

Newbery Medal Winners

In order by year; starting with most recent

Title	Author	Summary	Location
Higher Power of Lucky	Patron, Susan	Fearing that her legal guardian plans to abandon her to return to France, ten-year-old aspiring scientist Lucky Trimble determines to run away while also continuing to seek the Higher Power that will bring stability to her life.	J Patron
Kira-Kira	Kadohata, Cynthia	Chronicles the close friendship between two Japanese-American sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950s and early 1960s, and the despair when one sister becomes terminally ill.	J Kadohata
The Tale of Despereaux: Being the story of a mouse, a princess, some soup, and a spool of thread.	DiCamillo, Kate	The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.	J DiCamillo
Crispin: The Cross of Lead	Avi	Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.	J Avi
A Single Shard	Park, Linda Sue	Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.	J Park
A Year Down Yonder	Peck, Richard	In 1937, during the Depression, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice, leaves Chicago to spend a year with her fearsome, larger-than-life grandmother and gradually begins to better understand and admire her grandmother's unusual qualities.	J Peck
Bud, Not Buddy	Curtis, Christopher Paul	Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.	J Curtis
Holes	Sachar, Louis	As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.	J Sachar

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Out of the Dust	Hesse, Karen	In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.	J Hesse
The Midwife's Apprentice	Cushman, Karen	In medieval England, a nameless, homeless girl is taken in by a sharp-tempered midwife, and in spite of obstacles and hardship, eventually gains the three things she most wants: a full belly, a contented heart, and a place in this world.	J Cushman
Walk Two Moons	Creech, Sharon	After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.	J Creech
The Giver	Lowry, Lois	Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.	J Lowry
Missing May	Rylant, Cynthia	After the death of the beloved aunt who has raised her, twelve-year-old Summer and her uncle Ob leave their West Virginia trailer in search of the strength to go on living.	J Rylant
Shiloh	Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.	J Naylor
Maniac Magee	Spinelli, Jerry	After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.	J Spinelli
Number the Stars	Lowry, Lois	In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.	J Lowry
Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices	Fleischman, Paul	A collection of poems describing the characteristics and activities of a variety of insects.	J 811.54 Fleischman
Lincoln: A Photobiography	Freedman, Russell	Photographs and text trace the life of the Civil War President.	J 921 Lincoln

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The Whipping Boy	Fleischman, Sid	A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws.	J Fleischman
Sarah, Plain and Tall	MacLachlan, Patricia	When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay.	J MacLachlan
Bridge to Terabithia	Paterson, Katherine	Join Jess and Leslie as they form an unlikely friendship and create the imaginary land of Terabithia. There they rule as king and queen, until a terrible tragedy occurs that helps Jess understand just how much he has learned from Leslie.	J Paterson
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Taylor, Mildred	A black family living in Mississippi during the Depression of the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.	J Taylor
Summer of the Swans	Byars, Betsy	A teen-age girl gains new insight into herself and her family when her mentally disabled brother gets lost.	J Byars
Island of the Blue Dolphins	O'Dell, Scott	Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island off the coast of California, a young Indian girl spends eighteen years, not only merely surviving through her enormous courage and self-reliance, but also finding a measure of happiness in her solitary life.	J O'Dell
Miracles on Maple Hill	Sorenson, Virginia	Marly and her family share many adventures when they move from the city to a farmhouse on Maple Hill.	J Sorenson