • Title/heading | Journal response included 2 of the three following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date • Name • Title/heading | Journal response included 1 or 0 of the three following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date • Name • Title/heading |
| Correct Grammar Usage | Journal entry is written with very few grammatical errors. Proper punctuation and capitalization are used throughout the writing piece. | Journal entry is written with many grammatical errors. Proper punctuation and capitalization are not used throughout the writing piece. | Journal entry is written with many grammatical errors. It is difficult to understand the meaning of the text because of the multiple errors. |
| Neatness of Entry | Response journal looks as if the owner truly treasures their writing.. Pages are flat and handwriting is easily read. | Your response journal has an occasional wrinkled page and handwriting that is somewhat difficult to read. | Your response journal has many ripped out or crumpled pages. The handwriting is very difficult to read so teacher cannot understand what you are trying to communicate. |
| Level of Completion | All elements of the question are fully answered using details and personal experiences where appropriate. Journal entry addresses all important aspects of the question. | Most elements of the question are fully answered. Journal entry addresses some of the important aspects of the question. | Journal entry has minimal writing. You are missing major portions of the asked question or gave an incorrect answer (based on text reading). |
| Level of Thinking | Journal response shows deeper levels of thinking. You relate to the question in a relevant personal manner. You demonstrate that you understand what you are reading. | Journal response shows an attempt at deeper levels of thinking. You demonstrate that you understand most what you are reading, but you miss some key details or misunderstand a major topic. | Journal entry is off topic or irrelevant to question asked. You neglected to include story details or personal connections. There are gaps in your understanding. |

Total ___/10





Name: _____

Newbery Award Quiz #1

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 - a. 1911
 - b. 1922
 - c. 1933
 - d. 1944
2. The Newbery is given _____ a year.
 - a. Once
 - b. Twice
 - c. Three times
 - d. Every other
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 - a. Visitor
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 - c. Citizen
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 - a. Annually
 - b. Prestigious
 - c. Distinguished
 - d. Committee
7. Which word is defined as: "very special and a great honor"?
 - a. Annually
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Name: _____

Newbery Award Quiz #1

8. What color is the Newbery Medal?
 - a. Gold
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 - a. A group of librarians
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 - a. Best cover
 - b. Character explanation
 - c. Length of book
 - d. Most copies sold

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Newbery Award Quiz #2

Name: _____

Use the words in the word bank to complete the sentences below. Each word or phrase will be used only once.

Word Bank

| | | | | |
|-----------|-------------|---------------|----------|-------|
| American | children's | chronological | conflict | guide |
| inference | personality | physical | plot | theme |
| | world | written | | |

The Newbery Award is given to the best _____ book
_____ by an _____ author.

The setting of a book describes the _____ in which the characters live.

The _____ of a book is what happens in the story.

_____ order, is putting events in a list, according to the time they happened.

An _____ is a guess made by a reader based on the clues given to them by the author.

_____ words are bolded words at the top of a dictionary page that tell the first and last word on each page. A _____ trait tells how a character looks from the outside.

A _____ trait tells how a character acts or treats others.

The _____ is who is telling the story. (ex: a narrator).

A problem in a story is called the _____.

The _____ of a book is the main message the authors wants to communicate to readers.

Score: ____/12





Answer Key Quiz #2

Name: _____

The Newbery Award is given to the best **children's** book **written** by an **American** author.

The setting of a book describes the **world** in which the characters live.

The **plot** of a book is what happens in the story.

Chronological order, is putting events in a list, according to the time they happened.

An **inference** is a guess made by a reader based on the clues given to them by the author.

Guide words are bolded words at the top of a dictionary page that tell the first and last word on each page. A **physical** trait tells how a character looks from the outside.

A **personality** trait tells how a character acts or treats others.

The **point of view** is who is telling the story. (ex: a narrator).

A problem in a story is called the **conflict**.

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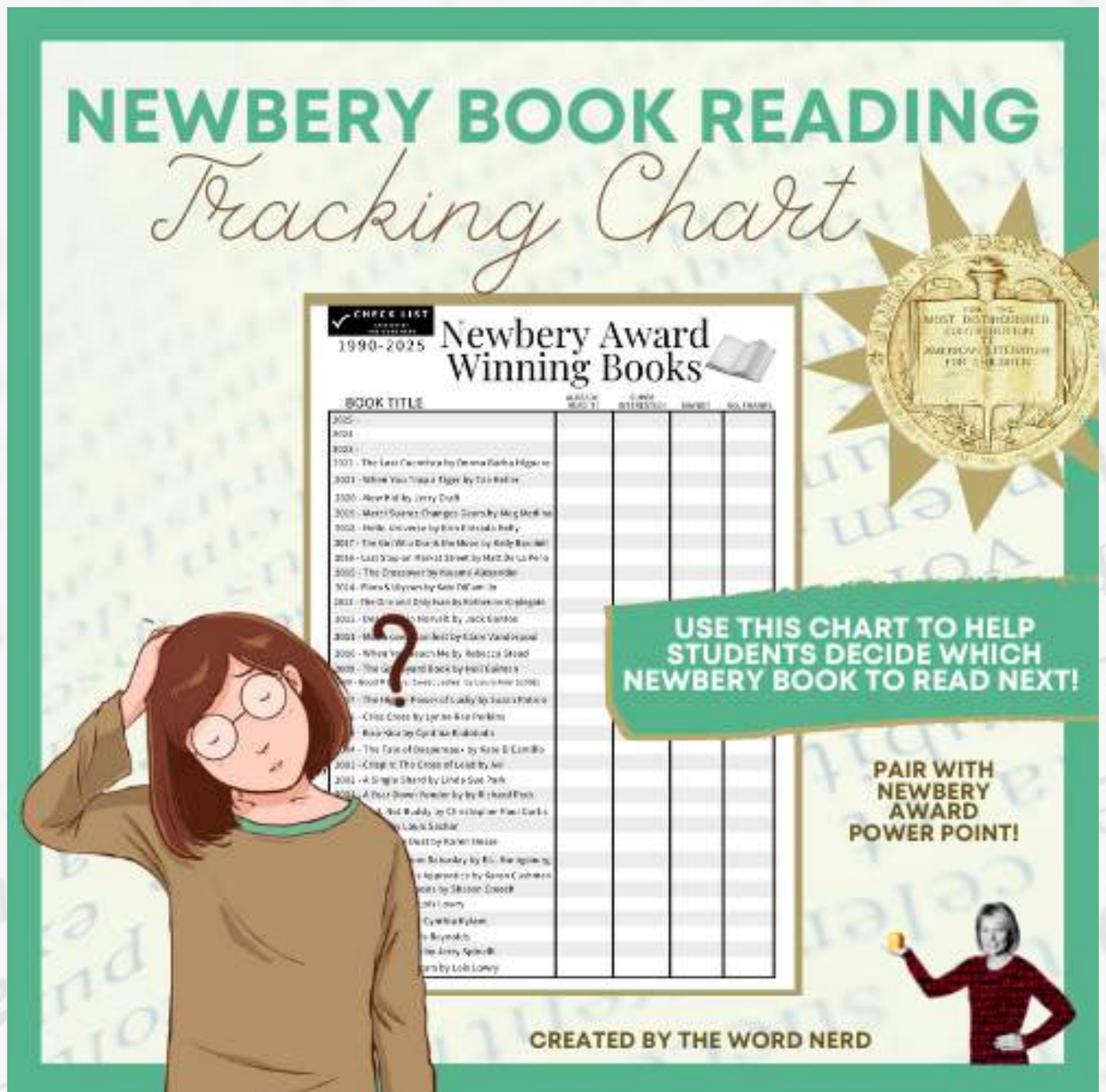
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NEWBERY BOOK READING TRACK CHART



NEWBERY BOOK READING
Tracking Chart

NEWBERY AWARD WINNING BOOKS

1990-2025

BOOK TITLE

| BOOK TITLE | WANT TO READ IT? | LEVEL OF INTEREST | HOW? | SO, WHAT? |
|--|------------------|-------------------|------|-----------|
| 2025 - | | | | |
| 2024 - | | | | |
| 2023 - | | | | |
| 2022 - The Last Carnival by Geneva Barba Hedges | | | | |
| 2021 - When You Trap a Tiger by Tatiana de la Torre | | | | |
| 2020 - When You Trap a Tiger by Tatiana de la Torre | | | | |
| 2019 - When You Trap a Tiger by Tatiana de la Torre | | | | |
| 2018 - When You Trap a Tiger by Tatiana de la Torre | | | | |
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USE THIS CHART TO HELP STUDENTS DECIDE WHICH NEWBERY BOOK TO READ NEXT!

PAIR WITH NEWBERY AWARD POWER POINT!

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There are lots of Newbery books to choose from, but it can be hard to decide which one to read next! Students can use this chart to record their level of interest as you book talk selections (or as you go through my Newbery Award Powerpoint). Then, when you go to the library, they have a few books preselected, plus the titles and authors they need to find the books on the shelves! Happy reading!

1990-2025

Newbery Award Winning Books



| BOOK TITLE | ALREADY READ IT! | SUPER INTERESTED! | MAYBE? | NO, THANKS. |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|--------|-------------|
| 2025 - | | | | |
| 2024 - | | | | |
| 2023 - Freewater by Amina Luqman-Dawson | | | | |
| 2022 - The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera | | | | |
| 2021 - When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller | | | | |
| 2020 - New Kid by Jerry Craft | | | | |
| 2019 - Merci Suarez Changes Gears by Meg Medina | | | | |
| 2018 - Hello Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly | | | | |
| 2017 - The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill | | | | |
| 2016 - Last Stop on Market Street by Matt De La Pena | | | | |
| 2015 - The Crossover by Kwame Alexander | | | | |
| 2014 - Flora & Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo | | | | |
| 2013 - The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate | | | | |
| 2012 - Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos | | | | |
| 2011 - Moon over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool | | | | |
| 2010 - When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead | | | | |
| 2009 - The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman | | | | |
| 2008 - Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! by Laura Amy Schlitz | | | | |
| 2007 - The Higher Power of Lucky by Susan Patron | | | | |
| 2006 - Criss Cross by Lynne Rae Perkins | | | | |
| 2005 - Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohata | | | | |
| 2004 - The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo | | | | |
| 2003 - Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi | | | | |
| 2002 - A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park | | | | |
| 2001 - A Year Down Yonder by by Richard Peck | | | | |
| 2000 - Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis | | | | |
| 1999 - Holes by Louis Sachar | | | | |
| 1998 - Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse | | | | |
| 1997 - The View from Saturday by E.L. Konigsburg | | | | |
| 1996 - The Midwife's Apprentice by Karen Cushman | | | | |
| 1995 - Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech | | | | |
| 1994 - The Giver by Lois Lowry | | | | |
| 1993 - Missing My by Cynthia Rylant | | | | |
| 1992 - Shilo by Phyllis Reynolds | | | | |
| 1991 - Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli | | | | |
| 1990 - Number the Stars by Lois Lowry | | | | |

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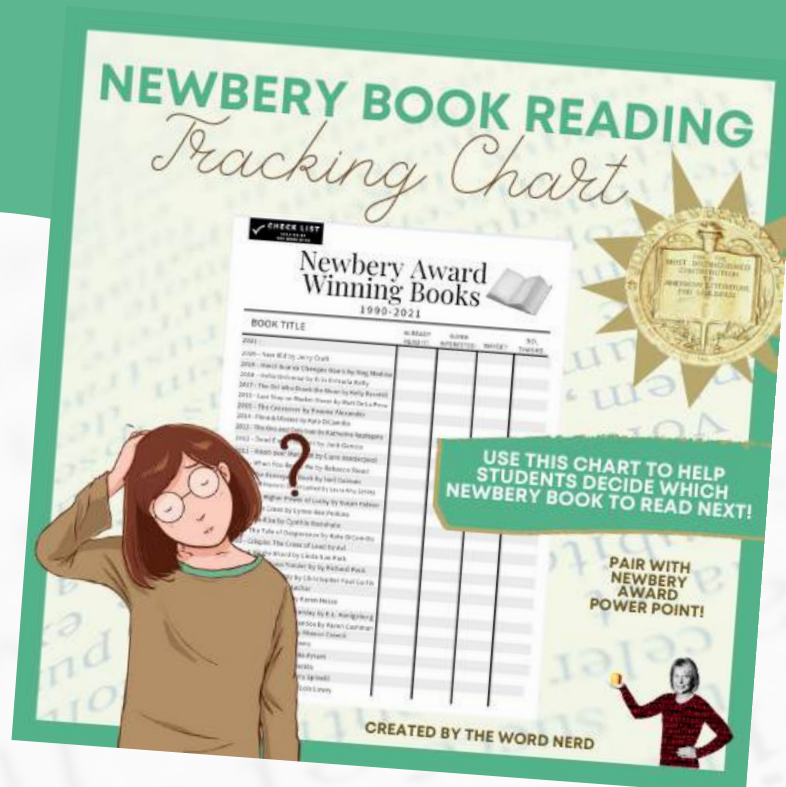
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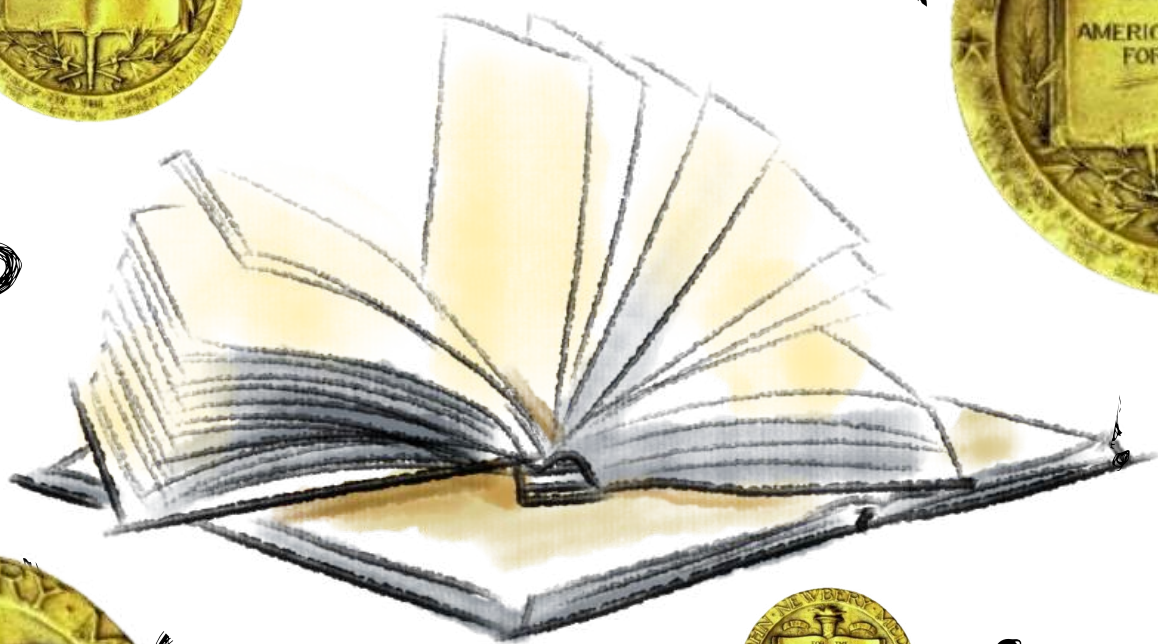
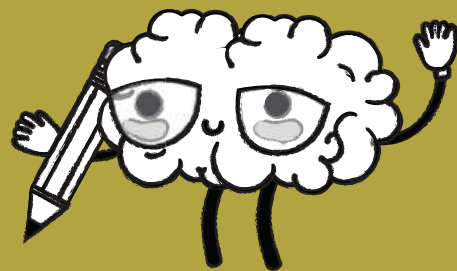
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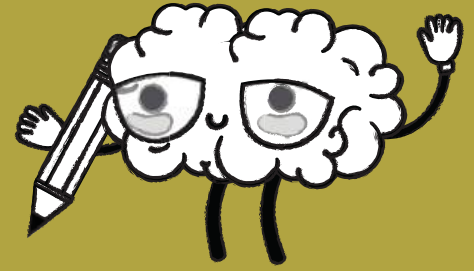


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Question and Answer Sheets

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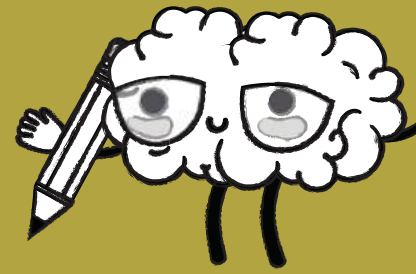


INCLUDED IN THIS PRODUCT

- Link to the Newbery Award YouTube video quiz games (20 questions)
- Student answer sheets
- Modified student answer sheets for students of different ages/abilities
- Answer key
- List of additional considerations, applications and implementation ideas
- ALL SORTS OF FUN!! :)



NEWBERRY AWARD TRIVIA



TIRED OF THE SAME OLD BRAIN BREAKS? I'VE GOT YOU COVERED.

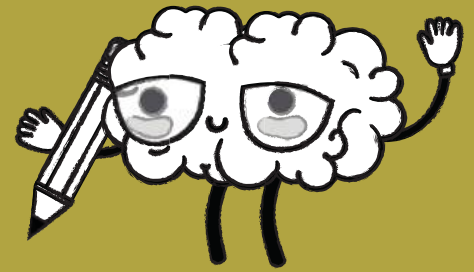
DIRECTIONS

1. Play the video showcasing 20 themed trivia questions.
2. Using the the provided printable worksheets, or scratch paper, have students record their guesses.
3. During the answer portion of the slideshow/video pause to allow students to share out or discuss their ideas/guesses with the whole class, in small groups or in partnerships.
 - a. This step is optional, but I find that if you want to get your students talking, it works great. If you need a few minutes of silence... you can ban conversation and it works just fine that way too!
4. Reveal final answers.
5. Total up scores



**** For your planning purposes, know that each video is 8-10 minutes long.**

NEWBERY AWARD TRIVIA



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/IDEAS

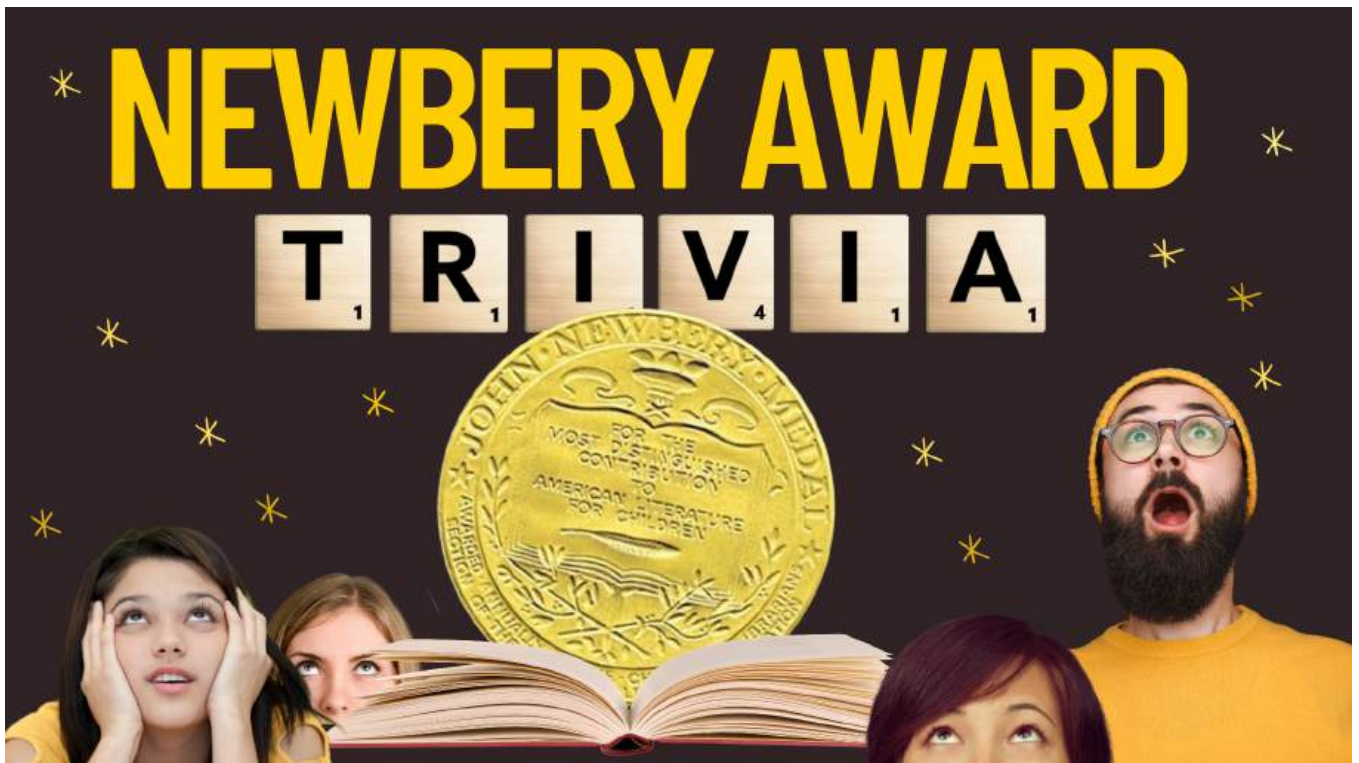
1. This activity can be used as a brain break, ice breaker or fun game.
 - a. In my classes we keep our teams the same for an entire quarter. We have a "leader board" where we keep a running score for all of our brain break games. This is great for team building or creating comradery in a classroom learning environment. :)
2. You can assign this to individuals (ie: in Google Classroom) to do on their own, or complete the challenge as a whole class activity using a screen and projector.
3. This activity can work well in person or via distanced learning.
4. Because the videos are on YouTube, this is an activity that students can easily try/repeat at home with family members. :)
5. Consider letting a classroom helper or leader be the "game show host" and call on classmates to share their ideas and reveal the answers.



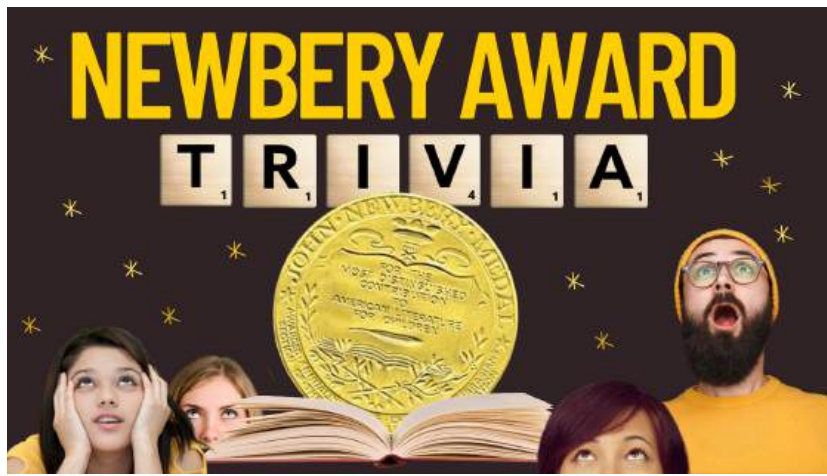
Trivia Game Video Link

Use the below links to access the video for this activity.
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NEWBERY AWARD TRIVIA VIDEO



This link will take you to the YouTube Video of Newbery Award trivia questions: https://youtu.be/6to5SrqVyis?sub_confirmation=1.



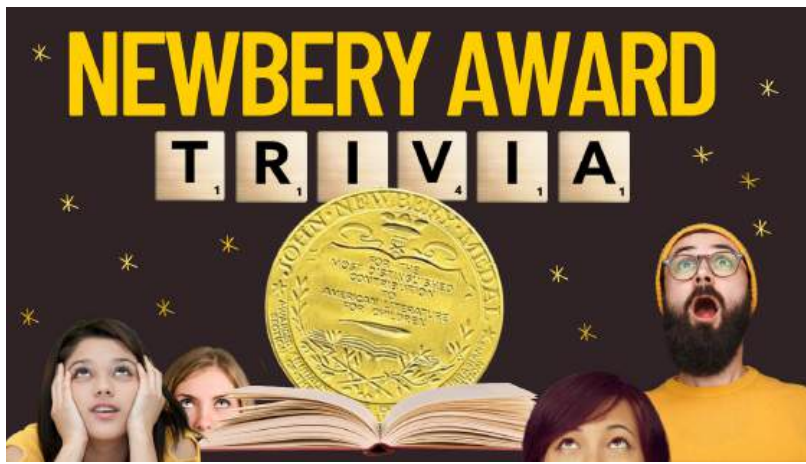
Newbery Award Trivia Answer Sheet

Directions:
Write your answers on
the lines below.

Name/Team Name: _____

- | | |
|-----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 15. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 16. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 18. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 19. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 20. _____ |

How did you do? Are you a
Newbery Award Trivia ROCKSTAR?!?!



Newbery Award Trivia Answer Sheet

Directions:
Circle your answer for
each question below.

Name/Team Name: _____

1: 1902 or 1922 or 1942

2: A B C D

3: A B C D

4: True or False

5: A B C D

6: A B C D

7: A B C D

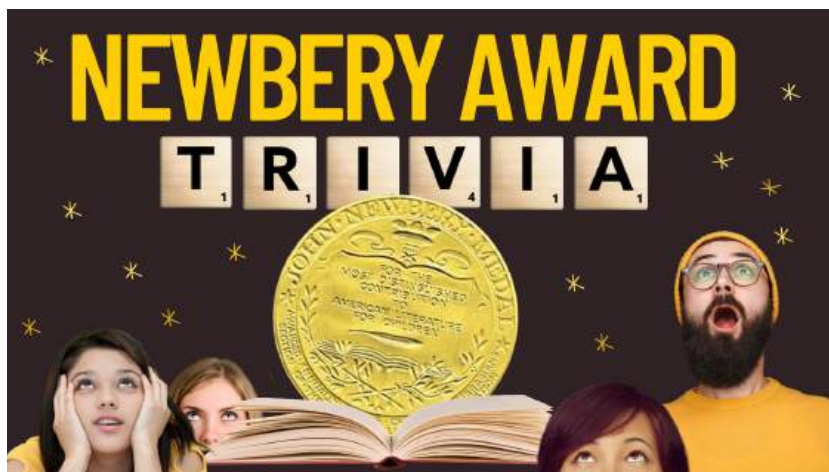
8: True or False

9: A B C D

10: S_____ and P_____ F_____

11. True or False

12: True or False



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Directions:
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each question below.

13: A B C D

14: True or False

15: A B C D

16: True or False

17: A B C D

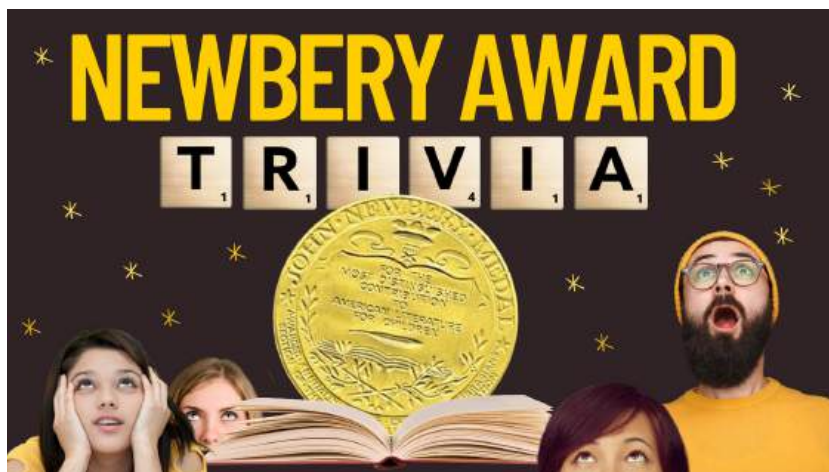
18: F_____ B_____ won the N_____ A_____

19: A B C D

20: L_____ I_____ W_____

How did you do? Are you a
Newbery Award Trivia ROCKSTAR?!?!

Score: _____/ 20



Newbery Award Trivia Answer Key

Directions:

If you'd like to check student answers without the video, here is the answer key.

ANSWER KEY

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| 1. 1922 | 11. False |
| 2. C) publisher | 12. True |
| 3. A) 6 | 13. B) 7 |
| 4. True | 14. True |
| 5. D) Robert Lawson | 15. B) Once a year |
| 6. C) 35 | 16. False |
| 7. A) Rene Paul Chambellan | 17. B) 8 |
| 8. False | 18. Their 1st book won the Newbery Award |
| 9. B) 4 | 19. D) 7 |
| 10. Sid and Paul Fleischman | 20. Laura Ingalls Wilder |

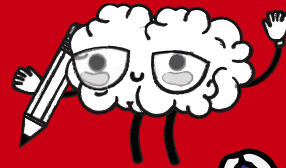
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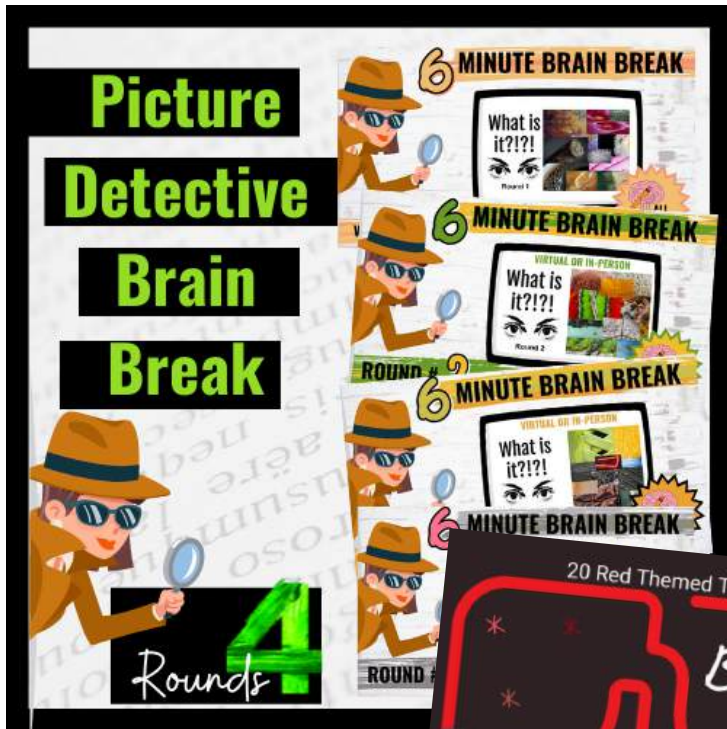
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Question and Answer Sheets*



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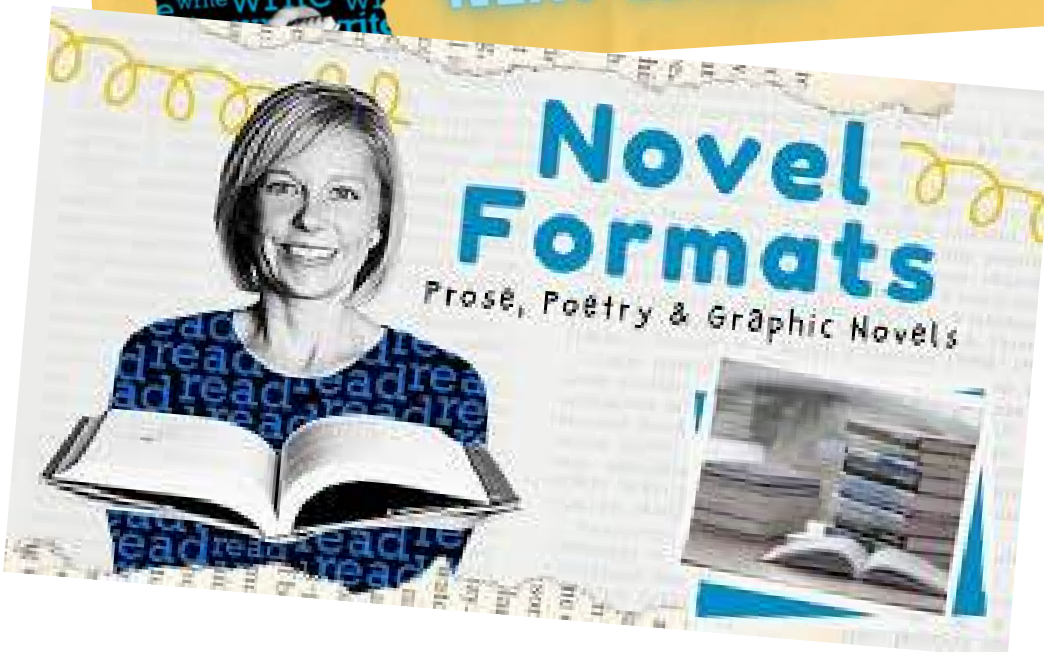
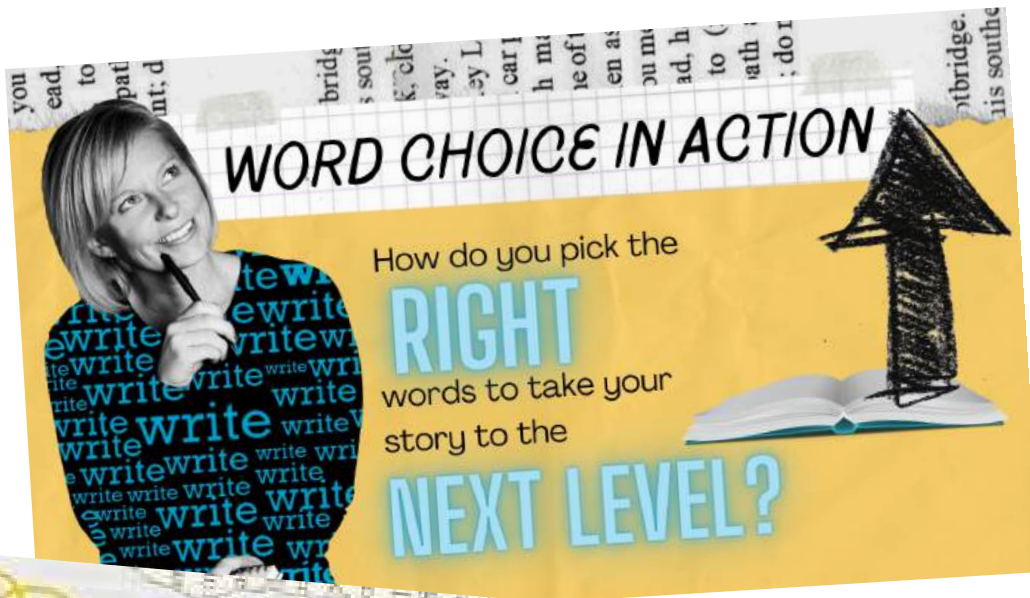


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yellow, green,
blue, white,
and black with
more coming!





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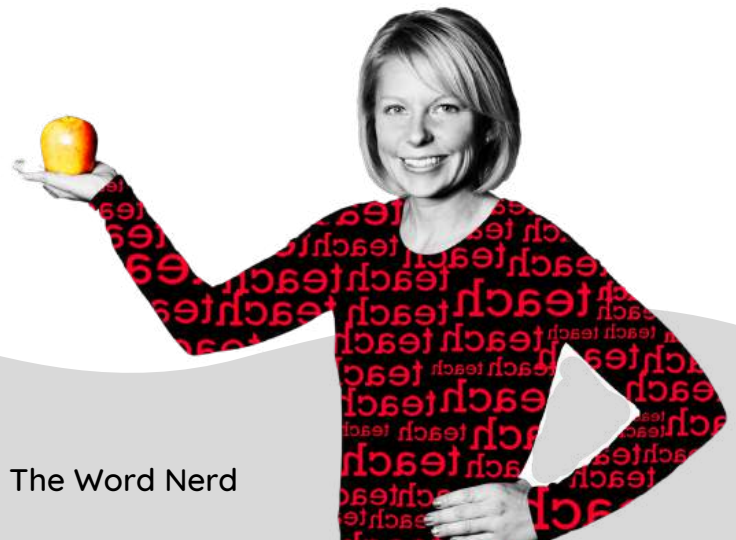
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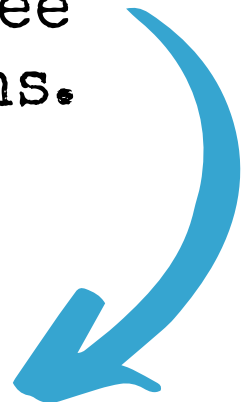


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