

CALDECOTT MEDAL BOOKS

2004. Mordicai Gerstein. [*The Man Who Walked Between the Towers.*](#)

In 1974, French aerialist Philippe Petit threw a tightrope between the two towers of the World Trade Center and spent an hour walking, dancing, and performing high-wire tricks a quarter mile in the sky.

2003. Eric Rohmann. [*My Friend Rabbit.*](#)

After letting Rabbit play with his toy plane, Mouse finds himself in a real jam as the plane gets stuck high in a tree, but despite Rabbit's help, Mouse's plane just won't come free.

2002. David Wiesner (illus.) [*The Three Pigs.*](#)

The three pigs escape the wolf by going into another world where they meet the cat and the fiddle, the cow that jumped over the moon, and a dragon.

2001. David Small (illus.) and **Judith St. George.** [*So You Want to Be President?*](#)

Presents an assortment of facts about the qualifications and characteristics of U.S. presidents, from George Washington to Bill Clinton.

2000. Simms Taback. [*Joseph Had A Little Overcoat.*](#)

A very old overcoat is recycled numerous times into a variety of garments.

1999. Mary Azarian (illus) and **Jacqueline Briggs Martin.** [*Snowflake Bentley.*](#)

A biography of a self-taught scientist who photographed thousands of individual snowflakes in order to study their unique formations.

1998. Paul O. Zelinsky. [*Rapunzel.*](#)

A retelling of a folktale in which a beautiful girl with long golden hair is kept imprisoned in a lonely tower by a sorceress.

1997. David Wisniewski. [*Golem.*](#)

A saintly rabbi miraculously brings to life a clay giant who helps him watch over the Jews of sixteenth-century Prague.

1996. Peggy Rathmann. [*Officer Buckle and Gloria.*](#)

The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips, until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches.

1995. David Diaz (illus.) and **Eve Bunting.** [*Smoky Night.*](#)

When the Los Angeles riots break out in the streets of their neighborhood, a young boy and his mother learn the values of getting along with others no matter what their background or nationality.

1994. Allen Say. [*Grandfather's Journey.*](#)

A Japanese American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America which he later also undertakes, and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries.

1993. Emily Arnold McCully. [*Mirette on the High Wire.*](#)

Mirette learns tightrope walking from Monsieur Bellini, a guest in her mother's boarding house, not knowing that he is a celebrated tightrope artist who has withdrawn from performing because of fear.

1992. David Wiesner. [*Tuesday.*](#)

Frogs rise on their lily pads, float through the air, and explore the nearby houses while their inhabitants sleep.

1991. David Macaulay. [*Black and White.*](#)

Four brief "stories" about parents, trains, and cows, or it is really all one story?

1990. Ed Young. [*Lon Po Po.*](#)

Three sisters staying home alone are endangered by a hungry wolf that is disguised as their grandmother.

1989. Stephen Gammell (illus.) and **Karen Ackerman.** [*Song and Dance Man.*](#)

Grandpa demonstrates for his visiting grandchildren some of the songs, dances, and jokes he performed when he was a vaudeville entertainer.

1988. John Schoenherr (illus.) and **Jane Yolen.** [*Owl Moon.*](#)

On a winter's night under a full moon, a father and daughter trek into to woods to see the Great Horned Owl.

- 1987. Richard Egielski** (illus.) and **Arthur Yorinks**. [*Hey, Al.*](#)
Al, a janitor, and his faithful dog, Eddie, discover that there really is no place like home.
- 1986. Chris Van Allsburg**. [*The Polar Express.*](#)
A magical train ride on Christmas Eve takes a boy to the North Pole to receive a special gift from Santa Claus.
- 1985. Trina Schart Hyman** (illus.) and **Margaret Hodges**. [*Saint George and the Dragon: A Golden Legend.*](#)
George, the Red Cross Knight, slays the dreadful dragon that has been terrorizing the countryside for years and brings peace and joy to the land.
- 1984. Alice and Martin Provensen**. [*The Glorious Flight: Across the Channel with Louis Bleriot, July 25, 1909.*](#)
A biography of the man whose fascination with flying machines produced the Bleriot XI, which crossed the English Channel in thirty-seven minutes in the early 1900's.
- 1983. Marcia Brown** (illus.) and **Blaise Cendrars**. [*Shadow.*](#)
A collection of eerie free verse, which represents the beliefs and ghosts of the past that can be brought to life through storytelling
- 1982. Chris Van Allsburg**. [*Jumanji.*](#)
Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical jungle adventure board game.
- 1981. Arnold Lobel**. [*Fables.*](#)
Twenty original fables include an array of animal characters from crocodile to ostrich.
- 1980. Barbara Cooney** (illus.) and **Donald Hall**. [*Ox-Cart Man.*](#)
Describes the day-to-day life throughout the changing seasons of an early 19th-century New England family.
- 1979. Paul Goble**. [*The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses.*](#)
Though she is fond of her people, a girl prefers living among the wild horses where she is truly happy and free.
- 1978. Peter Spier**. [*Noah's Ark.*](#)
Retells in pictures how a pair of every manner of creature climbed on board Noah's ark and thereby survived the Flood.
- 1977. Leo and Diane Dillon** (illus.) and **Margaret Musgrove**. [*Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions.*](#)
Explains some traditions and customs of 26 African tribes beginning with letters from A to Z.
- 1976. Leo and Diane Dillon** (illus.) and **Verna Aardema**. [*Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale.*](#)
A traditional West African tale that reveals how the mosquito developed its annoying habit.
- 1975. Gerald McDermott**. [*Arrow to the Sun.*](#)
An adaptation of the Pueblo Indian myth which explains how the spirit of the Lord of the Sun was brought to the world of men.
- 1974. Margot Zemach** (illus.) and **Harve Zemach**. [*Duffy and the Devil.*](#)
The spinning and knitting the devil agrees to do for her win Duffy the Squire's name and a carefree life until it comes time for her to guess the devil's name.
- 1973. Blair Lent** (illus.) and **Arlene Mosel**. [*The Funny Little Woman.*](#)
While chasing a dumpling, a little lady is captured by wicked creatures from whom she escapes with the means of becoming the richest woman in Japan.
- 1972. Nonny Hogrogian**. [*One Fine Day.*](#)
After the old woman cuts off his tail when he steals her milk, the fox must go through a long series of transactions before she will sew it back on again.
- 1971. Gail E. Haley**. [*A Story A Story: An African Tale.*](#)
Recounts how most African folk tales came to be called "Spider Stories."
- 1970. William Steig**. [*Sylvester and the Magic Pebble.*](#)
A magic pebble saves Sylvester's life but brings sorrow and problems to the young donkey and his family.

- 1969. Uri Shulevitz** (illus.) and **Arthur Ransome**. [*The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship: A Russian Tale.*](#)
When the Czar proclaims that he will marry his daughter to the man who brings him a flying ship, the Fool of the World sets out to try his luck and meets some unusual companions on the way.
- 1968. Ed Emberley** (illus.) and **Barbara Emberley**. [*Drummer Hoff.*](#)
An old folk verse which tells of the building of a cannon as each soldier bring a part.
- 1967. Evaline Ness**. [*Sam, Bangs and Moonshine.*](#)
Relates the experiences of a little girl as she learns to tell difference between make believe and real life.
- 1966. Nonny Hogrogian** (illus.) and **Sorche Nic Leodhas**. [*Always Room for One More.*](#)
In this Scottish folk song, a generous family always has room for another person and invites in everyone who passes by
- 1965. Beni Montresor** (illus.) and **Beatrice Schenk De Regniers**. [*May I Bring A Friend?*](#)
A well-mannered little boy gains permission to bring his animal friends to visit the king and queen.
- 1964. Maurice Sendak**. [*Where the Wild Things Are.*](#)
A little boy who is sent to his room for behaving mischievously suddenly imagines himself in a magic forest inhabited by wild creatures.
- 1963. Ezra Jack Keats**. [*The Snowy Day.*](#)
The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day.
- 1962. Marcia Brown**. [*Once A Mouse.*](#)
As it changes from mouse, to cat, to dog, to tiger, a hermit's pet also becomes increasingly vain.
- 1961. Nicolas Sidjakov** (illus.) and **Ruth Robbins**. [*Baboushka and the Three Kings.*](#)
An old woman who was too busy to travel with the Wise Men to find the Child now searches endlessly for Him each Christmas season
- 1960. Marie Hall Ets**. [*Nine Days to Christmas.*](#)
Cici, a little Mexican girl, has her very own Christmas festival with her first piñata.
- 1959. Barbara Cooney** (illus.) and **Geoffrey Chaucer**. [*Chanticleer and the Fox.*](#)
A sly fox tries to outwit a proud rooster though the use of flattery.
- 1958. Robert McCloskey**. [*Time of Wonder.*](#)
Follows the activities of two children spending their summer vacation on an island off the coast of Maine.
- 1957. Marc Simont** (illus.) and **Janice May Udry**. [*A Tree Is Nice.*](#)
This book tells why trees are good to have around; They are beautiful. It is fun to climb them. They make shade for animals and people and especially for picnics.
- 1956. Feodor Rojankovsky** (illus.) and **John Langstaff**. [*Frog Went A-Courtin'.*](#)
Illustrates the well-known American folk song about courtship and marriage of the frog and the mouse.
- 1955. Marcia Brown** (illus.) and **Charles Perrault**. [*Cinderella.*](#)
In her haste to flee the palace before the fairy godmother's magic loses effect, Cinderella leaves behind a glass slipper.
- 1954. Ludwig Bemelmans**. [*Madeline's Rescue.*](#)
A hound rescues a schoolgirl from the Seine, becomes a beloved school pet, is chased away by the trustees, and returns with a surprise.
- 1953. Lynd Ward**. [*The Biggest Bear.*](#)
Johnny goes hunting for a bearskin to hang on his family's barn and returns with a small bundle of trouble.
- 1952. Nicolas Mordvinoff** (illus.) and **William Lipkind**. [*Finders Keepers.*](#)
Two shaggy dogs find a bone, and set out to establish ownership by asking advice of passers-by.
- 1951. Katherine Milhous**. [*Egg Tree.*](#)
Grandmother teaches the children how to make an egg tree.
- 1950. Leo Politi**. [*Song of the Swallows.*](#)
Sad when the swallows leave for the winter, young Juan prepares to welcome them back to the old California Mission at Capistrano on St. Joseph's Day the next spring

1949. Berta and Elmer Hader. [*The Big Snow.*](#)

Despite their elaborate preparations for the winter, the animals and birds are delighted by a surprise banquet after a big snow.

1948. Roger Duvoisin (illus.) and **Alvin R. Tresselt.** [*White Snow, Bright Snow.*](#)

The happiness that the first snowfall brings to children and the work it is for the farmer, the postman, and the policeman.

1947. Leonard Weisgard (illus.) and **Golden MacDonald.** [*The Little Island.*](#)

A little island changes as the seasons come and go. The weather changes it. So do the lobsters and seals and gulls that stop by. Then one day a kitten visits the little island and learns a secret every child will enjoy

1946. Maude and Miska Petersham. [*The Rooster Crows.*](#)

A book of American rhymes and jingles

1945. Elizabeth Orton Jones (illus.) and **Rachel Lyman Field.** [*Prayer for A Child.*](#)

An illustrated bedtime prayer which gives thanks for the many aspects of a child's world.

1944. Louis Slobodkin (illus.) and **James Thurber.** [*Many Moons.*](#)

Little princess wanted the moon, and only the court jester was wise enough to get it for her.

1943. Virginia Lee Burton. [*The Little House.*](#)

A country house is unhappy when the city, with all its buildings and traffic, grows up around her.

1942. Robert McCloskey. [*Make Way for Ducklings.*](#)

Mr. and Mrs. Mallard proudly return to their home in the Boston Public Garden with their eight offspring.

1941. Robert Lawson. [*They Were Strong and Good.*](#)

The author proudly tells of his four grandparents, who are typical of most Americans.

1940. Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire. [*Abraham Lincoln.*](#)

Well-known anecdotes of Lincoln, particularly of his youth and prairie years, are recounted in this picture biography.

1939. Thomas Handforth. [*Mei Li.*](#)

The New Year Fair is in the city, and Mei Li's brother has been told that he can go but little girls have to stay home but Me Li, sneaks off for a grand time at the fair.

1938. Dorothy P. Lathrop (illus.) [*Animals of the Bible: A Picture Book.*](#)

Includes the creation of the animals, the animals of the ark, Abraham's ram, the raven of Elijah, the manger, and Peter's cock.