



DIRECTORY OF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE & BOOK AWARDS

Nationally-Sponsored Programs
in North America

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The Reading Tub, Inc. created this comprehensive, annotated directory to *lead you to great books to share with a child*. When you are trying to get a child excited about reading, a good place to start is to select books that have won awards. The Caldecott and Newbery Medals are among the most widely known awards ... but they are by no means the only national awards for children's literature.

On our list you will find awards presented by the book industry, library associations, organizations that advocate literacy, and winners selected by consumers. Use this directory to learn about other awards and use the hyperlinks to take you to these organizations and lists of award-winning books. Be sure to also read our Directory of State/Regional Awards.

While this directory is by no means complete, it does represent a broad cross-section of programs. We will update the directory as resources allow.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The Websites listed below are among the most informative and reliable resources for learning about awards in children's Literature. When building our list, we referred to these sites for information, links, and leads. Some are kept continually updated; others may have dated information and broken links, but they were nevertheless valuable in helping us identify children's literature award programs.

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/index.html>

<http://www.bookweb.org/btw/awards>

<http://www.harcourtbooks.com/booksearch/awardsresults.asp?letter=A>

http://www.childrenslit.com/award_link.html

Internet School Library Media Center, James Madison University <http://falcon.jmu.edu/~ramseyil/awards.htm>

<http://www.carr.org/read/stateAwardbks.htm>

<http://www.mcelmeel.com/curriculum/bookawards.html>

<http://www.slais.ubc.ca/saltman/ccib/AwardsSub.html>

http://www.bookcentre.ca/awards/awards_ind/index.shtml

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARDS

(sorted alphabetically; if named for a person, search by last name)

[\(Jane\) Addams Children's Book Award](#) Since 1953, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom has presented this annual award. The Award selects the children's books published the preceding year that effectively promote the cause of peace, social justice, world community, and the equality of the sexes and all races as well as meeting conventional standards for excellence. Honor books may also be recognized. The award is announced April 28 each year.

[Aesop Prize and Aesop Accolades](#) The **Children's Folklore Section** of the **American Folklore Society**. Awarded to the most outstanding book or books incorporating folklore and published in English for children or young adults. The Aesop Prize committee also compiles an extremely useful **Aesop Accolade List**, an annual roster of exceptional books from among Aesop Prize nominees. [See the Criteria for this award.](#)

[Alcuin Society Awards for Excellence in Book](#) (Canada) Design Since 1981 the Alcuin Society has sponsored the only national competition that recognizes and celebrates fine book design in Canada. Each year, publishers submit books to a panel of expert judges, who give the Alcuin Society Awards for Excellence in Book Design in Canada. The competition includes a children's category. Publishers may submit as many books in as many categories as they wish. Judging is based on the suitability of design concept in relation to the intellectual nature of the content and the intended audiences. Winning entries are announced and citations are presented at an awards ceremony in Vancouver in June. Award winners will benefit from national exposure through media, exhibitions and the Awards Catalogue of Winners.

[American Bookseller Kids Pick of the List Award](#) The American Booksellers Association is a non-profit trade organization with support and advocacy roles for independently-owned bookstores with storefront locations. The ABA supports free speech, literacy, and programs that encourage children to read.

[Americas Award for Children's and Young Adult Literature](#) The Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs (CLASP) gives this award in recognition of a US work in English or Spanish which "authentically and engagingly presents the experience of individuals in Latin America or the Caribbean, or of Latinos in the United States."

[Arthur Ellis Award](#) (Canada) This award, established in 1984, is presented annually by the Crime Writers of Canada, Canada's national professional association for fiction writers of crime, detective, espionage, mystery and thrillers. Since 1993 there has been a category for juvenile crime book. Books eligible for consideration must be published in the year preceding the award year (e.g., for the 2008 award, books must be published in 2007). Authors are Canadian citizens (regardless of residential status) or individuals who have permanent residence status in Canada.

Austin Young Engineer's Award This award, believed to be one-of-a-kind in the nation, was developed to encourage elementary students to become acquainted with quality science, math, and engineering books. Every two years, publishers are invited to submit books for competition in the Austin Young Engineer's Award program. Students review the books and vote to select the six most outstanding books to receive the Award's gold seal. Note: No Website found.

[Award for Excellence in Poetry for Children](#) National Council of Teachers of English (U.S.) Established 1977. Currently awarded every three years, it is announced at the Spring Conference of NCTE. The award recognizes a living American poet for his/her contribution to poetry for children ages 3 to 13.

[\(May Hill\) Arbuthnot Honor Lecture Award](#) The Arbuthnot award honors an author, critic, librarian, historian, or teacher of children's literature, of any country, who then presents a lecture at a winning host site.

[\(Mildred L.\) Batchelder Award](#) The Batchelder Award is given to an American publisher for a children's book considered to be the most outstanding of those books originally published in a foreign language in a foreign country, and subsequently translated into English and published in the United States.

[\(Pura\) Belpré Medal](#) The Belpré Medal honors a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose works best portray, affirm, and celebrate the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth. It is awarded every two years by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) and the National Association to Promote Library Services to the Spanish Speaking (REFORMA). It is named in honor of Pura Belpré, the first Latina librarian of the New York Public Library. The first awards, given in 1996, were selected from books published 1990-1995.

[Best Books Award](#) This award, sponsored by *USA Book News* is designed to promote the best books of the year with an award cycle timed to highlight award winners during the holiday season. Application deadlines are July 31 of the award year, with finalists and winners announced in September. Books published from June to December of the previous year, as well as galleys of the current year are eligible. There is an application and entry fee. There are twelve Children's book categories, including: Children's – Educational; Children's – Fiction; Children's Non-Fiction; Children's – Novelty and Gift; Children's Picture Book – Hardcover fiction; Children's Picture Book – Hardcover Fiction with audio CD; Children's Picture Book – Non-Fiction; Children's Picture Book – Softcover; Children's Picture Book – Softcover with audio CD; Children's Picture Book - Softcover Non-fiction; Young Adult – Fiction; and Young Adult – Educational.

[Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction for Young People](#) (Canada) The Canadian Children's Book Centre presents this annual award to recognize a Canadian author whose work demonstrates excellence in writing historical fiction for young readers in the previous year. All books written by Canadian citizens or landed immigrants are considered by the jury. The award was created in 1988 to honor Geoffrey Bilson, an avid reader and author. The award includes a \$1,000 prize.

[Blue Ribbon Books](#) This program is sponsored by *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*. Categories include: picture books, fiction, and non-fiction. The *Bulletin* is a book review journal for librarians, teachers, parents, and others interested in new children's books. In presenting its annual list of Blue Ribbon books, the *Bulletin* also publishes a list of "dissents" for books that were compelling to some judges, but did not quite convince the entire committee. This is a unique feature of this awards program. We were able to locate information about submitting books for consideration, but no specific criteria relative to an awards program.

[Book of the Year Awards](#) This is an annual awards program sponsored by ForeWord Magazine. The awards program is designed to recognize the literary achievements of independent publishers and their authors. ForeWord readers, librarians, and booksellers select their top categories and choose the winning titles. Evaluation criteria include editorial excellence, professional production, originality of the narrative, author credentials relative to the book and the value the book adds to its genre. Children's literature categories include: children's picture books, juvenile (9 to 12) fiction and non-fiction; and Young Adult (12+), fiction and non-fiction. The Editor's Choice Prizes (one for fiction, one for non-fiction) come with a \$1,500 cash prize. There are also gold, silver, and bronze awards. There is an entry fee for this awards program. An independently published title in any format with a copyright date of the award year is eligible for consideration. While new editions of previously published books are eligible, reissued editions are not. Books in Spanish will be accepted. More than one book and/or one book in more than one category may be submitted. Entries must be submitted by January 15 of the year following the award year. For the 2007 awards, nominations must be received by January 15, 2008. Finalists are announced in March, and winners announced at Book Expo America.

[Book Sense Book of the Year Award \(formerly American Booksellers Book of the Year - ABBY\), Children's Prize](#) Presented annually by the American Booksellers Association to the book voted by members of the American Booksellers Association as the one they most enjoy recommending. The ABBY was launched in 1991; the children's award was added in 1993. The Book Sense Book of the Year (the new name) was first presented in 2000.

[Booksense 76](#) Book Sense (booksense.com) has an annual awards program (The Book Sense Book of the Year) and an ongoing literature recognition program. From the website (they can say it better than I can). "Book Sense is a national marketing campaign on behalf of the independent bookstores of America. It is both a local and national effort to shine a light on the knowledge and diversity of independent bookstores, via the [Book Sense Bestseller List](#) – now running in more than a dozen newspapers as well as monthly in *U.S. News and World Report* and on CSPAN -- and [Book Sense Picks](#) – a monthly selection of eclectic new books chosen by independent booksellers."

[Boston Globe-Horn Book Award](#) Awarded annually since 1967 by *The Boston Globe* and *The Horn Book Magazine*. The award is usually announced in June and there can be two honor books in each of three categories (Fiction, Poetry, Picture Book, Non-Fiction).

[\(The\) Brown Bookshelf](#) This is an awards showcase program created through the partnership of African American Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English. The inuagual showcase takes place during Black History Month 2008, and is known as the 28 Days Later campaign. "The Brown Bookshelf is designed to push awareness of the myriad of African American voices writing for young readers. Their flagship initiative, 28 Days Later, is a month-long showcase of the best in picture books, middle grade and young adult novels written by African American authors."

[\(Randolph\) Caldecott Medal](#) The Caldecott Medal was named in honor of nineteenth-century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

[Canada Library Association Book of the Year for Children Award](#) (Canada) This award is presented annually by the Canadian Association of Children's Librarians to the author of an outstanding children's book published during the previous calendar year. Works in these genres are eligible, regardless of format: fiction, poetry, narrative, or non-fiction; this also includes retelling of traditional literature, anthologies, and collections. The book must be suitable for children up to age twelve and have been published in Canada by an author who is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada. Selection is made by a committee of the CLA with input from the membership. The award is presented at the CLA conference in June each year.

[Canadian Library Association Young Adult Canadian Book Award](#) (Canada) This award was established in 1980 by the Young Adult Caucus of the Saskatchewan Library Association and is administered by the Young Adult Services Group (YASIG). This prize is awarded to the author of an outstanding English language book for young adults (ages 13-18) published in the preceding calendar year. A CLA member from Saskatchewan is on the selection committee, and the Book Award seal, which was designed by a young adult from Regina, designates the winning title each year. The winning book must be a work of fiction (novel or collection of short stories) written by a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant published in Canada. The winner receives a leather bound book with the Award seal embossed on the cover in gold. The deadline is December 31, annually.

[Capitol Choices Noteworthy Books for Children](#) Capitol Choices is an organization that includes librarians, teachers, booksellers, children's literature specialists, and magazine editors who work in cities, in suburbs, and in rural areas in and around Washington, DC. Every year, the group considers books and audiobooks for readers ages 4 to 16. From the Website: "We look not only for those books and audiobooks that are obviously remarkable, but also for those whose charm or art or information or depth of feeling may not be so obvious, but without which a young person's world might be less complete. We especially look for books that may not find their audience without some special attention."

[\(Andrew\) Carnegie Medal](#) The Carnegie Medal honors the producer of the most outstanding video production for children released during the preceding year.

CHILD Magazine Best Book of the Year This award is presented annually and has been given since 2001. Note: The only way to find the award winners is to search the award title and click on publisher links. Note: There is no "master list" at child.com.

[Children's Africana Book Awards](#) The Children's Africana Book Awards were established in 1991 by the Outreach Council of the African Studies Association to encourage the publication and use of accurate, balanced children's books on Africa. The awards focus specifically on books published in the United States about Africa. Since 1991, 37 awards have been presented to the authors and illustrators of outstanding books. Awards are presented in two categories: Best Book for Young Children and the Best Book for Older Readers. Honor books receive special certificates. The awards are announced in the fall of the year.

[Children's and Young Adult Bloggers' Literary Awards](#) (The Cybils) This Internet-based awards initiative launched in 2006. The public (i.e., anyone with an Email address) can nominate titles in these categories: picture book, Nonfiction Picture Books; Middle Grade Fiction; Poetry; Young Adult Fiction; Non-Fiction (YA/MG); and Graphic Novels. You can only nominate one title per category. Cybils Committees winnow each list to five finalists and the public votes on its favorite.

[\(IRA\) Children's and Young Adult Book Awards](#) The International Reading Association's Children's and Young Adult's Book Awards are given for an author's first or second published book written for children or young adults (ages birth to 17 years). Awards are given for fiction and nonfiction in each of three categories: primary, intermediate, and young adult. Books from any country and in any language published for the first time during the 2006 calendar year will be considered. Each award carries a monetary stipend. For additional information, please contact the [Executive Office](#).

[Children's Book Committee at Bank Street College](#) The Bank Street College of Education presents three awards, one each in fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. The committee also compiles an annual list of 600 books, both fiction and non-fiction, for its "Best Children's Books of the Year" list. See award descriptions below: The Josette Frank Award (fiction), The Flora Stieglitz Straus Award (non-fiction), and the Claudia Lewis Award (poetry).

[Children's Literature Translation Award](#) (Canada) The Children's Literature Service of Library and Archives Canada administer this award. Its purpose is to promote the dissemination of children's literature by rewarding the translators who have introduced young readers, both English- and French- speaking, to the culture of children's literature of Canada, in the two official languages. Publishers are invited to submit Canadian children's books in both the translated version and the first original Canadian or foreign edition. Books must be written and translated in English or French and intended for children and teenagers. The author or translator must hold Canadian citizenship. Non-eligible works include books that have more than two authors or translators, school books or technical, specialized works. A committee made up of three translators assesses the translated books in order to choose the best translation of literary work for children. The translator(s) of the winning work from English to French and from French to English each receives a \$4000 cash prize. If the book was translated by more than one translator, the prize is shared among the translators. The publishers of the winning books each receive \$1000, to be used to promote the book that has won the award.

[\(ALSC\) Children's Notable Media Lists](#) Each year the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) identifies the best of the best in children's books, recordings, videos, and computer software.

Children's Media Awards These awards are sponsored by the non-profit Parent Guide's to Children's Media, Inc. The organization locates, reviews, and honors outstanding materials for children and teens. The Parent's Guide to Children's Media Awards Program promotes excellence in children's books, magazines, computer programs, audios, videos, television programs, and websites, as well as toys and games. Note: Could not find a Website.

[Christian Small Publisher Book of the Year Award](#) This is a new awards program in 2007. The award honors books produced by small publishers that make an "outstanding contribution to Christian life." The award's purpose is to promote small publishers (revenue less than \$350,000) in the Christian marketplace as well as to bring recognition to outstanding Christian books from small publishers. Books published in the Award year and one year prior are eligible for nomination. Books must be published in English and available in the United States. Children's books are one of three award categories.

[The Christopher Awards; Book for Young People](#) Presented each February by The Christophers to books "which affirm the highest values of the human spirit." The Christopher Awards began in 1949; the Books for Young People category was added in 1970.

[Matt Cohen Prize](#) (Canada) This annual award was created in 2001 and is presented by the Writer's Trust of Canada. The tagline for the award is "In Celebration of a Writing Life." It honors a Canadian whose body of work have contributed to Canadian literature. Matthew Cohen, who also wrote children's books using the pseudonym Teddy Jam, was a founding member of the Writer's Union of Canada and was dedicated to literature and the arts. All Canadian writers whose life has been dedicated to writing as a primary pursuit are considered. The \$20,000 prize is awarded in honor of a body of distinguished work in poetry or prose, in English or French. An independent committee selects the winner, and there is no submission process. The winner is announced in March each year.

Cybils. See Children's and Young Adult Bloggers' Literary Awards.

[DragonPencil Awards](#) The DragonPencil Awards honor the very best in independently published children's books. The sponsors describe it as "the most prestigious award for self-published children's publishers in the industry." Winners receive a plaque and 2000 embossed, foil-printed seals to apply to their books. Categories include: Book of the Year, Illustration (gold, silver medals), Literature (gold, silver medals).

[Dr. Toy Awards](#) Steveanne Auerbach, Ph.D, is more widely recognized as Dr. Toy. Children's books are among the toy categories in her 100 Best Products and Annual Toy Award programs. The Dr. Toy website is a free public service of the Institute for Childhood Resources; it offers year-round, award-winning toy and children's product information. Dr. Auerbach has extensive experience in working with children, and she has been a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children for more than 25 years.

[Max and Greta Ebel Memorial Award for Children's Writing](#) (Canada) This award was presented from 1986 until 1991. The award recognized a Canadian author which contributed to a greater understanding among people of different backgrounds, cultures and/or generations. The winning Canadian authors received a prize of \$100. According to the Canadian Children's Book Center, this award has been discontinued.

[\(Margaret A.\) Edwards Award for Outstanding Literature for Young Adults](#) Young Adult Library Services Association (American Library Association) Awarded to an author for lifetime achievement in writing for teenagers. It is given to an author whose work helps teenagers to better understand themselves and their world.

[Norma Fleck Award for Canadian Children's Non-fiction](#) (Canada) This is an annual award presented by The Canadian Children's Book Centre. The award of \$10,000 is the largest of its kind for Canadian Children's Literature. The judges use these criteria to evaluate the books submitted for the Norma Fleck Award: text of exceptional quality; subject matter presented in a way that informs and excites; visuals that clarify, extend and complement the text.

[Josette Frank Award](#) This award has been given each year since 1943 to honor a book or books of outstanding literary merit in which children or young people deal in a positive and realistic

way with difficulties in their world and grow emotionally and morally. See also Children's Book Committee at Bank Street College.

[\(Benjamin\) Franklin Awards™](#) The Ben Franklin awards recognizes excellence in independent publishing, both editorial and design. The specific genre categories are judged by three industry professionals, coming from the library, bookstore, reviewer, designer, publicity and editorial markets. The comments from these judges are returned to all participants at the completion of the competition. There are two separate calls for entries. The First Call for titles published January 1 through June 30, with a deadline of August 31. The Second Call for Entries is primarily for books published between July 1 and December 31. In the second call, all titles that carry a copyright for the nominating year will be accepted.

[\(Theodor Seuss\) Geisel Medal](#) The Theodor Seuss Geisel Medal honors the author(s) and illustrator(s) of the most distinguished contribution to the body of American children's literature known as beginning reader books published in the United States during the preceding year.

[Giverny Book Award](#) First presented in April 1998 to the "Best Children's Science Picture Book." The Giverny Award is an annual award established in 1998 by Dr. James H. Wandersee and Dr. Elisabeth Schussler for the 15 Degree Laboratory, currently based at Louisiana State University.

[Golden Kite Award](#) This award is sponsored by the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. Given annually since 1973, it recognizes excellence in children's literature in four areas: fiction, non-fiction, Picture Book text, and picture book illustration. The award comprises grant cash awards for the various categories.

[Governor General's Awards for Children's Literature](#) (Canada) From 1975 (when they award was established) until 1987, the awards were called the *Canada Council Children's Literature Prizes*. Each year, awards are presented to the best books by Canadian citizens, whether published in Canada or elsewhere. There are fourteen annual awards (\$10,000 each, with a specially-bound copy of the award-winning work) presented to Canadian authors, illustrators, and translators of the best English-language and French-language works in each of the following categories: Children's Literature - Text, Children's Literature - Illustration, Drama, Fiction, Poetry, Non-Fiction and Translation (of a Canadian-authored title). Publishers who meet four criteria are invited to submit works for this award. Books must be published within one year of the Award year.

[Greek State Children's Book Awards](#) This honorary children's book award is administered through the Hellenic Studies Program at Yale University. Awards are determined through an arbitration committee. There is a Children's Book Award for Literature, a Children's Book Award for Illustration, Book Award for Children's Education and a Special Honorary Award for Illustration. The Hellenic Studies Program will undertake the translation (at least in summary) and international presentation (in its website and elsewhere) of the two award winning books as well as work towards the strengthening and enhancing the international reputation of the State Literature Awards.

[\(Eric\) Hoffer Award for Independent Books](#) This annual award carries a \$1,500 prize to recognize excellence in publishing. The Hoffer Award is open to academic, independent, small press, and self-published books, including unique small print run books. Books must hold a

copyright within two years of the Award year; books more than 2 years from its copyright date can enter the “Legacy” category. Books are judged by category, with a Winner, Runner-Up and Honorable mentions in each category. There are two children's categories: Children (which includes titles for young children and picture books) and Young Adults (books for the teen/juvenile audience). Winners are notified after March 31 of the award year. There is an entrance fee.

[\(Amelia Frances\) Howard Gibbon Illustrator's Award \(Canada\)](#) The Amelia Frances Howard-Gibbon Illustrator's Award is awarded to an outstanding illustrator of a children's book published in Canada during 2006. To be eligible for this award, an illustrator must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, and the text of the book must be worthy of the illustrations.

[Independent Publisher Book Awards \(IPPY\)](#) Each Year, Independent Publisher awards Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals in 65 different literature categories. The award is sponsored by The Jenkins Group Publishing Services Company. Children's literature categories include: Juvenile/Young Adult Fiction; Multicultural Fiction – Children's; Children's Picture Books (6 and under); Children's Picture Books (7 and over); Children's Interactive; Multicultural Non-Fiction Juvenile/Teen/YA. Independents who market to the North American audience can submit books for judging, either at the regional or national level. There is an entry fee, but it is scaled based on whether you submit works for national or regional consideration. The deadline is April 1 of the award year.

[International Self-Published Book Awards](#) This annual award, co-sponsored by *Writers Digest* magazine and Book Marketing Works, LLC, was first presented in 1991. The grand prize winner receives \$3,000 and international exposure for their book, through promotion in *Writer's Digest* and *Publisher's Weekly*. The winner also receives a one-year membership in PMA. There are nine (9) First-Place Winners, as well as Honorable Mention winners. Children's Picture Books is one of the nine award categories. There is an application process and fee.

[iParenting Media Awards](#) In 1996, iParenting launched its first Media Awards. This is a broad program that evaluates categories in all products for parents, from accessories to sporting goods and books to media products in every category (web to TV). From the Website: "The iParenting Media Awards program is so thorough it has attained ISO 9001:2000 Certification from the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). ISO is the world's largest developer of standardization regulations, and ISO 9001:2000 is an internationally recognized standard of quality assurance. Only a fraction of the companies that attempt this certification achieve it, and the iParenting Media Awards program is the only product testing service with an awards program in our industry that has the certification." There is a fee for this program. Companies submit their products, which are then thoroughly evaluated by an expert, in a group setting with multiple users, and by a family. The evaluations are compiled and the iParenting Media Executive Committee makes the final approval.

[\(Anne\) Izard Storytellers Choice Award](#) Since 1990, the Anne Izard Storytellers' Choice Award ANNE IZARD STORYTELLERS' CHOICE AWARD has recognized distinguished titles in the field of storytelling. The award was established to honor Anne Izard, noted storyteller, librarian and Children's Services Consultant in Westchester County, New York. The award highlights distinguished works published for children and adults and promotes the riches of storytelling to even wider audiences. Stories submitted for consideration must succeed without illustrations, graphic elements, or audio-visual media. Collections and individual picture book versions of

stories will be considered. Folk tales should be distinguished by an outstanding style, which makes the particular version notable. Distinguished examples of original stories should preserve, promote and/or honor an oral tradition. Authenticity, scholarship, and documentation will be taken into consideration, but are not the sole criteria.. Non-fiction narratives, including poetry and biography, will be considered. Books which deepen and enrich a storyteller's understanding of the meaning and uses of story, as well as books pertaining to folk traditions, aesthetics, methods and study of storytelling are eligible. The Committee encourages the submission of five copies of a work. This award is presented every two years.

[Society of School Librarians International Book Awards](#) The SSLI gives annual awards in various categories to outstanding trade books for young people, published in the preceding year. Categories include: Elementary Language Arts - Picture Books; Elementary Language Arts K-6 – Novels; Secondary Language Arts 7-12 – Novels; Science – Elementary K-6; Science – Secondary 7-12; Social Studies – Elementary K-6; Social Studies – Secondary 7-12.

[\(Coretta Scott\) King Book Awards](#) Given to African American authors and illustrator for outstanding inspirational and educational contributions, the Coretta Scott King Book Award titles promote understanding and appreciation of the culture of all peoples and their contribution to the realization of the American dream. The award is designed to commemorate the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and to honor Mrs. Coretta Scott King for her courage and determination to continue the work for peace and world brotherhood.

[International Latino Book Award](#) Latino Literacy Now, a non-profit organization supporting literacy and literary excellence within the Latino community. This award recognizes the many positive contributions being made to the world of Latino literature. the organization also awards the Latino Literacy Now Lifetime Achievement Awards for publishing excellence.

[\(Claudia\) Lewis Award](#). The Claudia Lewis Award, given for the first time in 1998, honors the late Claudia Lewis, distinguished children's book expert and longtime member of the Bank Street College faculty and Children's Book Committee. She conveyed her love and understanding of poetry with humor and grace. The award is given for the best poetry book of the year. See also Children's Book Committee, Bank Street College of Education.

Latino Literary Hall of Fame Award See *International Latino Book Award*.

Library of Congress, Best Book of the Year Awarded as part of the National Book Festival

[\(Anne Spencer\) Lindbergh Prize](#) This is awarded by the Charles A and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation. The Anne Spencer Lindbergh Prize program honors Anne Spencer Lindbergh, eldest daughter of Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh, who died of cancer in 1993 at the age of 53. Anne Spencer Lindbergh was an acclaimed author of juvenile fantasies which place ordinary children in extraordinary situations. *Nick of Time*, *The People in Pineapple Place*, *Three Lives to Live* and *The Worry Week* are a few of her more well-known books. The Prize program offers a \$5,000 award to the author whose children's fantasy novel is judged to be the best published in the English language over a two-year period. In addition, one or more Honor Books may be chosen, each receiving a \$1,000 prize for the author.

[Vicky Metcalf Award for Children's Literature](#) (Canada) This award is sponsored by the Cedric Metcalf Foundation and presented by the Canadian Writer's Trust. The award is presented to the

author of a body of work in children's literature that is of the highest literary standards in the judges' opinions. The award has a \$15,000 purse. To be eligible, authors must be Canadian citizens or "landed immigrants." Considered authors have published at least four English-language books available in Canada classified as children's literature in the categories of children's fiction, non-fiction, picture book, poetry, or any combination of the four. Their work may have been published by a non-Canadian house, but must have at least one title with a copyright within three years of the award year. There is no submission process, and an independent jury selects the winner. According to the Canadian Children's Book Centre, this award has been discontinued.

[Mom's Choice Awards®](#) This is a multi-faceted Media Awards program sponsored by the Just for Mom Foundation, a non-profit charity. The Mom's Choice Awards® program seeks to recognize authors, inventors, companies, parents, and others for their efforts to create quality family-friendly media, products and services. There are multiple book categories. For Picture Books, nominee categories include humorous, inspirational, behavioral, educational, crossing generations, holiday, preschool, environment/nature, creative, sports-related, and series. Chapter book categories include books for ages 5-8, 8 and over, Young Adult. In addition to each category winner, there are honor titles.

[Moonbeam Children's Book Awards](#) This awards program launched in 2007 as a way to honor the year's best children's books. The Moonbeam Children's Book Awards are presented by publishing services company Jenkins Group, Inc. of Traverse City, Michigan. From the Website: "The Moonbeam Children's Book Awards are intended to bring increased recognition to exemplary children's books and their creators, and to support childhood literacy and life-long reading." Nominations are accepted until August of the award year. Authors, publishers, self-publishers, and independent authors (e.g., Print-on-Demand) can submit their work. Galley copies are permitted if a work is not yet available. A book may be entered in multiple categories, but separate copies are required for multiple-category entry. To be eligible, a book must be published within two years of the presenting year (for 2007, books must have copyrights in 2006 or 2007). Categories cover a broad array of children's book publishing: board books and alphabet books to young adult novels and multicultural non-fiction; and specialty categories like Religion, Holiday, Interactive, and Audiobook. There are special awards for Best First-time Author and Best Children's Book Illustrator, and awards for books that address children's health and social issues.

NAPPA Awards See National Parenting Publications Awards

NAPRA Nautilus Book Awards see Nautilus Book Awards

[National Book Award for Young People's Literature](#) Each year (November) the National Book Foundation presents an award to recognize the outstanding contribution to children's literature. The National Book Award for Young People's Literature carries a \$10,000 cash prize and the award committee will consider books of all genres written for children and young adults by U.S. writers with an emphasis on literary merit. The Young People's category was added to the National Book Awards in 1996. A Children's Books category had previously existed in the National Book Award/American Book Awards program from 1969 to 1983.

[National Indie Excellence Book Awards](#) This is an annual competition open to independent, small press, and self publishers seeking more recognition within the publishing industry.

Winners and finalists receive national media attention, including print and radio contacts, as well as Book Expo America. There is an entry fee for this competition. Nominations must be postmarked by March 31 of the award year; winners and finalists will be notified May 1; and the winners and finalists will be announced nationally at Book Expo America (always early June). There are five children's categories: Children's Fiction; Children's Non-Fiction; Children's Picture Books; Young Adult Fiction; Young Adult Nonfiction.

[National Outdoor Book Awards \(NOBA\)](#) Since 2001, the NOBA Foundation, Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education, and Idaho State University have partnered to present this award. There are ten book categories, including one for Children's books, and the award winners are announced in November each year. The purpose of the award is to recognize and encourage outstanding writing and publishing. The Award year opens with an announcement in May, and an application is required. The judging panel uses a pre-printed form during its six-week cycle to select winners.

[National Parenting Publications Awards](#) This program began in 1991. According to the NAPPA website, "NAPPA is the most comprehensive awards program for Children's Products and Parenting Resources." Products are evaluated by a panel of independent judges who are experts in their fields and have extensive professional experience working with children and parents. The judges evaluate hundreds of products to select the most fun, appealing, safe, educational, age-appropriate and enduring products so that parents can make the best purchasing choices for their families. Books is one category in this multi-faceted award program. Each year's winners are announced in a press release, and promoted through partner magazines, generally the local/regional *Parent* magazine.

[Nautilus Book Award](#) This awards program, launched in 2001, was created to recognize distinguished literary works that contributed to spiritual growth, high-level wellness, responsible leadership, positive social change, as well as to the worlds of art, creativity, and inspirational children's literature. The nautilus is a mollusk; it symbolizes both ancient wisdom and expanding horizons. There are three children's literature categories: Young Adult Visionary Fiction; Children's Illustrated; and Children's Non-Fiction. All authors and publishers who produced a new title in one or more of the contest categories can submit works. Eligible titles must be published in either of the two years preceding the Award Year (e.g., for 2007, books with copyrights in 2005 and 2006 will be considered). The titles must be published in the English language, in North America, or intended for the North American market. There is an entry fee.

[\(John\) Newbery Medal](#) The Newbery Medal was named for eighteenth-century British bookseller John Newbery. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

[\(Andre\) Norton Award for Young Adult Fiction](#) This annual award, first presented in 2006, is sponsored by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America. Its purpose is to recognize outstanding science fiction and fantasy books written for the YA market. The nomination and selection process are based on those used for the SFWA Nebula™ Awards. Any books in the genre, regardless of length, are eligible for nomination. Publishers and authors can nominate books.

[\(ALSC/Booklist/YALSA\) Odyssey Award for Excellence in Audiobook Production](#)

The Odyssey Award will be awarded annually to the best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults, available in English in the United States.

[\(Scott\) O'Dell Historical Fiction Award](#) Presented for a work of historical fiction published by a US publisher and set in the New World. The annual award of \$5,000 goes to a meritorious book published in the previous year for children or young adults. Scott O'Dell established this award in 1982 to encourage other writers--particularly new authors--to focus on historical fiction. He hoped in this way to increase the interest of young readers in the historical background that has helped to shape their country and their world.

[Oppenheim Toy Portfolio](#) This program began in 1989 as the only independent consumer review of children's media. The Toy Portfolio rates the best and worst of products for children. What distinguishes the OTP from other Media programs is its process. It does not accept advertisement, nor does it charge an entry fee. Products submitted for consideration are "tested" with the target audience, families and children's experts. Award levels include Platinum, Gold, and Silver. Book categories are separated as follows: infant, toddler, preschool, early school years, later school years.

[The Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding NonFiction for Children](#) Bestowed by the National Council of Teachers of English (U.S.) Established in 1990 to promote and recognize excellence in nonfiction writing. The award is named in commemoration of the book *Orbis Pictus (The World in Pictures)* by Johann Comenius. It was originally published in 1657, and is considered to be the first informational book written specifically for children.

Parent Council Awards Parent Council reviewers are teachers, librarians, and parents who examine and review the best new titles from a learning perspective. Note: No website found.

[Parents' Choice Awards](#) Awarded by the Parents' Choice Foundation, the awards identify the best products for children of different ages, backgrounds, skills, and interests, the Parents' Choice Awards are given to products that meet and exceed standards set by educators, scientists, performing artists, librarians, parents, and kids. Product categories in the Parents' Choice Awards program include: audio recordings, books, toys, software, magazines, television programs, home videos, DVDs, and video games. Parents' Choice evaluates, reviews, and awards the best products produced for children.

[Phoenix Award](#) The Children's Literature Association created the Phoenix Award in 1985 to recognize a children's book of high literary merit originally published in English. Nominations are offered by Association members and others interested in promoting high critical standards for children's literature. This award, presented by the Children's Literature Association, recognizes an outstanding children's book that, when published twenty years earlier did not receive a major award.

[Practical Homeschooling Reader Awards](#) This set of awards (First, Second, Third and Honorable Mention) is presented by Practical Homeschooling Magazine.

[Prix Aurora Awards](#) (Canada) These awards have been presented by the Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Association since 1980. Originally one award, this is now a program of ten awards. Though largely for adult works in the science fiction and fantasy genres, there is a Best

work in English – Other and Best Work in French – Other categories that can include nominations of children's literature. There is a nomination phase, and then voting for a short-list. The winner is selected from the short-list by judges who rank the titles.

[\(The Michael L.\) Printz Award](#) is an award for a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature. It is named for a Topeka, Kansas school librarian who was a long-time active member of the Young Adult Library Services Association. The award is sponsored by [Booklist](#), a publication of the American Library Association.

[The Quills Book Award](#) This is an initiative launched by Reed Business Information and NBC to recognize excellence in writing and publishing. The organizers describe it as an "industry qualified" consumer's choice program for books. The awards, given for both adult and children's books, include nineteen categories.

[Regina Medal](#) Since 1959, the Catholic Library Association has presented this award to recognize "continued, distinguished contribution to children's literature without regard to the nature of the contribution." The Regina Medal Committee makes the selection for this award, whose only criterion is (according to the website) "excellence."

[The Schneider Family Book Awards](#) The Schneider Family Book Awards honor an author or illustrator for a book that embodies an artistic expression of the disability experience for child and adolescent audiences. Three annual awards each consisting of \$5000 and a framed plaque, will be given annually in each of the following categories: birth through grade school (age 0-10), middle school (age 11-13) and teens (age 13-18). (Age groupings are approximations). The book must emphasize the artistic expression of the disability experience for children and or adolescent audiences. The book must portray some aspect of living with a disability or that of a friend or family member, whether the disability is physical, mental or emotional.

[\(Robert F.\) Sibert Informational Book Medal](#) The Sibert Medal honors the author(s) and illustrator(s) of the most distinguished informational book published during the preceding year.

[\(John\) Steptoe Awards for New Talent](#) The award is established to affirm new talent and to offer visibility to excellence in writing and/or illustration which otherwise might be formally unacknowledged within a given year within the structure of the two awards given annually by the Coretta Scott King Task Force. These books affirm new talent and offer visibility to excellence in writing or illustration at the beginning of a career as a published book creator.

[Storytelling World Awards](#) This annual awards program recognizes the "most exciting" new stories that audiences of various ages would enjoy. A select panel of evaluators empaneled by Storytelling World, evaluate nominated works in seven categories. Three categories pertain to children's works: Stories for Young Listeners; Stories for pre-Adolescent Listeners; and Stories for Adolescent listeners. Originally created at the *Tennessee Storytelling Journal* in 1989, *Storytelling World* launched as a national periodical in 1992, and is, today *Storytelling Magazine*. There is no entry fee for this Awards program. Works must have a copyright within five years of the nomination deadline. The nominations may be published in any country, but the printed or performance language must be English. The story length for each submission should be approximately 200-2000 words, although exceptions may occur. Nominations close at the end of July one year and winners are announced in May the following year.

[\(Flora Stieglitz\) Straus Award](#) This award, established in 1994, honors Flora Stieglitz Straus of the Children's Book Committee. The award is presented annually for a nonfiction book that serves as an inspiration to young readers. See also Children's Book Committee at Bank Street College.

[\(Sydney\)Taylor Book Award for Young Readers](#) The Sydney Taylor Book Award recognizes the best in Jewish children's literature. Medals are awarded annually for outstanding books that authentically portray the Jewish experience. The award was established in 1968. It is named in memory of Sydney Taylor, author of the classic All-of-a-Kind Family series.

[TD Canadian Children's Literature Award](#) (Canada) In 2004, the Canadian Children's Book Center and TD Bank Financial Group established this award to recognize the most distinguished book of the year. From the website: "Distinguished" is defined as marked by conspicuous excellence and/or eminence, individually distinct and noted for significant achievement with excellence in quality. The winners receive \$20,000 each (one for English, one for French). There are also up to four honor books, with cash awards. The publisher receives \$2,500 for the grand-prize winning title. The judging panels (one for English books, one for books in French) includes five individuals in the literacy profession (educators, booksellers, reviewers, librarians). The list of finalists is announced in September; the winners in November.

[Teacher's Choice Awards](#) This annual award is sponsored by *Learning Magazine*. The program recognizes children's books in character education, language arts, science, and social studies. There are *TCA's for the Classroom* and *TCA's for the Family*, each with its own set of categories. Note: *The TCA for the Family - Children's Books Category* offers a second set of titles; they are not the same as the TCA for Children's Books.

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[\(Laura Ingalls\) Wilder Award](#) Administered by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award was first given to its namesake in 1954. The award, a bronze medal, honors an author or illustrator whose books, published in the United States, have made, over a period of years, a substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children.

Writer's Digest International Self-Published Book Awards See International Self-Published Book Awards

Writer's Notes Awards see Eric Hoffer Award for Independent Books

[\(Anne V.\) Zarrow Award for Young Readers' Literature](#) This national award is given nationally by the Tulsa Library Trust. Its purpose is to give formal recognition, on behalf of the Tulsa County community, to nationally acclaimed authors who have made a significant contribution to the field of literature for children and young adults. The award includes a \$7,500 cash prize and crystal book.

[\(Charlotte\) Zolotow Award](#) This award, established in 1998, recognizes the author of the best picture book text published in the United States in the preceding year. The award, which includes a \$1,000 prize and bronze medallion, is given annually and is named in honor of Charlotte Zolotow. Ms. Zolotow is the author of more than 70 picture books; she was also a children's

book editor at Harper Junior Books for 38 years. The award is administered by the Cooperative Children's Book Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison.