The Golden Sower Award
Past Winners and Nominees, 1981 - Present

1981 Chapter Book
Winner: *Bunnicula* by Deborah and James Howe
Honor: *The Pinballs* by Betsy Byars
*Soup and Me* by Robert Newton Peck
*Fat Men from Space* by Daniel Manus Pinkwater
*The Goof That Won the Pennant* by Jonah Kalb

Other Nominees:
*The Lemming Condition* by Alan Arkin
*The Hundred Penny Box* by Sharon Bell Mathis
*Emily Upham’s Revenge* by Avi
*The Ghost Belonged to Me* by Richard Peck
*Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt
*Into the Dream* by William Sleator
*Starring Sally J. Freedman as Herself* by Judy Blume
*Matt Gargan’s Boy* by Alfred Slote
*Kelly’s Creek* by Doris Buchanan Smith
*Two That Were Tough* by Robert Burch
*An Orphan for Nebraska* by Charlene Talbot
*Ramona and Her Father* by Beverly Cleary
*Song of the Trees* by Mildred Taylor
*Beat the Turtle Drum* by Constance Greene
*Dragonwings* by Laurence Yep

1982 Chapter Book
Winner: *Yours Till Niagara Falls, Abby* by Jane O’Connor
Honor: *The Great Gilly Hopkins* by Katherine Paterson
*The Revenge of the Incredible Dr. Rancid and His Youthful Assistant Jeffrey* by Ellen Conford
*The Champion of Merrimack County* by Roger Drury
*Welcome Home, Jelly Bean* by Marlene Shyer

Other Nominees:
*A Question of Time* by Dina Anastasio
*A Word to the Wise* by Alison Herzig and Jane Mali
*The Rocking Chair Rebellion* by Eth Clifford
*Much Ado About Aldo* by Johanna Hurwitz
*The Skates of Uncle Richard* by Carol Fenner
*A Summer in the South* by James Marshall
*Humbug Mountain* by Sid Fleischman
*Trig* by Robert Newton Peck
*Between Friends* by Sheila Garrigue
*Groundhog’s Horse* by Joyce Rockwood
*Get on Out of Here, Philip Hall* by Bette Greene
*The Famous Stanley Kidnapping Case*
*Bears Upstairs* by Dorothy Haas by Zilpha Keatley Snyder
*South Star* by Betsy Gould Hearn
*When Grandfather Journeys into Winter* by Craig Strete
1983 Picture Book
Winner: *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* by Judi Barrett, illus. Ron Barrett
Honor: *Cross-Country Cat* by Mary Calhoun, illus. Erick Ingraham
*My Mom Hates Me in January* by Judy Delton, illus. John Faulkner
*The Day Jimmy’s Boa Ate the Wash* by Trinka Hakes Noble,
illus. Steven Kellogg
*The Pigs’ Wedding* by Helme Heine

Other Nominees:
*Thumbelina* by H. C. Andersen, illus. Susan Jeffers
*The School Mouse and the Hamster* by Dorothy Harris, illus. Judy Clifford
*We Hide, You Seek* by Jose Aruego & Ariane Dewey
*Petronsinella* by G. Basile, illus. Diane Stanley
*Ben’s Trumpet* by Rachel Isadora
*Truck* by Donald Crews
*Regards to the Man in the Moon* by Ezra Jack Keats
*A Mouse Called Junction* by J. Cunningham, illus. Michael Hague
*On Market Street* by Arnold Lobel, illus. Anita Lobel
*Albert B. Cub and Zebra* by Anne Rockwell
*Big Anthony and the Magic Ring* by Tomie de Paola
*The Garden of Abdul Gasazi* by Chris Van Allsburg
*Everyone Knows What a Dragon Looks Like* by Jay Williams, illus. Mercer Mayer
*Mother Crocodile* by Rosa Guy, reteller, illus. John Steptoe
*A Special Trade* by Sally Wittman, illus. Karen Gundersheimer

1983 Chapter Book
Winner: *Superfudge* by Judy Blume
Honor: *What If They Knew?* by Patricia Hermes
*The Cybil War* by Betsy Byars
*Banana Twist* by Florence Parry Heide
*Lizard Music* by Daniel Manus Pinkwater

Other Nominees:
*Part Time Boy* by Elizabeth Billington
*The Case of the Phantom Frog* by E. W. Hildick
*Ida Early Comes Over the Mountain* by Robert Burch
*The Lilith Summer* by Hadley Irwin
*The Hocus-Pocus Dilemma* by Patricia Kibbe
*Tawny* by Charles Carner
*Children of the Seventh Prophecy* by Amy Rubin
*Ramona Quimby, Age 8* by Beverly Cleary
*Weird Henry Berg* by Sarah Sargent
*North of Danger* by Dale Fife
*My Trip to Alpha I* by Alfred Slote
*Have You Seen Hyacinth Macaw?* by Patricia Reilly Giff
*The Wizard Children of Finn* by Mary Tannen
*Hawkins* by Barbara Wallace
*All the Way to Wits End* by Sheila Greenwald
1984 Picture Book

Honor: **Do Not Open** by Brinton Turkle

*That Terrible Halloween Night* by James Stevenson
*The Frog on Robert’s Head* by David Cleveland, illus. Lisa Campbell Ernst
*The Great Valentine’s Day Balloon Race* by Adrienne Adams

Other Nominees:
- *What’s So Funny, Ketu*? by Verna Aardema, illus. Marc Brown
- *Encore for Eleanor* by Bill Peet
- *The Snail’s Spell* by Joanne Ryder
- *Bah! Humbug* by Lorna Balian illus. Lynne Cherry
- *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* by Lorinda Cauley
- *Fleet-Footed Florence* by Marilyn Sachs, illus. Charles Robinson
- *Jackson Makes His Move* by Andrew Glass
- *The Man Who Kept House* by Kathleen and Michael Hague
- *Dance Away* by George Shannon, illus. Jose Aruego and Ariane Dewey
- *Sometimes It Happens* by Elinor Horwitz, illus. Susan Jeschke
- *Gila Monsters Meet You at the Airport* by Marjorie Sharmat, illus. Byron Barton
- *A Rose for Pinkerton* by Steven Kellogg
- *Applebaum’s Have a Robot!* by Jane Thayer, illus. Bari Weissman
- *Ming Lo Moves the Mountain* by Arnold Lobel
- *That Grand Master Jumping Teacher Bernard, Meets Jerome, the Great Jumping Glump* by David McPhail

1984 Chapter Book

Winner: **Nothing’s Fair in Fifth Grade** by Barthe DeClements
Honor: **Howliday Inn** by James Howe

*Help! I’m a Prisoner in the Library* by Eth Clifford
*The Trouble with Tuck* by Theodore Taylor
*Baseball Fever* by Johanna Hurwitz

Other Nominees:
- *The Magic of the Glits* by C. S. Adler
- *Arthur, for the Very First Time* by Patricia MacLachlan
- *Who Stole the Wizard of Oz?* by Avi
- *The Animal, the Vegetable, and John D. Jones* by Betsy Byars
- *Toad Food and Measle Soup* by Christine McDonnell
- *The Night the Monster Came* by Mary Calhoun
- *Chester* by Mary Shura
- *Can I Get There by Candlelight?* by Jean S. Doty
- *Last Was Lloyd* by Doris Buchanan Smith
- *A Girl Called Boy* by Belinda Hurmence
- *Ike and Mama and the Once a Year Suit* by Carol Snyder
- *The Fledgling* by Jane Langton
- *Words in Our Hands* by Ada Litchfield
- *Sodbuster Venture* by Charlene Talbot
- *Anastasia Again* by Lois Lowry
1985 Picture Book

**Winner:** *Round Trip* by Ann Jonas

**Honor:** *Doctor De Soto* by William Steig

*The Monster and the Tailor* by Paul Galdone, Reteller

*Gregory, the Terrible Eater* by Mitchell Sharmat, illus. Jose Aruego and Ariane Dewey

*Mrs. Peloki’s Snake* by Joanne Oppenheim, illus. Joyce Audy dos Santos

**Other Nominees:**

*Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain* by Verna Aardema, illus. Beatriz Vidal

*I Dance in My Red Pajamas* by Edith Thatcher Hurd, illus. Emily Arnold McCully

*Fritz and the Beautiful Horses* by Jan Brett

*Yeh-Shen: A Cinderella Story from China* by Ai-Ling Louie, Reteller, illus. Ed Young

*Just Us Women* by Jeannette Caines, illus. Pat Cummings

*Henry and the Red Stripes* by Eileen Christelow

*When I Was Young in the Mountains* by Cynthia Rylant, illus. Diane Goode

*Mis Rumphius* by Barbara Cooney

*Strega Nona’s Magic Lessons* by Tomie de Paola

*Bea and Mr. Jones* by Amy Schwartz

*Little Red Riding Hood* by Grimm Brothers, illus. Trina Schart Hyman

*Lucretia the Unbearable* by Marjorie Sharmat, illus. Janet Stevens

*A House Is a House for Me* by Mary Ann Hoberman, illus. Betty Fraser

*The Wreck of the Zephyr* by Chris Van Allsburg

*A Chair for My Mother* by Vera B. Williams

1985 Chapter Book

**Winner:** *A Dog Called Kitty* by Bill Wallace

**Honor:** *Ramona and Her Mother* by Beverly Cleary

What’s an Average Kid Like Me Doing Way Up Here? by Ivy Ruckman

*The Great Ringtail Garbage Caper* by Timothy Foote

*C.O.L.A.R.* by Alfred Slote

**Other Nominees:**

*Seven Spells to Farewell* by Betty Baker

*The Turtle Street Trading Co.* by Jill Ross Klevin

*Christmas with Ida Early* by Robert Burch

*Taking Care of Terrific* by Lois Lowry

*The Two Thousand Pound Goldfish* by Betsy Byars

*The Dreadful Future of Blossom Culp* by Richard Peck

*A Girl Called Bob and a Horse Called Yoki* by Barbara Campbell

*Soup in the Saddle* by Robert Newton Peck

*Jump Ship to Freedom* by James and Christopher Collier

*Slaves of Spiegel: A Magic Moscow Story* by Daniel Manus Pinkwater

*Tread Softly* by Corinne Gerson

*Cat Walk* by Mary Stolz

*The Gift of the Pirate Queen* by Patricia Reilly Giff

*The Lost Legend of Finn* by Mary Tannen

*Aldo Ice Cream* by Johanna Hurwitz
1986 Picture Book

Winner: Peabody by Rosemary Wells
Honor: Arthur’s April Fool by Marc Brown
What’s in Fox’s Sack? by Paul Galdone
Paul Bunyan by Steven Kellogg, Reteller
Lucky Chuck by Beverly Cleary, illus. J. W. Higginbottom

Other Nominees:
I’m Telling You Now by Judy Delton, illus. Lillian Hoban
Spiders in the Fruit Cellar by Barbara Joosse, illus. Kay Chorao
Fehold Feholdson by Ariane Dewey
George and Martha Back in Town by James Marshall
Sam Johnson and the Blue Ribbon Quilt by Lisa Campbell Ernst
Cluck One by Louise Mathew, illus. Jeni Bassett
Sleeping Beauty by Mercer Mayer, Reteller
The Almost Awful Play by Patricia Reilly Giff, illus. Susanna Natti
In My Treehouse by Alice Schertle, illus. Meredith Dunham
More Alex and the Cat by Helen Griffith, illus. Donald Carrick
My Mama Needs Me by Mildred Pitts Walter, illus. Pat Cummings
Not Just Any Ring by Danita Ross Haller, illus. Deborah K. Ray
Something Special for Me by Vera B. Williams
The Wonderful Mrs. Trumbly by Sally Wittman, illus. Margot Apple
Opening Night by Rachel Isadora

1986 Chapter Book

Winner: Night of the Twisters by Ivy Ruckman
Honor: Thirteen Ways to Sink a Sub by Jamie Gilson
Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days by Stephen Manes
Ramona Forever by Beverly Cleary
The Celery Stalks at Midnight by James Howe

Other Nominees:
Melinda Takes a Hand by Patricia Beatty
Anastasia at Your Service by Lois Lowry
The Wish Giver by Bill BRittain
Porcupine Stew by Beverly Major, illus. Erick Ingraham
The Computer Nut by Betsy Byars
Just Tell Me When We’re Dead! by Eth Clifford
Call Me Ruth by Marilyn Sachs
My Mother Is the Smartest Woman in the World by Eleanor Clymer
The Flunking of Joshua T. Bates by Susan Shreve
The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth G. Speare
Finzel the Farsighted by Paul Fleischman
Building Blocks by Cynthia Voigt
Incognito Mosquito by E. A. Hass
Mitzi and the Terrible Tyrannosaurus Rex by Barbara Williams
Ernie and the Mile Long Muffler by Marjorie Lewis
1987 Picture Book

Honor: *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura Numeroff, illus. Felicia Bond
*The Day the Teacher Went Bananas* by James Howe, illus. Lillian Hoban

Other Nominees:
- *Humbug Potion* by Lorna Balian
- *Geraldine’s Blanket* by Holly Keller
- *The Great Race of the Birds and Animals* by Paul Goble
- *The Pain and the Great One* by Judy Blume, illus. Irene Trivas
- *Hansel and Gretel* by Rika Lesser, Reteller, illus. Paul O. Zelinsky
- *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle
- *How Much Is a Million?* by David Schwartz, illus. Steven Kellogg
- *The Patchwork Quilt* by Valerie Flournoy, illus. Jerry Pinkney
- *Imogene’s Antlers* by David Small
- *The Great Race of the Birds and Animals* by Paul Goble
- *The Napping House* by Audrey Wood, illus. Don Wood
- *I Unpacked My Grandmother’s Trunk* by Susan R. Hoguet
- *I Know a Lady* by Charlotte Zolotow, illus. James Stevenson

1987 Chapter Book

Winner: *The War with Grandpa* by Robert Kimmel Smith
Honor: *Cracker Jackson* by Betsy Byars
*Banana Blitz* by Florence Parry Heide

Other Nominees:
- *One-Eyed Cat* by Paula Fox
- *In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson* by Bette Bao Lord
- *Your Former Friend, Matthew* by Lou Ann Gaeddert
- *Karen’s Sister* by Elisabet McHugh
- *Rat Teeth* by Patricia Reilly Giff
- *Kid Power Strikes Back* by Susan B. Pfeffer
- *Hello, My Name Is Scrambled Eggs* by Jamie Gilson
- *Rich Mitch* by Marjorie Sharmat
- *Just Like a Real Family* by Kristi Holl
- *Blair’s Nightmare* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder
- *Morgan’s Zoo* by James Howe
- *The Year of the Comet* by Roberta Wiegand
1988 Picture Book
Winner: *Don't Touch My Room* by Patricia Lakin, illus. Patience Brewster
Honor: *Jerome the Babysitter* by Eileen Christelow
*What Happened to Patrick's Dinosaurs?* by Carol Carrick, illus. Donald Carrick
Other Nominees:
The Paper Crane by Molly Bang
Yummers Too: *The Second Course* by James Marshall
The Josefina Story Quilt by Eleanor Coerr, illus. Bruce Degen
The Ghost-Eye Tree by Bill Martin, Jr. and John Archambault, illus. Ted Rand
Starring First Grade by Miriam Cohen, illus. Lillian Hoban
Foolish Rabbit's Big Mistake by Rafe Martin, illus. Ed Young
The Chocolate Chip Cookie Contest by Barbara Douglass, illus. Eric Nones
Night in the Country by Cynthia Rylant, illus. Mary Szilagyi
George Shrinks by William Joyce
I'll Always Love You by Hans Wilhelm
Best Friends by Steven Kellogg illus. Diane Goode
Watch the Stars Come Out by Riki Levinson,

1988 Chapter Book
Winner: *Sixth Grade Can Really Kill You* by Barthe DeClements
Honor: *The Castle in the Attic* by Elizabeth Winthrop
Switcharound by Lois Lowry
Other Nominees:
Bright Shadow by Avi
The Eternal Spring of Mr. Ito by Sheila Garrigue
Who Knew There'd Be Ghosts? by Bill Brittain
Blackberries in the Dark by Mavis Jukes
The Not-Just-Anybody Family by Betsy Byars
And Don't Bring Jeremy by Marilyn Levinson
The Remembering Box by Eth Clifford
Medicine Walk by Ardath Mayhar
Yesterday's Horses by Jean S. Doty
The Trouble on Janus by Alfred Slote
Welcome to Grossville by Alice Fleming
Quentin Corn by Mary Stolz
1989 Picture Book

Winner: *Piggins* by Jane Yolen, illus. Jane Dyer
Honor: *Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear?* by Nancy White Carlstrom, illus. Bruce Degen
*Arthur’s Loose Tooth* by Lillian Hoban

Other Nominees:
*Amelia’s Nine Lives* by Lorna Balian
*Flossie and the Fox* by Patricia McKissack, illus. Rachel Isadora
*Death of the Iron Horse* by Paul Goble
*Our Snowman* by M.B. Goffstein
*Beats Me, Claude* by Joan Lowery Nixon, illus. Tracey C. Pearson
*The Village of Round and Square Houses* by Ann Grifalconi
*Henry and Mudge in Puddle Trouble* by Cynthia Rylant, illus. Sucie Stevenson
*My Prairie Year: Based on the Diary of Elenore Plaisted* by Brett Harvey, illus. Deborah K. Ray
*Brave Irene* by William Steig
*Grandpa and Bo* by Kevin Henkes
*A New Coat for Anna* by Harriet Ziefert, illus. Anita Lobel
*The Trek* by Ann Jonas

1989 Chapter Book

Winner: *Ferret in the Bedroom, Lizards in the Fridge* by Bill Wallace
Honor: *A Royal Pain* by Ellen Conford
*Kevin Corbett Eats Flies* by Patricia Hermes

Other Nominees:
*The Blossoms and the Green Phantom* by Betsy Byars
*Edith Herself* by Ellen Howard
*Nighty-Nightmare* by James Howe
*Racso and the Rats of NIMH* by Jane Conly
*Addie Across the Prairie* by Laurie Lawlor
*Shh! We’re Writing the Constitution* by Jean Fritz, illus. Tomie de Paola
*Popcorn* by Gary Provost and Gail Levine-Provost
*Fitchett’s Folly* by Colby Rodowsky
*Water Sky* by Jean Craighead George
*Oliver Dibbs to the Rescue* by Barbara Steiner
*Tallahassee Higgins* by Mary Downing Hahn
*Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World* by Mildred Pitts Walter
1990 Picture Book
Winner: *The Magic School Bus: At the Waterworks* by Joanna Cole, illus. Bruce Degen
Honor: *We’re Back! A Dinosaur’s Story* by Hudson Talbott
*Meanwhile Back at the Ranch* by Trinka Hakes Noble, illus. Tony Ross
Other Nominees:
*Two Terrible Frights* by Jim Aylesworth, illus. Eileen Christelow
*Knots on a Counting Rope* by Bill Martin, Jr. and John Archambault, illus. Ted Rand
*Old Henry* by Joan W. Blos, illus. Stephen Gammell
*Soup for Supper* by Phyllis Root, illus. Sue Truesdell
*Ghost’s Hour, Spook’s Hour* by Eve Bunting, illus. Donald Carrick
*Mufaro’s Beautiful Daughters* by John Steptoe
*What the Mailman Brought* by Carolyn Craven, illus. Tomie de Paola
*Cherries and Cherry Pits* by Vera B. Williams
*Heckedy Peg* by Audrey Wood, illus. Don Wood
*The Wolf’s Chicken Stew* by Keiko Kasza
*Company’s Coming* by Arthur Yorinks, illus. David Small
*Family Farm* by Thomas Locker

1990 Chapter Book
Winner: *Wait Till Helen Comes* by Mary Downing Hahn
Honor: *On My Honor* by Marion Dane Bauer
*Beetles, Lightly Toasted* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Other Nominees:
*Romeo and Juliet – Together (And Alive!) at Last* by Avi
*Park’s Quest* by Katherine Paterson
*Sister of the Quints* by Stella Pevsner
*Charley Skedaddle* by Patricia Beatty
*Stinker from Space* by Pamela Service
*The Man Who Sang in the Dark* by Eth Clifford
*Don’t Call Me Toad* by Mary Francis Shura
*The Shadowmaker* by Ron Hansen
*The Cuckoo Clock* by Mary Stolz
*Eat Your Poison, Dear* by James Howe
*The Gold Cadillac* by Mildred Taylor
*Red Dog* by Bill Wallace
1991 Picture Book
Winner: **Tacky the Penguin** by Helen Lester, illus. Lynn Munsinger
Honor: **Frank and Ernest** by Alexandra Day
**Two Bad Ants** by Chris Van Allsburg
Other Nominees:
- *Airmail to the Moon* by Tom Birdseye, illus. Stephen Gammell
- *Johnny Appleseed* by Steven Kellogg
- *Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock* by Eric Kimmel, Reteller, illus. Janet Stevens
- *How Many Days to America?* By Eve Bunting, illus. Beth Peck
- *The Midnight Farm* by Reeve Lindbergh, illus. Susan Jeffers
- *The Art Lesson* by Tomie de Paola
- *Christina Katerina and the Time She Quit the Family* by Patricia Lee Gauch, illus. Elise Primavera
- *The Boy of the Three-Year Nap* by Dianne Snyder, illus. Allen Say
- *Ira Says Goodbye* by Bernard Waber
- *Fang* by Barbara Shook Hazen, illus. Leslie Merrill
- *Bear and Mrs. Duck* by Elizabeth Winthrop, illus. Patience Brewster
- *Sheila Rae the Brave* by Kevin Henkes

1991 Chapter Book
Winner: **There’s a Boy in the Girls’ Bathroom** by Louis Sachar
Honor: **Hatchet** by Gary Paulsen
**All About Sam** by Lois Lowry
Other Nominees:
- *Be Ever Hopeful, Hannalee* by Patricia Beatty
- *The Facts and Fictions of Minna Pratt* by Patricia MacLachlan
- *My Daniel* by Pam Conrad
- *A Dog Worth Stealing* by William Corbin
- *The Trouble with Jacob* by Eloise McGraw
- *The Strange Night Writing of Jessamine Colter* by Cynthia DeFelice
- *A Family Apart* by Joan Lowery Nixon
- *Megan’s Island* by Willo Davis Roberts
- *Fudge* by Charlotte Graeber
- *Moving In* by Alfred Slote
- *Good-bye, My Wishing Star* by Vicki Grove
- *Janie’s Private Eyes* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder
1992 Picture Book
Winner: *The Talking Eggs* by Robert D. San Souci (adapt.), illus. Jerry Pinkney
Honor: *The Twelve Dancing Princesses* by Marianna Mayer (adapt.), illus. K. Y. Craft
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka, illus. Lane Smith
Other Nominees:
On Granddaddy’s Farm by Thomas B. Allen
Jamaica Tag-Along by Juanita Havill, illus. Anne S. O’Brien
The Mitten by Jan Brett (adapt.)
The Wednesday Surprise by Eve Bunting, illus. Donald Carrick
Come a Tide by George Ella Lyon, illus. Stephen Gammell
The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry
Thunder Cake by Patricia Polacco
When Bluebell Sang by Lisa Campbell Ernst
Grandfather Tang’s Story by Ann Tompert, illus. Robert A. Parker
Iktomi and the Boulder by Paul Goble
Is Your Mama a Llama? by Deborah Guarino, illus. Steven Kellogg
Elbert’s Bad Word by Audrey Wood, illus. Don Wood

1992 Chapter Book
Winner: *Is Anybody There?* by Eve Bunting
Honor: *The Devil’s Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen
Stonewords by Pam Conrad
Other Nominees:
Gray Boy by Jim Arnosky
Eighty-Eight Steps to September by Jan Marino
Sarah and Me and the Lady from the Sea by Patricia Beatty
Carver by Ruth Radin
Who Invited the Undertaker? by Ivy Ruckman
Bearstone by Will Hobbs
Vision Quest by Pamela Service
The Canada Geese Quilt by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock
The Trading Game by Alfred Slote
Addie’s Dakota Winter by Laurie Lawlor
Grasshopper Summer by Ann Turner
Your Move, J.P.! by Lois Lowry
1993 Picture Book

**Winner:** *Riptide* by Frances Ward Weller, illus. Robert J. Blake

**Honor:** *The Very Quiet Cricket* by Eric Carle

*Charlie Anderson* by Barbara Abercrombie, illus. Mark Graham

**Other Nominees:**
*Salt Hands* by Jane Chelsea Aragon, illus. Ted Rand
*Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin, Jr., illus. Lois Ehlert
*The Principal’s New Clothes* by Stephanie Calmenson, illus. Denise Brunkus
*Just Plain Fancy* by Patricia Polacco
*Henry and Mudge and the Happy Cat* by Cynthia Rylant, illus. Sucie Stevenson
*The Empty Pot* by Demi
*When I Am Old with You* by Angela Johnson, illus. David Soman
*Rainbow Crow* by Nancy Van Laan, illus. Beatriz Vidal
*I Took My Frog to the Library* by Eric Kimmel, illus. Blanche Sims
*Hurricane* by David Wiesner
*The Wing Shop* by Elvira Woodruff, illus. Stephen Gammell
*The Day the Goose Got Loose* by Reeve Lindbergh, illus. Steven Kellogg

1993 Chapter Book

**Winner:** *Nightmare Mountain* by Peg Kehret

**Honor:** *Fudge-A-Mania* by Judy Blume

*Weasel* by Cynthia DeFelice

**Other Nominees:**
*Windcatcher* by Avi
*Afternoon of the Elves* by Janet Lisle
*RT, Margaret, and the Rats of NIMH* by Jane Conly
*Westering* by Alice Putnam
*The Year of the Panda* by Miriam Schlein
*The Midnight Horse* by Sid Fleischman
*The Frog Prince, Continued* by Jon Scieszka
*Hummer* by Linda Gruenberg
*Bobby Baseball* by Robert Kimmel Smith
*Toughboy and Sister* by Kirkpatrick Hill
*Mississippi Bridge* by Mildred Taylor
*The Journey Home* by Isabelle Holland

1993 Golden Sower Novel

**Winner:** *Whispers from the Dead* by Joan Lowery Nixon

**Honor:** *The Face on the Milk Carton* by Caroline B. Cooney

*Don’t Look Behind You* by Lois Duncan

**Other Nominees:**
*The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi
*How Could You Do It, Diane?* by Stella Pevsner
*Children of the River* by Linda Crew
*The Road to Memphis* by Mildred D. Taylor
*The Fabulous Fifty* by Morton Grosser
*A Begonia for Miss Applebaum* by Paul Zindel
*Canyons* by Gary Paulsen
1994 Picture Book
Winner: *The Rough-Face Girl* by Rafe Martin, illus. David Shannon
Honor: *The Grizzly Sisters* by Cathy Bellows
*Roxaboxen* by Alice McLerran, illus. Barbara Cooney
Other Nominees:
*Mandy* by Barbara Booth, illus. Jim LaMarche
*Jack and the Beanstalk* by Steven Kellogg
*Berlioz the Bear* by Jan Brett
*The Rag Coat* by Lauren Mills
*Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes
*If You Give a Mouse a Muffin* by Laura Numeroff, illus. Felicia Bond
*My Great-Aunt Arizona* by Gloria Houston, illus. Susan Condie Lamb
*Chicken Sunday* by Patricia Polacco
*Aunt Flossie’s Hats (and Crab Cakes Later)* by Elizabeth Howard, illus. James Ransome
*Potluck* by Anne Shelby, illus. Irene Trivas
*Just a Dream* by Chris Van Allsburg
*Mama, Do You Love Me?* by Barbara Joosse, illus. Barbara Lavallee

1994 Chapter Book
Winner: *Stepping on the Cracks* by Mary Downing Hahn
Honor: *Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher* by Bruce Coville
*The River* by Gary Paulsen
Other Nominees:
*The Heroine of the Titanic* by Joan W. Blos, illus. Tennessee Dixon
*Brother Eagle, Sister Sky* by Susan Jeffers (adapt.)
*Journey* by Patricia MacLachlan
*Wanted…Mud Blossom* by Betsy Byars
*Finding Buck McHenry* by Alfred Slote
*Strider* by Beverly Cleary
*Happily After All* by Laura Stevenson
*Nekomah Creek* by Linda Crew
*The Bread Winner* by Arvilla Whitmore
*Jim Ugly* by Sid Fleischman
*The Dragon’s Boy* by Jane Yolen
*Monkey Island* by Paula Fox

1994 Golden Sower Novel
Winner: *Flight #116 is Down* by Caroline B. Cooney
Honor: *Downriver* by Will Hobbs
*There’s a Girl in My Hammerlock* by Jerry Spinelli
Other Nominees:
*Ghost Cadet* by Elaine Alphin
*Dixie Storms* by Barbara Hall
*Nothing But the Truth* by Avi
*Away Is a Strange Place to Be* by H. M. Hoover
*Such Nice Kids* by Eve Bunting
*Pillow of Clouds* by Marc Talbert
*Shadow Brothers* by A. E. Cannon
1995 Picture Book

**Winner:** *Martha Speaks* by Susan Meddaugh

**Honor:** *Sukey and the Mermaid* by Robert D. San Souci, illus. Brian Pinkney

*The Trouble with Trolls* by Jan Brett

**Other Nominees:**
- *The Fortune-Tellers* by Lloyd Alexander, illus. Trina Schart Hyman
- *Loop the Loop* by Barbara Dugan, illus. James Stevenson
- *Old Black Fly* by Jim Aylesworth, illus. Stephen Gammell
- *Zinnia and Dot* by Lisa Campbell Ernst
- *Mrs. Katz and Tush* by Patricia Polacco
- *Tom* by Tomie de Paola
- *June 29th, 1999* by David Wiesner

1995 Chapter Book

**Winner:** *Rescue Josh McGuire* by Ben Mikaelson

**Honor:** *Jennifer Murdley’s Toad* by Bruce Coville

*The Night the Whole Class Slept Over* by Stella Pevsner

**Other Nominees:**
- *Randall’s Wall* by Carol Fenner
- *Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear* by Lensey Namioka
- *The Missing ‘Gator of Gumbo Limbo* by Jean Craighead George
- *Mayfield Crossing* by Vaunda M. Nelson
- *Return to Howliday Inn* by James Howe
- *Goodbye, Vietnam* by Gloria Whelan
- *Travel Far, Pay No Fare* by Anne Lindbergh

1995 Golden Sower Novel

**Winner:** *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

**Honor:** *The Man Who Loved Clowns* by Jane Rae Wood

*Until Whatever* by Martha Humphreys

**Other Nominees:**
- *Steal Away* by Jennifer Armstrong
- *The Haymeadow* by Gary Paulsen
- *The Soul of the Silver Dog* by Lynn Hall
- *Liars* by P.J. Petersen
- *Horror at the Haunted House* by Peg Kehret
- *When the Road Ends* by Jean Thesman
- *The Brave* by Robert Lipsyte
1996 Picture Book
Winner: *Soap! Soap! Don’t Forget the Soap!* by Tom Birdseye, illus. Andrew Glass
Honor: *Coyote Steals the Blanket* by Janet Stevens
*Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon
Other Nominees:
*Someday a Tree* by Eve Bunting, illus. Ronald Himler
*Uncle Jed’s Barbershop* by Margaree King Mitchell, illus. James Ransome
*Five Dog Night* by Eileen Christelow
*Babushka Baba Yaga* by Patricia Polacco
*Owen* by Kevin Henkes
*Today I’m Going Fishing with My Dad* by N. L. Sharp, illus. Chris L. Demarest
*The Bear That Heard Crying* by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock, illus. Ted Rand

1996 Chapter Book
Winner: *The Grand Escape* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Honor: *Wolf at the Door* by Barbara Corcoran
*Letters from Rifka* by Karen Hesse
Other Nominees:
*Sadako* by Eleanor Coerr
*Flip-Flop Girl* by Katherine Paterson
*The Boggart* by Susan Cooper
*Back to Before* by Jan Slepian
*Bull Run* by Paul Fleischman
*Scooter* by Vera B. Williams
*Skylark* by Patricia MacLachlan

1996 Golden Sower Novel
Winner: *Heart of a Champion* by Carl Deuker
Honor: *Someone Was Watching* by David Patneaude
*Sparrow Hawk Red* by Ben Mikaelsen
Other Nominees:
*Sonata for Mind and Heart* by Mary Bell
*Grab Hands and Run* by Frances Temple
*Silent Storm* by Sherry Garland
*Molly Donnelly* by Jean Thesman
*Alien Secrets* by Annette Klaus
*Make Lemonade* by Virginia Wolff
*The Deer Stand* by A.M. Monson
1997 Picture Book

Winner: *John Henry* by Julius Lester, illus. Jerry Pinkney

Honor: *Tops and Bottoms* by Janet Stevens

*My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother* by Patricia Polacco

Other Nominees:

*Dear Peter Rabbit* by Alma Flor Ada, illus. Leslie Tryon

*All the Places to Love* by Patricia MacLachlan, illus. Mike Wimmer

*Town Mouse, Country Mouse* by Jan Brett

*Pigs Aplenty, Pigs Galore* by David McPhail

*Sophie and Sammy’s Library Sleepover* by Judith Caseley

*Don’t Fidget a Feather* by Erica Silverman, illus. S. D. Schindler

*Grandfather’s Dream* by Holly Keller

1997 Chapter Book

Winner: *The Best School Year Ever* by Barbara Robinson

Honor: *Mr. Tucket* by Gary Paulsen

*The Magnificent Mummy Maker* by Elvira Woodruff

Other Nominees:

*The Baby Grand, the Moon in July, and Me* by Joyce Annette Barnes

*Baby* by Patricia MacLachlan

*Pink and Say* by Patricia Polacco

*Stardust* by Alane Ferguson

*The Well* by Mildred Taylor

*Someone to Count On* by Patricia Hermes

*Bound for Oregon* by Jean VanLeeuwen

1997 Golden Sower Novel

Winner: *Freak the Mighty* by W. Rodman Philbrick

Honor: *Shadowmaker* by Joan Lowery Nixon

*Driver’s Ed* by Caroline B. Cooney

Other Nominees:

*Phoenix Rising* by Karen Hesse

*Others See Us* by William Sleator

*Troubling a Star* by Madeleine L’Engle

*Crazy Weekend* by Gary Soto

*Under the Blood-Red Sun* by Graham Salisbury

*Where Do I Go from Here?* by Valerie Wilson Wesley

*To Race a Dream* by Deborah Savage
1998 Picture Book
Winner: *The Toll-Bridge Troll* by Patricia Rae Wolff, illus. Kimberly Bulcken Root
Honor: *Piggie Pie!* by Margie Palatini, illus. Howard Fine
*The Storm* by Marc Harshman, illus. Mark Mohr
Other Nominees:
*Dandelions* by Eve Bunting, illus. Greg Shed
*Rebel* by John Schoenherr
*The Story of Ruby Bridges* by Robert Coles, illus. George Ford
*Coyote and the Laughing Butterflies* by Harriet Peck Taylor
*Insects Are My Life* by Megan McDonald, illus. Paul Brett Johnson
*Once There Was a Bull...Frog* by Rick Walton, illus. Greg Holly
*Down the Road* by Alice Schertle, illus. E. B. Lewis

1998 Chapter Book
Winner: *Titanic Crossing* by Barbara Williams
Honor: *Mick Harte Was Here* by Barbara Park
*Earthquake Terror* by Peg Kehret
Other Nominees:
*Poppy* by Avi
*Julie* by Jean Craighead George
*The 13th Floor: A Ghost Story* by Sid Fleischman
*Junebug* by Alice Mead
*You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton?* by Jean Fritz, illus. DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan
*Math Curse* by Jon Scieszka, illus. Lane Smith
*Cat Running* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder

1998 Golden Sower Novel
Winner: *Danger Zone* by David Klass
Honor: *The House Across the Cove* by Barbara Hall
*Loch* by Paul Zindel
Other Nominees:
*Flash Fire* by Caroline B. Cooney
*The Only Alien on the Planet* by Kristen D. Randle
*Secrets to Tell* by Ann Gebhart
*Steal Away Home* by Lois Ruby
*Spirit Seeker* by Joan Lowery Nixon
*When Pigs Fly* by June Rae Wood
*Brian’s Winter* by Gary Paulsen
1999 Picture Book

Winner: *Rugby and Rosie* by Nan Parson Rossiter
Honor: *Verdi* by Janelle Cannon

*Leo the Magnificat* by Ann M. Martin, illus. Emily Arnold McCully

Other Nominees:
- *Sunflower House* by Eve Bunting, illus. by Kathryn Hewitt
- *The Log Cabin Quilt* by Ellen Howard, illus. Ronald Himler
- *Leah’s Pony* by Elizabeth Friedrich, illus. by Michael Garland
- *Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind Crockett* retold by Steven Kellogg
- *Lilly’s Purple Plastic Purse* by Kevin Henkes
- *Ma Dear’s Aprons* by Patricia McKissack, illus. Floyd Cooper
- *The Seven Silly Eaters* by Mary Ann Hoberman, illus. Maria Frazee

1999 Chapter Book

Winner: *Shiloh Season* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Honor: *Frindle* by Andrew Clements

*Dead Letter: A Herculeah Jones Mystery* by Betsy Byars

Other Nominees:
- *Pleasing the Ghost* by Sharon Creech
- *Stranded* by Ben Mikaelson
- *The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman* by Alan Schroeder, illus. Jerry Pinkney
- *The Gentleman Outlaw and Me – Eli* by Mary Downing Hahn
- *Belle Prater’s Boy* by Ruth White
- *Danger Along the Ohio* by Patricia Willis

1999 Golden Sower Novel

Winner: *The True Colors of Caitlynne Jackson* by Carol Lynch Williams
Honor: *Hawk Moon* by Rob MacGregor

*Slam!* by Walter Dean Myers

Other Nominees:
- *SOS Titanic* by Eve Bunting
- *Remembering Mog* by Colby Rodowsky
- *Running Out of Time* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *The Night the Heads Came* by William Sleator
- *Far North* by Will Hobbs
- *Crash* by Jerry Spinelli
- *Jip: His Story* by Katherine Paterson
2000 Picture Book
Winner: *No Such Thing* by Jackie French Koller, illus. Betsy Lewin
Honor: *Don’t Laugh, Joe* by Keiko Kasza
*Little Oh* by Laura Krauss Melmed, illus. Jim LaMarche

Other Nominees:
*Toot and Puddle* by Holly Hobbie
*The Gardener* by Sarah Stewart, illus. David Small
*The Wagon* by Tony Johnston, illus. James E. Ransome
*Mailing May* by Michael O. Tunnell, illus. Ted Rand
*Tomas and the Library Lady* by Pat Mora, illus. Raul Colon
*Library Lil* by Suzanne Williams, illus. Steven Kellogg
*Rumpelstiltskin’s Daughter* by Diane Stanley

2000 Chapter Book
Winner: *Jaguar* by Roland Smith
Honor: *White Water* by P.J. Peterson
*Stay! Keeper’s Story* by Lois Lowry

Other Nominees:
*Gratefully Yours* by Jane Buchanan
*When Jessie Came Across the Sea* by Amy Hest, illus. P. J. Lynch
*Lone Wolf* by Kristine Franklin
*Lily’s Crossing* by Patricia Reilly Giff
*As Long As There Are Mountains* by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock
*Sun and Spoon* by Kevin Henkes
*Run Away Home* by Patricia McKissack

2000 Golden Sower Novel
Winner: *Don’t You Dare Read This, Mrs. Dunphrey* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Honor: *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine

Other Nominees:
*Tangerine* by Edward Bloor
*Stones in Water* by Donna Jo Napoli
*The Music of Dolphins* by Karen Hesse
*Second Bend in the River* by Ann Rinaldi
*Ghost Canoe* by Will Hobbs
*Gib Rides Home* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder
*True North: A Novel of the Underground Railroad* by Kathryn Lasky
2001 Picture Book
Winner: **Bubba the Cowboy Prince** by Helen Ketteman, illus. James Warhola
Honor: **Cook-a-Doodle Doo!** by Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel
Other Nominees:
- *Stella Louella’s Runaway Book* by Lisa Campbell Ernst
- *One Giant Leap* by Don Brown
- *Boom Town* by Sonia Levitin, illus. Cat Bowman Smith
- *Butterfly House* by Eve Bunting, illus. Greg Shed
- *The Bat Boy and His Violin* by Gavin Curtis, illus. by E. B. Lewis
- *An Outlaw Thanksgiving* by Emily Arnold McCully
- *Something Beautiful* by Sharon Dennis Wyeth, illus. Chris Soentpiet
- *Come On, Rain!* by Karen Hesse, illus. by Jon J. Muth

2001 Chapter Book
Winner: **The Ghost of Fossil Glen** by Cynthia DeFelice
Honor: **The Kidnappers** by Willo Davis Roberts
Other Nominees:
- *Perloo the Bold* by Avi
- *Riding Freedom* by Pam Munoz Ryan
- *Bright Freedom’s Song* by Gloria Houston
- *Knots in My Yo-Yo String* by Jerry Spinelli
- *A Long Way from Chicago* by Richard Peck
- *Pioneer Girl: Growing Up on the Prairie* by Andrea Warren
- *Thank You, Mr. Falker* by Patricia Polacco

2001 Golden Sower Novel
Winner: **The Haunting** by Joan Lowery Nixon
Honor: **The Dark Side of Nowhere** by Neal Shusterman
Other Nominees:
- *Lost in the War* by Nancy Antle
- *The Maze* by Will Hobbs
- *Rules of the Road* by Joan Bauer
- *Song Spell* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- *Burning Up* by Caroline B. Cooney
- *Strays Like Us* by Richard Peck
- *Reaching Dustin* by Vicki Grove
2002 Picture Book

Winner: *The Grannyman* by Judith Byron Schachner
Honor: *The Full Belly Bowl* by Jim Aylesworth, illus. Wendy Anderson Halperin
*Weslandia* by Paul Fleischman, illus. Kevin Hawkes

Other Nominees:
- *Jamie O’Rourke and the Pooka* by Tomie de Paola
- *Horace and Morris But Mostly Dolores*
- *Snow Bear* by Jean Craighead George, illus. Wendell Minor
- by James Howe, illus. Amy Walrod
- *The Honest-To-Goodness Truth* by Patricia McKissack, illus. Giselle Potter
- *Hey, Little Ant* by Philip and Hannah Hoose, illus. Debbie Tilley
- *Mole Music* by David McPhail
- *Moses Goes to a Concert* by Isaac Millman

2002 Chapter Book

Winner: *The Ghost of Lizard Light* by Elvira Woodruff, illus. Elaine Clayton
Honor: *Regarding the Fountain: A Tale, in Letters, of Liars and Leaks* by Kate Klise, illus. M. Sarah Klise

Other Nominees:
- *Ereth’s Birthday* by Avi
- *Williwaw!* by Tom Bodett
- *Nowhere to Call Home* by Cynthia DeFelice
- *Through My Eyes* by Ruby Bridges
- *The King of Dragons* by Carol Fenner
- *The Landry News* by Andrew Clements, illus. Salvatore Murdocca
- *When the Soldiers Were Gone* by Vera Propp
- *In Care of Cassie Tucker* by Ivy Ruckman

2002 Golden Sower Novel

Winner: *The Transall Saga* by Gary Paulsen
Honor: *Pete* by Ben Mikaelsen

Other Nominees:
- *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *Blackwater* by Eve Bunting
- *Cowboy Ghost* by Robert Newton Peck
- *Friends and Enemies* by Louann Gaddert
- *Green Thumb* by Rob Thomas
- *Jackie & Me* by Dan Gutman
- *Armageddon Summer* by Jane Yolen & Bruce Coville
- *Framed in Fire* by David Patneaude
2003 Picture Book
Winner: *Bedhead* by Margie Palatini, illus. Jack E. Davis
Honor: *Enemy Pie: For My Best Enemy* by Derek Munson, illus. Tara Calahan King
*Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type* by Doreen Cronin, illus. Betsy Lewin

**Other Nominees:**
*The Memory String* by Eve Bunting, illus. Ted Rand
*The Piano* by William Miller, illus. Susan Keeter
*Olivia* by Ian Falconer
*Aunt Minnie McGranahan* by Mary Skillings Prigger, illus. Betsy Lewin
*Hog Music* by Mary-Claire Helldorfer, illus. S. D. Schindler
*The Other Side* by Jacqueline Woodson, illus. E. B. Lewis
*Wemberly Worried* by Kevin Henkes

2003 Chapter Book
Winner: *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo
Honor: *The Barn Burner* by Patricia Willis

**Other Nominees:**
*Edwina Victorious* by Susan Bonners
*Beyond Mayfield* by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson
*Nory Ryan’s Song* by Patricia Reilly Giff
*Bartleby of the Mighty Mississippi* by Phyllis Shalant
*The Birthday Room* by Kevin Henkes
*The Secret Journey* by Peg Kehret
*The Captain’s Dog: My Journey with the Lewis and Clark Tribe* by Roland Smith

2003 Golden Sower Novel
Winner: *Night Hoops* by Carl Deuker
Honor: *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson

**Other Nominees:**
*Hope Was Here* by Joan Bauer
*The Last Book in the Universe* by W. Rodman Philbrick
*Holding Up the Earth* by Dianne E. Gray
*Visiting Miss Caples* by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel
*Breaking Rank* by Kristen D. Randle
*Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry
*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan
2004 Picture Book
*Nutik, the Wolf Pup* by Jean Craighead George, illus. Ted Rand

Other Nominees:
*The Tale of Tricky Fox* by Jim Aylesworth, illus. Barbara McClintock
*The Web Files* by Margie Palatini, illus. Richard Egielski
*The Gift of the Crocodile: A Cinderella Story* by Judy Sierra, Reteller, illus. Reynold Ruffins
*Jin Woo* by Eve Bunting, illus. Chris Soentpriet
*Some Things Are Scary* by Florence Parry Heide, illus. Jules Feiffer
*And the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon* by Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel, illus. Janet Stevens
*Jane vs. the Tooth Fairy* by Betsy Jay, illus. Lori Osiecki

2004 Chapter Book
Winner: *Skeleton Man* by Joseph Bruchac
Honor: *Zach's Lie* by Roland Smith
*Coyote Autumn* by Bill Wallace

Other Nominees:
*The School Story* by Andrew Clements
*Caleb's Story* by Patricia MacLachlan
*The Power of Un* by Nancy Etchemendy
*My Face to the Wind: The Diary of Sarah Jane Price, a Prairie Teacher* by Jim Murphy
*The Year of Miss Agnes* by Kirkpatrick Hill
*My Brother Made Me Do It* by Peg Kehret
*The Mysterious Matter of I.M. Fine* by Diane Stanley

2004 Golden Sower Novel
Winner: *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelsen
Honor: *Soldier X* by Don Wulffson
*Soldier Boys* by Dean Hughes

Other Nominees:
*The Ransom of Mercy Carter* by Caroline B. Cooney
*Breaking Through* by Francisco Jimenez
*The Graduation of Jake Moon* by Barbara Park
*Bronx Masquerade* by Nikki Grimes
*Lord of the Deep* by Graham Salisbury
*Hole in the Sky* by Pete Hautman
*Straw into Gold* by Gary Schmidt
2005 Picture Book

Winner: *Togo* by Robert J. Blake
Honor: *Clarence the Copy Cat* by Patricia Lakin, illus. John Manders
Dear Mrs. LaRue: *Letters from Obedience School* by Mark Teague

Other Nominees:
- *Goose’s Story* by Cari Best, illus. Holly Meade
- *The Recess Queen* by Alexis O’Neill, illus. Laura Hullska-Beith
- *Rocks in His Head* by Carol Otis Hurst, illus. James Stevenson
- *Rattletrap Car* by Phyllis Root, illus. Jill Barton
- *Micawber* by John Lithgow, illus. C. F. Payne
- *Just the Two of Us* by Will Smith, illus. Kadir Nelson
- *Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon* by Patty Lovell, illus. David Catrow

2005 Chapter Book

Winner: *Loser* by Jerry Spinelli
Honor: *The Ghost Sitter* by Peni R. Griffin
The Summer of Riley by Eve Bunting

Other Nominees:
- *Storm Warriors* by Elisa Carbone
- *Fair Weather* by Richard Peck
- *Ruby Holler* by Sharon Creech
- *Surviving the Applewhites* by Stephanie S. Tolan
- *Pictures of Hollis Woods* by Patricia Reilly Giff
- *When the Circus Came to Town* by Laurence Yep
- *The Edison Mystery* by Dan Gutman

2005 Golden Sower Novel

Winner: *Mississippi Trial, 1955* by Chris Crowe
Honor: *Ashes of Roses* by Mary Jane Auch
*Things Not Seen* by Andrew Clements

Other Nominees:
- *Stand Tall* by Joan Bauer
- *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen
- *Cheating Lessons* by Nan Willard Cappo
- *Free Radical* by Claire Rudolf Murphy
- *Who Will Tell My Brother?* by Marlene Carvell
- *Memory Boy* by Will Weaver
- *Under the Same Sky* by Cynthia DeFelice
2006 Picture Book

Winner: *Substitute Teacher Plans* by Doug Johnson, illus. Tammy Smith

Honor: *Diary of a Worm* by Doreen Cronin, illus. Harry Bliss

*Souperchicken* by Mary Jane Auch & Herm Auch

Other Nominees:
- *I Love Saturdays y Domingos* by Alma Flor Ada, illus. Elivia Savadier
- *How I Became a Pirate* by Melinda Long, illus. David Shannon
- *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds
- *Ruby's Wish* by Shirin Yim Bridges, illus. Sophie Blackall
- *Stars and Stripes: The Story of the American Flag* by Sarah L. Thomasen, illus. Bob Dacey & Debra Bandelin
- *Boxes for Katje* by Candace Fleming, illus. Stacey Dressen-McQueen
- *Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson, illus. Jane Chapman

2006 Chapter Book

Winner: *Escaping the Giant Wave* by Peg Kehret

Honor: *The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau

Runt by Marion Dane Bauer

Other Nominees:
- *Sliding into Home* by Dori Hillestad Butler
- *Luba: The Angel of Bergen-Belsen* by Michelle McCann (as told to Michelle McCann by Luba Trzysznska-Frederick), illus. Ann Marshall
- *A Week in the Woods* by Andrew Clements
- *Sahara Special* by Esme Raji Codell
- *The Beloved Dearly* by Doug Cooney
- *How to Disappear Completely and Never Be Found* by Sara Nickerson, illus. Sally Wern Compton
- *Hatching Magic* by Ann Downer

2006 Golden Sower Novel

Winner: *High Heat* by Carl Deuker

Honor: *Full Tilt* by Neal Shusterman

Hawksong by Amelia Atwater-Rhodes

East by Edith Pattou

Other Nominees:
- *Hear the Wind Blow* by Mary Downing Hahn
- *The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place* by E. L. Konigsburg
- *Jackie’s Wild Seattle* by Will Hobbs
- *Not Quite a Stranger* by Colby Rodowsky
- *Shakespeare Bats Cleanup* by Ron Koertge
- *The Ravenmaster’s Secret* by Elvira Woodruff
2007 Picture Book

**Winner:** *My Lucky Day* by Keiko Kasza  
**Honor:** *Pinduli* by Janell Cannon  
*The Toughest Cowboy: Or How the Wild West Was Tamed* by John Frank, illus. Zachary Pullen  

**Other Nominees:**  
*Martin MacGregor’s Snowman* by Lisa Broadie Cook, illus. Adam McCauley  
*Blueberries for the Queen* by John & Katherine Paterson, illus. Susan Jeffers  
*The Hungry Coat: A Tale from Turkey* by Demi  
*Major Taylor, Champion Cyclist* by Lesa Cline Ransome, illus. James E. Ransome  
*A Packet of Seeds* by Deborah Hopkinson, illus. Bethanne Andersen  
*Wild About Books* by Judy Sierra, illus. Marc Brown  
*Old Cricket* by Lisa Wheeler, illus. Ponder Goembel

2007 Chapter Book

**Winner:** *The Old Willis Place: A Ghost Story* by Mary Downing Hahn  
**Honor:** *Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins  

**Other Nominees:**  
*White Star: A Dog on the Titanic* by Marty Crisp, illus. Heather Saunders  
*Worth* by A. LaFaye  
*The Young Man and the Sea* by W. Rodman Philbrick  
*The House on the Gulf* by Margaret Peterson Haddix  
*Shredderman: Secret Identity* by Wendelin Van Draanen, illus. Brian Biggs  
*Ida B...And Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, And (Possibly) Save the World* by Katherine Hannigan  
*Locomotion* by Jacqueline Woodson

2007 Golden Sower Novel

**Winner:** *Perfect* by Natasha Friend  
**Honor:** *So B. It* by Sarah Weeks  
*The Pack* by Elisa Lynn Carbone  

**Other Nominees:**  
*The Presence: A Ghost Story* by Eve Bunting  
*The Last of the Roundup Boys* by Debra Seely  
*The Truth About Sparrows* by Marian Hale  
*Chief Sunrise, John McGraw, and Me* by Timothy Tocher  
*Baby Blue* by Michelle D. Kwasney  
*Wishing Moon* by Michael O. Tunnell  
*Yankee Girl* by Mary Ann Rodman
2008 Picture Book

Winner: *The Great Fuzz Frenzy* by Janet Stevens & Susan Stevens Crummel, illus. Janet Stevens

Honor: *Mrs. McBloom, Clean Up Your Classroom!* by Kelly DiPucchio

*Tooth Fairy’s First Night* by Anne Bowen, illus. Jon Berkeley

Other Nominees:
- *Wallace’s Lists* by Barbara Bottner & Gerald Kruglik, illus. Olof Landstrom
- *Nora’s Ark* by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock, illus. Emily Arnold McCully
- *Mr. George Baker* by Amy Hest
- *Catching the Moon* by Crystal Hubbard, illus. Randy DuBurke
- *Effie’s Image* by N. L. Sharp, illus. Dorothia Rohner
- *Sakes Alive! A Cattle Drive* by Karma Wilson, illus. Karla Firehammer

2008 Chapter Book

Winner: *The World According to Humphrey* by Betty G. Birney

Honor: *The Stupendous Dodgeball Fiasco* by Janice Repka, illus. Glin Dibley

*The SOS File* by Betsy Byars, Betsy Duffey, and Laurie Myers

Other Nominees:
- *The Penderwicks* by Jeanne Birdsall
- *The Scarlet Stockings Spy* by Trinka Hakes Noble
- *Heartbeat* by Sharon Creech
- *Project Mulberry* by Linda Sue Park
- *The Liberation of Gabriel King* by K. L. Going
- *Becoming Naomi Leon* by Pam Munoz Ryan
- *Defiance* by Valerie Hobbs

2008 Golden Sower Novel

Winner: *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan

Honor: *Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld

*The Perfect Shot* by Elaine Marie Alphin

Other Nominees:
- *Code Talker* by Joseph Bruchac
- *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick
- *Code Orange* by Caroline B. Cooney
- *Surviving Antarctica: Reality TV 2083* by Andrea White
- *Flush* by Carl Hiaasen
- *Black Storm Comin’* by Diane Lee Wilson
- *The Schwa Was Here* by Neal Shusterman
2009 Picture Book
Winner: *If I Built a Car* by Chris Van Dusen
Honor: *Fancy Nancy* by Jane O’Connor, illus. Robin Preiss Glasser
*Library Lion* by Michelle Knudsen, illus. Kevin Hawkes
Other Nominees:
*Honey…Honey…Lion! A Story from Africa* by Jan Brett
*Let Them Play* by Margot Theis Raven, illus. Chris Ellison
*Luck* by Jean Craighead George, illus. Wendell Minor
*Chicks and Salsa* by Aaron Reynolds, illus. Paulette Bogan
*Duck and Goose* by Tad Hills
*Nothing to Do* by Douglas Wood, illus. Wendy Anderson Halperin
*The Three Silly Billies* by Margie Palatini, illus. Barry Moser

2009 Chapter Book
Winner: *Satch and Me* by Dan Gutman
Honor: *Room One: A Mystery* by Andrew Clements
*Rules* by Cynthia Lord
Other Nominees:
*Whittington* by Alan W. Armstrong
*Gossamer* by Lois Lowry
*Wing Nut* by Mary Jane Auch
*Listening for Lions* by Georgia Whelan
*Anna’s Blizzard* by Alison Hart
*Each Little Bird That Sings* by Deborah Wiles
*Out of Order* by Betty Hicks

2009 Golden Sower Novel
Winner: *Twilight* by Stephenie Meyer
Honor: *Heat* by Mike Lupica
*Life as We Knew It* by Susan Beth Pfeffer
Other Nominees:
*Shakespeare’s Secret* by Elise Broach
*Crossing the Wire* by Will Hobbs
*Dragon’s Keep* by Janet Lee Carey
*A Summer of Kings* by Han Nolan
*A Friend at Midnight* by Caroline B. Cooney
*The Legend of Bass Reeves* by Gary Paulsen
*Tomorrow, the River* by Dianne Gray
2010 Picture Book
Winner: *The Secret Science Project That Almost Ate the School* by Judy Sierra, illus. Stephen Gammell
Honor: *Woolbur* by Leslie Helakoski, illus. Lee Harper
*Dogku* by Andrew Clements, illus. Tim Bowers
Other Nominees:
*On Meadowview Street* by Henry Cole
*Henry’s Freedom Box* by Ellen Levine, illus. Kadir Nelson
*The Perfect Nest* by Catherine Friend, illus. John Manders
*The Orange Shoes* by Trinka Hakes Noble, illus. Doris Ettlinger
*Badger’s Fancy Meal* by Keiko Kasza
*Mama, I’ll Give You the World* by Roni Schotter, illus. Susan Saelig Gallagher
*The Great Texas Hamster Drive: An Original Tall Tale* by Eric A. Kimmel, illus. Bruce Whatley

2010 Chapter Book
Winner: *Deep and Dark and Dangerous: A Ghost Story* by Mary Downing Hahn
Honor: *The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart, illus. Carson Ellis
*The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies
Other Nominees:
*Eleven* by Patricia Reilly Giff
*How to Steal a Dog* by Barbara O’Connor
*The Road to Paris* by Nikki Grimes
*On the Wings of Heroes* by Richard Peck
*The Homework Machine* by Dan Gutman
*The Aurora County All-Stars* by Deborah Wiles
*Sheep* by Valerie Hobbs

2010 Golden Sower Novel
Winner: *Cracker!: The Best Dog in Vietnam* by Cynthia Kadohata
Honor: *The Rules of Survival* by Nancy Werlin
*Peak* by Roland Smith
Other Nominees:
*Shark Girl* by Kelly Bingham
*The Wednesday Wars* by Gary Schmidt
*Diamonds in the Shadow* by Caroline B. Cooney
*The Shadow Thieves* by Anne Ursu
*Red Glass* by Laura Resau
*Red Moon at Sharpsburg* by Rosemary Wells
*Night of the Howling Dogs* by Graham Salisbury
2011 Picture Book
Winner: *Titanicat* by Marty Crisp, illus. Robert Papp
Honor: *The Dog Who Belonged to No One* by Amy Hest, illus. Amy Bates
*Duck Soup* by Jackie Urbanovic

Other Nominees:
*A Visitor for Bear* by Bonny Becker, illus. Kady MacDonald Denton
*Snow Day!* by Lester L. Laminack, illus. Adam Gustavson
*Bats at the Library* by Brian Lies
*Martina, the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale* by Carmen Agra Deedy, illus. Michael Austin
*Velma Gratch and the Way Cool Butterfly* by Alan Madison, illus. Kevin Hawkes
*That Book Woman* by Heather Henson, illus. David Small
*Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek: A Tall, Thin Tale (Introducing His Forgotten Frontier Friend)* by Deborah Hopkinson, illus. John Hendrix

2011 Chapter Book
Winner: *Stolen Children* by Peg Kehret
Honor: *Swindle* by Gordon Korman
*Savvy* by Ingrid Law

Other Nominees:
*Masterpiece* by Elise Broach
*Long Shot* by Mike Lupica
*Gabriel’s Horses* by Alison Hart
*Paint the Wind* by Pam Munoz Ryan
*Do Not Pass Go* by Kirkpatrick Hill
*Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians* by Brandon Sanderson
*Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat* by Lynne Jonell

2011 Golden Sower Novel
Winner: *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
Honor: *Artichoke’s Heart* by Suzanne Supplee
*Fakie* by Tony Varrato

Other Nominees:
*Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson
*A Thousand Never Evers* by Shana Burg
*Home of the Brave* by Katherine Applegate
*Go Big or Go Home* by Will Hobbs
*The Boy Who Dared* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti
*Steel Trapp: The Challenge* by Ridley Pearson
*Peeled* by Joan Bauer
2012 Picture Book

**Winner:** *Dewey: There’s a Cat in the Library!* by Vicki Myron & Bret Witter, illus. Steve James

**Honor:** *I Need My Monster* by Amanda Noll, illus. Howard McWilliam

**Help Me, Mr. Mutt! Expert Answers for Dogs with People Problems** by Janet Stevens & Susan Stevens Crummel, illus. Janet Stevens

**Other Nominees:**
- *Otis* by Loren Long
- *Willoughby and the Lion* by Greg Foley
- *Spot the Plot: A Riddle Book of Book Riddles* by J. Patrick Lewis, illus. Lynn Munsinger
- *The Circus Ship* by Chris Van Dusen
- *Ms. McCaw Learns to Draw* by Kaethe Zemach

2012 Chapter Book

**Winner:** *Closed for the Season* by Mary Downing Hahn

**Honor:** *Dying to Meet You* by Kate Klise, illus. M. Sarah Klise

**The Magic Thief** by Sarah Prineas, illus. Dominic Harman

**Other Nominees:**
- *Kenny & the Dragon* by Tony DiTerlizzi
- *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* by Jacqueline Kelly
- *Shooting the Moon* by Frances O’Roark Dowell
- *Storm Chaser* by Chris Platt
- *Extra Credit* by Andrew Clements, illus. Mark Elliott
- *Jake Ransom and the Skull King’s Shadow* by James Rollins
- *Night of the Spadefoot Toads* by Bill Harley

2012 Golden Sower Novel

**Winner:** *The Compound* by Stephanie A. Bodeen

**Honor:** *Graceling* by Kristin Cashore

**The Juvie Three** by Gordon Korman

**Other Nominees:**
- *Anything But Typical* by Nora Raleigh Baskin
- *Killer Pizza* by Greg Taylor
- *Kaleidoscope Eyes* by Jen Bryant
- *Cold Hands, Warm Heart* by Jill Wolfson
- *The Patron Saint of Butterflies* by Cecilia Galante
- *Good Enough* by Paula Yoo
- *Notes from the Dog* by Gary Paulsen
2013 Picture Book
Winner: *Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine and a Miracle* by Major Brian Dennis, Kirby Larson & Mary Nethery
Honor: *Memoirs of a Goldfish* by Devin Scillian, illus. Tim Bowers
*How Rocket Learned to Read* by Tad Hills
Other Nominees:
- *Miss Brooks Loves Books! (and I Don’t)* by Barbara Bottner, illus. Michael Emberley
- *Bridget’s Beret* by Tom Lichtenheld
- *The Little King and His Marshmallow Kingdom* by Louis Rotella III, illus. Mark Chickinelli
- *Clever Jack Takes the Cake* by Candace Fleming, illus. G. Brian Karas.
- *That Cat Can’t Stay!* by Thad Krasnesky, illus. David Parkins
- *Elsie’s Bird* by Jane Yolen, illus. David Small

2013 Chapter Book
Winner: *Because of Mr. Terupt* by Rob Buyea
Honor: *Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper
*Love, Aubrey* by Suzanne LaFleur
Other Nominees:
- *Storm Mountain* by Tom Birdseye
- *The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester* by Barbara O’Connor
- *The Familiars* by Adam J. Epstein & Andrew Jacobson
- *Walls Within Walls* by Maureen Sherry
- *Wildfire Run* by Dee Garretson
- *Lucky: Maris, Mantle, & My Best Summer Ever* by Wes
- *Everything for a Dog* by Ann M. Martin Tooke

2013 Golden Sower Novel
Winner: *The Running Dream* by Wendelin Van Draanen
Honor: *Girl, Stolen* by April Henry
*Bruiser* by Neal Shusterman
Other Nominees:
- *Guitar Boy* by M.J. Auch
- *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park
- *All the Broken Pieces* by Ann E. Burg
- *The Cardturner: A Novel About a King, a Queen, and a Joker* by Louis Sachar
- *The Red Umbrella* by Christina Diaz Gonzalez
- *Scat* by Carl Hiaasen
- *A Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame* by Brenda Woods
2014 Picture Book
Winner: *Even Monsters Need Haircuts* by Matthew McElligott
Honor: *Mitchell’s License* by Hallie Durand, illus. Tony Fucile
*Interrupting Chicken* by David Ezra Stein

Other Nominees:
*Prudence Wants a Pet* by Cathleen Daly, illus. Stephen Michael King
*When a Dragon Moves In* by Jodi Moore, illus. Howard McWilliam
*The Lost and Found Pony* by Tracy Dockray
*Blackout* by John Rocco
*Arbor Day Square* by Kathryn O. Galbraith, illus. Cyd Moore
*When I Grow Up* by Al Yankovic, illus. Wes Hargis
*Have You Seen Mary?* by Jeff Kurrus, illus. Michael Forsberg

2014 Chapter Book
Winner: *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio
Honor: *The Unwanteds* by Lisa McMann
*The Candymakers* by Wendy Mass

Other Nominees:
*Freaky Fast Frankie Joe* by Lutricia Clifton
*Smells Like Dog* by Suzanne Selfors
*Wild Life* by Cynthia DeFelice
*Wonderstruck* by Brian Selznick
*The Clockwork Three* by Matthew J. Kirby
*Pie* by Sarah Weeks
*May B.* by Caroline Starr Rose

2014 Golden Sower Novel
Winner: *Legend* by Marie Lu
Honor: *Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25* by Richard Paul Evans
*Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys

Other Nominees:
*Jefferson’s Sons* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
*Red Cell* by John Kalkowski
*Matched* by Ally Condie
*Epitaph Road* by David Patneaude
*Payback Time* by Carl Deuker
*After Ever After* by Jordan Sonnenblick
*Dark Life* by Kat Falls
2015 Picture Book
Winner: *Creepy Carrots* by Aaron Reynolds, illus. Peter Brown
Honor: *Crafty Chloe* by Kelly DiPucchio, illus. Heather Ross
*Randy Riley’s Really Big Hit* by Chris Van Dusen
Other Nominees:
*One Cool Friend* by Toni Buzzeo, illus. David Small
*Three Hens and a Peacock* by Lester L. Laminack, illus. Henry Cole
*Being Frank* by Donna W. Earnhardt, illus. Andrea Castellani
*Sky Color* by Peter H. Reynolds
*Lost and Found* by Bill Harley, illus. Adam Gustavson
*Each Kindness* by Jacqueline Woodson, illus. E.B. Lewis
*Mousetronaut* by Mark Kelly, illus. C.F. Payne

2015 Chapter Book
Winner: *The False Prince* by Jennifer A. Nielsen
Honor: *Eight Keys* by Suzanne LaFleur
*Jake and Lily* by Jerry Spinelli
Other Nominees:
*Malcolm at Midnight* by W.H. Beck, illus. Brian Lies
*The Underdogs* by Mike Lupica
*A Diamond in the Desert* by Kathryn Fitzmaurice
*Kindred Souls* by Patricia MacLachlan
*Tuesdays at the Castle* by Jessica Day George
*Three Times Lucky* by Sheila Turnage
*The Adventures of Beanboy* by Lisa Harkrader

2015 Golden Sower Novel
Winner: *Prisoner B-3087* by Alan Gratz
Honor: *Variant* by Robison Wells
*Cinder* by Marissa Meyer
Other Nominees:
*The Raft* by S.A. Bodeen
*Starters* by Lissa Price
*On the Day I Died: Stories from the Grave* by Candace Fleming
*A Long, Long Sleep* by Anna Sheehan
*Ungifted* by Gordon Korman
*Curveball: The Year I Lost My Grip* by Jordan Sonnenblick
*The Silence of Murder* by Dandi Daley Mackall
2016 Picture Book

Winner: *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt, illus. Oliver Jeffers

Honor: *That Is Not a Good Idea* by Mo Willems

My Crocodile Does Not Bite by Joe Kulka

Other Nominees:

* Simpson’s Sheep Won’t Go to Sleep* by Bruce Arant
* The Invisible Boy* by Trudy Ludwig, illus. Patrice Barton
* No Pirates Allowed! Said Library Lou* by Rhonda Gowler Greene, illus. Brian Ajhar
* Sophie’s Squash* by Pat Zietlow Miller, illus. Anne Wilsdorf
* Rufus Goes to School* by Kim T. Griswell, illus. Valeri Gorbachev
* Super Hair-O and the Barber of Doom* by John Rocco
* Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch* by Anne Isaacs, illus. Kevin Hawkes

2016 Chapter Book

Winner: *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library* by Chris Grabenstein

Honor: *Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin* by Liesl Shurtliff

* Darling: Mercy Dog of World War I* by Alison Hart, illus. Michael G. Montgomery

Other Nominees:

* Hold Fast* by Blue Balliett
* Half a Chance* by Cynthia Lord
* Sky Jumpers* by Peggy Eddleman
* The Girl from Felony Bay* by J.E. Thompson
* Charlie Bumpers vs. the Teacher of the Year* by Bill Harley, illus. Adam Gustavson
* The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond* by Brenda Woods
* A Snicker of Magic* by Natalie Lloyd

2016 Golden Sower Novel

Winner: *Stung* by Bethany Wiggins

Honor: *The Testing* by Joelle Charbonneau

* The Girl Who Was Supposed to Die* by April Henry

Other Nominees:

* Turn Left at the Cow* by Lisa Bullard
* Prisoner 88* by Leah Pileggi
* The Lightning Dreamer* by Margarita Engle
* Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan
* QB 1* by Mike Lupica
* Golden Boy* by Tara Sullivan
* Far Far Away* by Tom McNeal
2017 Picture Book

Winner: *Gaston* by Kelly DiPucchio, illus. Christian Robinson

Honor: *Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla* by Katherine Applegate, illus. G. Brian Karas

*Ninja Red Riding Hood* by Corey Rosen Schwartz, illus. Dan Santat

Other Nominees:
- *My Grandfather's Coat* by Jim Aylesworth, illus. Barbara McClintock
- *Blizzard* by John Rocco
- *Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah* by Laurie Ann Thompson, illus. Sean Qualls
- *Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas* by Lynne Cox, illus. Brian Floca
- *I Am Cow, Hear Me Moo!* by Jill Esbaum, illus. Gus Gordon
- *A Piece of Cake* by LeUyen Pham

2017 Chapter Book

Winner: *The War that Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Honor: *El Deafo* by Cece Bell

*Loot* by Jude Watson

Other Nominees:
- *Frostborn* by Lou Anders
- *The Fourteenth Goldfish* by Jennifer L. Holm
- *Life on Mars* by Jennifer Brown
- *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- *Stella by Starlight* by Sharon M. Draper
- *Dash* by Kirby Larson
- *Absolutely Almost* by Lisa Graff

2017 Golden Sower Novel

Winner: *Red Queen* by Victoria Aveyard

Honor: *Famous Last Words* by Katie Alender

*Torn Away* by Jennifer Brown

Other Nominees:
- *The Summer I Saved the World...in 65 Days* by Michele Weber Hurwitz
- *No Summit Out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits* by Jordan Romero
- *Grandmaster* by David Klass
- *The Winner’s Curse* by Marie Rutkoski
- *Jackaby* by William Ritter
- *Hunt for the Bamboo Rat* by Graham Salisbury
- *Beneath* by Roland Smith
2018 Picture Book

**Winner:** *We Forgot Brock!* by Carter Goodrich

**Honor:** *Wolfie the Bunny* by Ame Dyckman, illus. by Zachariah O’Hora

*If You Plant a Seed* by Kadir Nelson

**Other Nominees:**
- *Job Wanted* by Teresa Bateman, illus. Chris Sheban
- *New Shoes* by Susan Meyer, illus. Eric Velasquez
- *Duncan the Story Dragon* by Amanda Driscoll
- *Mother Bruce* by Ryan T. Higgins
- *Marilyn’s Monster* by Michelle Knudsen, illus. Matt Phelan
- *Miss Hazeltine’s Home for Shy and Fearful Cats* by Alicia Potter, illus. Birgitta Sif

2018 Chapter Book

**Winner:** *Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar

**Honor:** *Baker’s Magic* by Diane Zahler

*The Seventh Most Important Thing* by Shelley Pearsall

**Other Nominees:**
- *Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate
- *A Handful of Stars* by Cynthia Lord
- *Book Scavenger* by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman, illus. Sarah Watts
- *All the Answers* by Kate Messner
- *Appleblossom the Possum* by Holly Goldberg Sloan, illus. Gary Rosen
- *Ruby Lee and Me* by Shannon Hitchcock
- *Paper Things* by Jennifer Richard Jacobson

2018 Golden Sower Novel

**Winner:** *House Arrest* by K.A. Holt

**Honor:** *Orbiting Jupiter* by Gary D. Schmidt

*Code of Honor* by Alan Gratz

**Other Nominees:**
- *Booked* by Kwame Alexander
- *A Night Divided* by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- *Took: A Ghost Story* by Mary Downing Hahn
- *I Am Princess X* by Cherie Priest, illus. Kali Ciesemier
- *Terror at Bottle Creek* by Watt Key
- *Faceless* by Alyssa Sheinmel
- *Losers Take All* by David Klass
2019 Picture Book
Winner: *Madeline Finn and the Library Dog* by Lisa Papp
Honor: *I Am Not a Chair!* by Ross Burach
Anything but Ordinary Addie: The True Story of Adelaide Herrmann, Queen of Magic by Mara Rockliff, illus. by Iacopo Bruno
Other Nominees:
*Life on Mars* by Jon Agee
*Frankencrayon* by Michael Hall
*Thunder Boy Jr.* by Sherman Alexie, illus. Yuyi Morales
*The Sound of All Things* by Myron Uhlberg, illus. Ted Papoulas
*Hammer and Nails* by Josh Bledsoe, illus. Jessica Warrick
*Dragon Was Terrible* by Kelly DiPucchio, illus. Greg Pizzoli
*The Water Princess* by Susan Verde, illus. Peter H. Reynolds

2019 Chapter Book
Winner: *Maxi’s Secrets: (Or, What You Can Learn from a Dog)* by Lynn Plourde
Honor: *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown
*Wish* by Barbara O’Connor
Other Nominees:
*Soar* by Joan Bauer
*Slacker* by Gordon Korman
*All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook* by Leslie Connor
*Towers Falling* by Jewell Parker Rhodes
*Moo: A Novel* by Sharon Creech
*Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan
*Garvey’s Choice* by Nikki Grimes

2019 Golden Sower Novel
Winner: *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman
Honor: *Projekt 1065: A Novel of World War II* by Alan Gratz
*The Girl I Used to Be* by April Henry
Other Nominees:
*The Forgetting* by Sharon Cameron
*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
*When Friendship Followed Me Home* by Paul Griffin
*Desert Dark* by Sonja Stone
*Girl in the Blue Coat* by Monica Hesse
*Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk
*Ryan Quinn and the Rebel’s Escape* by Ron McGee
2020 Picture Book
Winner: *Baby Monkey, Private Eye* by Brian Selznick & David Serlin, illus. by Brian Selznick
Honor: *The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors* by Drew Daywalt, illus. by Adam Rex
*Can I Be Your Dog?* by Troy Cummings

Other Nominees:
*Mae Among the Stars* by Roda Ahmed, illus. Stasia Burrington
*The Word Collector* by Peter H. Reynolds
*Hello Goodbye Dog* by Maria Gianferrari, illus. Patrice Barton
*I Want That Nut!* by Madeline Valentine
*Charlotte and the Rock* by Stephen W. Martin, illus. Samantha Cotterill
*Hattie and Hudson* by Chris Van Dusen
*Creepy Pair of Underwear!* by Aaron Reynolds, illus. Peter Brown

2020 Chapter Book
Winner: *The Magic Misfits* by Neil Patrick Harris, illus. by Lissy Marlin & Kyle Hilton
Honor: *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate, illus. Charles Santoso
*The Doughnut Fix* by Jessie Janowitz

Other Nominees:
*Sidetracked* by Diana Harmon Asher
*The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street* by Karina Yan Glaser
*I Love You, Michael Collins* by Lauren Baratz-Logsted
*The Sky at Our Feet* by Nadia Hashimi
*The Perfect Score* by Rob Buyea
*Lemons* by Melissa Savage
*The Losers Club* by Andrew Clements

2020 Golden Sower Novel
Winner: *Restart* by Gordon Korman
Honor: *Not If I Save You First* by Ally Carter
*Refugee* by Alan Gratz

Other Nominees:
*Wonder Woman: Warbringer* by Leigh Bardugo
*The Traitor’s Game* by Jennifer A. Nielsen
*The Truth as Told by Mason Battle* by Leslie Connor
*The Ethan I Was Before* by Ali Standish
*Hooper* by Geoff Herbach
*Wild Bird* by Wendelin Van Draanen
*Warcross* by Marie Lu
2021 Picture Book
Winner: *Crash, Splash, or Moo!* by Bob Shea
Honor: *This Is a Taco!* by Andrew Cangelose, illus. by Josh Shipley
*We Don’t Eat Our Classmates* by Ryan T. Higgins
Other Nominees:
*Grumpy Monkey* by Suzanne Lang, illus. Max Lang
*Neck & Neck* by Elise Parsley
*Got to Get to Bear’s!* by Brian Lies
*The Donkey Egg* by Janet Stevens & Susan Stevens Crummel, illus. Janet Stevens
*Be Kind* by Pat Zietlow Miller, illus. Jen Hill
*Thank You, Omu!* by Oge Mora
*Sweety* by Andrea Zuill

2021 Chapter Book
Winner: *Strongheart: Wonder Dog of the Silver Screen* by Candace Fleming, illus. by Eric Rohmann
Honor: *Bob* by Wendy Mass & Rebecca Stead, illus. Nicholas Gannon
*Max and the Midknights* by Lincoln Peirce
Other Nominees:
*The Next Great Paulie Fink* by Ali Benjamin
*Captain Superlative* by J.S. Puller
*Saving Winslow* by Sharon Creech
*Hope in the Holler* by Lisa Lewis Tyre
*Ruby in the Sky* by Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo
*The Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA* by Brenda Woods
*The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl* by Stacy McAnulty

2021 Golden Sower Novel
Winner: *Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Honor: *Time Bomb* by Joelle Charbonneau
*Dry* by Neal Shusterman & Jarrod Shusterman
Other Nominees:
*Marcus Vega Doesn’t Speak Spanish* by Pablo Cartaya
*Resistance* by Jennifer A. Nielsen
*New Kid* by Jerry Craft
*Speechless* by Adam P. Schmitt
*The Unteachables* by Gordon Korman
*City of Ghosts* by Victoria Schwab
*Batman: Nightwalker* by Marie Lu

2022 Picture Book
Winner: *If I Built a School* by Chris Van Dusen
Honor: *Dandy* by Ame Dyckman, illus. Charles Santoso
*Nobody Hugs a Cactus* by Carter Goodrich
Other Nominees:
*Sheep Dog and Sheep Sheep* by Eric Barclay
*Hair Love* by Matthew A. Cherry, illus. Vashti Harrison
*Not Quite Snow White* by Ashley Franklin, illus. Ebony Glenn
*Carl and the Meaning of Life* by Deborah Freedman
*Meet Miss Fancy* by Irene Lathan, illus. John Holyfield
*The Someone New* by Jill Twiss, illus. EG Keller
2022 Chapter Book
Winner: *Wildfire* by Rodman Philbrick
*Spark* by Sarah Beth Durst
Other Nominees:
*Count Me In* by Varsha Bajaj
*Song For a Whale* by Lynne Kelly
*Because of the Rabbit* by Cynthia Lord
*Strike Zone* by Mike Lupica
*From the Desk of Zoe Washington* by Janae Marks
*Caterpillar Summer* by Gillian McDunn
*Roll With It* by Jamie Sumner

2022 Golden Sower Novel
Winner: *Run, Hide, Fight Back* by April Henry
Honor: *Dragon Hoops* by Gene Luen Yang
*The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise* by Dan Gemeinhart
Other Nominees:
*Verify* by Joelle Charbonneau
*Stepsister* by Jennifer Donnelly
*Wink* by Rob Harrell
*Prairie Lotus* by Linda Sue Park
*Black Brother, Black Brother* by Jewell Parker Rhodes
*Paul, Big, and Small* by David Glen Robb
*The Bridge Home* by Padma Venkatraman

2023 Picture Book
Nominees:
*Trees Make Perfect Pets* by Paul Czajak, illus. Cathy Gendron
*The Three Billy Goats Buenos* by Susan Middleton Elya, illus. Miguel Ordóñez
*Lift* by Minh Lê, illus. Dan Santat
*This Way, Charlie (Feeling Friends)* by Caron Levis, illus. Charles Santoso
*The Perfectly Perfect Wish* by Lisa Mantchev, illus. Jessica Courtney-Tickle
*How to Catch a Clover Thief* by Elise Parsley
*Outside, Inside* by LeUyen Pham
*On Account of the Gum* by Adam Rex
*The Box Turtle* by Vanessa Roeder
*Mel Fell* by Corey R. Tabor

2023 Chapter Book
Nominees:
*Letters From Cuba* by Ruth Behar
*Every Missing Piece* by Melanie Conklin
*The Silver Arrow* by Lev Grossman
*The Lion of Mars* by Jennifer L. Holm
*Stella* by McCall Hoyle
*Twins: A Graphic Novel* by Varian Johnson, illus. Shannon Wright
*Clues to the Universe* by Christina Li
*The Incredibly Dead Pets of Rex Dexter* by Aaron Reynolds
*The Millions Dollar Race* by Matthew Ross Smith
*Brave Like That* by Lindsey Stoddard
*The List of Things That Will Not Change* by Rebecca Stead
2023 Golden Sower Novel

Nominees:
The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
Flight of the Puffin by Ann Braden
Fighting Words by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Efren Divided by Ernesto Cisneros
Golden Arm by Carl Deuker
Unplugged by Gordon Korman
Dragon Ops by Mari Mancusi
Millionaires for the Month by Stacy McAnulty
Coop Knows the Scoop by Taryn Souders
Before the Ever After by Jacqueline Woodson