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Edwards Award

About the Edwards Award

The Margaret A. Edwards Award, established in 1988, honors an author, as well as a specific body of his or her work, for significant and lasting contribution to young adult literature. The annual award is administered by YALSA and sponsored by [School Library Journal](#) magazine. It recognizes an author's work in helping adolescents become aware of themselves and addressing questions about their role and importance in relationships, society, and in the world. The Edwards award celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2013.

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Nonfiction Award

The YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction honors the best nonfiction book published for young adults (ages 12-18) during a January 1 – December 31 publishing year. The award winner will be announced annually at the ALA Midwinter Meeting Youth Media Awards, with a shortlist of up to five titles named the first week of December.



Printz Award

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.

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YALSA's Book Awards & Booklists

Looking for great teen books? Look no further than YALSA's Book Awards and Selected Booklists.

While these books have been selected for teens from 12 to 18 years of age, the award-winning titles and the titles on YALSA's selected lists span a broad range of reading and maturity levels. We encourage adults to take an active role in helping individual teens choose those books that are the best fit for them and their families.

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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.



2013 Medal Winner



The 2013 Caldecott Medal winner is *This Is Not My Hat*, written and illustrated by Jon Klassen, published by Candlewick Press.

In this darkly humorous tale, a tiny fish knows it's wrong to steal a hat. It fits him just right. But the big fish wants his hat back. Klassen's controlled palette, opposing narratives and subtle cues compel readers to follow the fish and imagine the consequence.

"With minute changes in eyes and the slightest displacement of seagrass, Klassen's masterful illustrations tell the story the narrator doesn't know," Caldecott Chair Sandra Imdieke said.

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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.



2013 Medal Winner



The 2013 Newbery Medal winner is *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate, published by HarperCollins Children's Books, a division of HarperCollins Publishers

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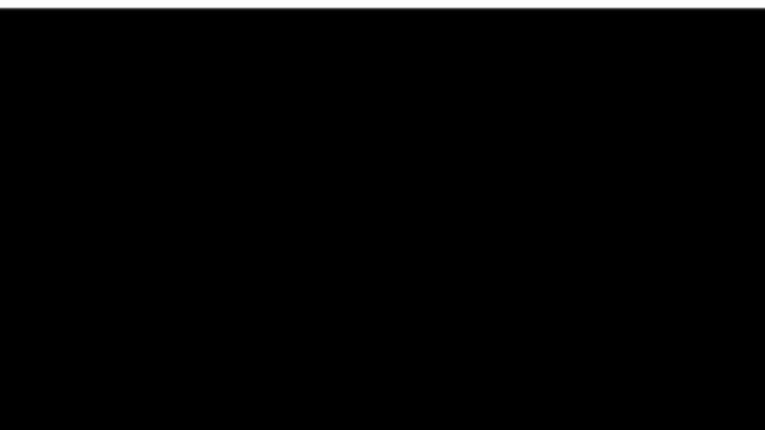
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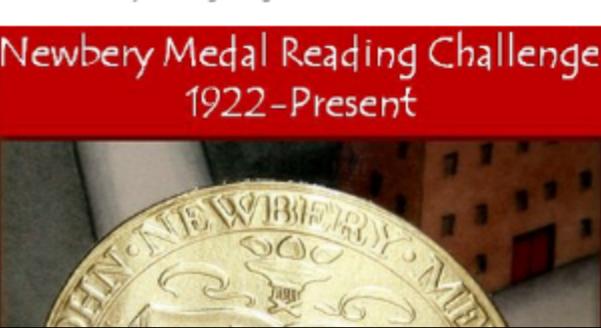
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I explain the Newbery Challenge in the following video:



Take a look at the Newbery Medal winners - 1922 - Present:

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Mr. Schu

I am a K-5 teacher-librarian who works diligently to put the right book in every child's hand. Book trailers are one way to connect readers with books.

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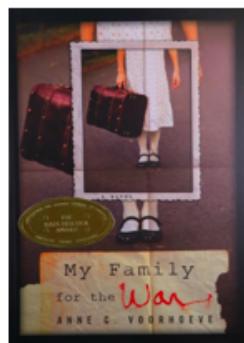
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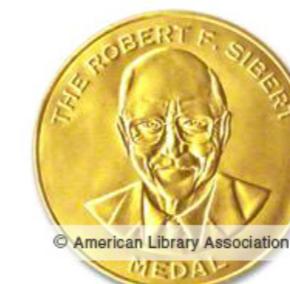
2013 Award



Dial Books, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA) Inc. for *My Family for the War*, written by Anne C. Voorhoeve, translated by Tammi Reichel

The book tells the story of 11-year-old Ziska who is Protestant but because of her Jewish heritage flees Nazi Germany via one of the secret trains called kindertransports. When she joins an Orthodox Jewish household in London, she gains a new family for the war.

"My Family for the War" is an outstanding book about terrible choices. It is a story of hope, humor, endurance and even romance," said Batchelder Award Committee Chair Jean Hatfield.

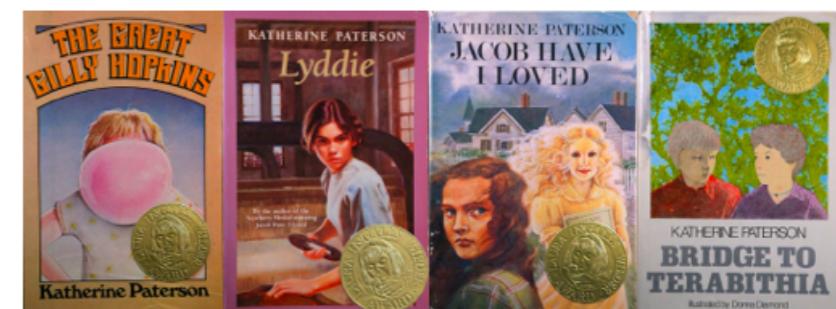


The Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal is awarded annually to the author(s) and illustrator(s) of the most distinguished informational book published in the United States in English during the preceding year. The award is named in honor of Robert F. Sibert, the long-time President of Bound to Stay Bound Books, Inc. of Jacksonville, Illinois. ALSC administers the award.

Welcome to the (Laura Ingalls) Wilder Award home page!



The Wilder Award 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.

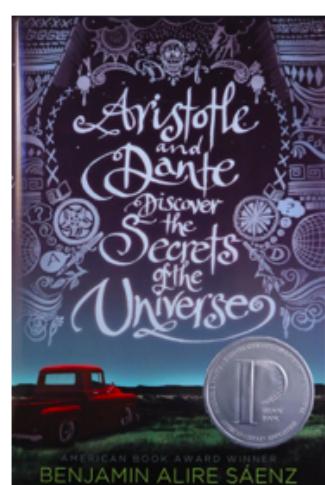


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The award is named after Pura Belpré, the first Latina librarian at the New York Public Library. The Pura Belpré Award, established in 1996, is presented annually to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth. It is co-sponsored by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), and REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking, an ALA affiliate.



2013 Author Award Winner



Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe, by Benjamin Alire Sáenz, published by Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Division

"Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe" brings readers the tale of 15-year-old loner Aristotle Mendoza and his friendship with Dante Quintana. Sáenz exquisitely captures the story of two boys on the edge of manhood. By addressing issues of identity, friendship, family and love, Sáenz pushes beyond geography, sexuality and cultural identity to create a truly universal novel.

"Sáenz demonstrates superb use of language and character development, while gently exploring important aspects of identity without straying into gender or cultural stereotypes," said Pura Belpré Award Committee Chair Charmette S. Kuhn-Kendrick.

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The Geisel Award is given annually to the author(s) and illustrator(s) of the most distinguished American book for beginning readers published in English in the United States during the preceding year.

2013 Medal Winner



Up, Tall and High!, written and illustrated by Ethan Long is the Geisel Award winner. The book is published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, a division of Penguin Young Readers Group.

A bevy of birds perform a play in three acts, while teaching the concepts of up, tall and high. The large font, word repetition, occasional rhyming and simple, but clever illustrations support the very beginning reader's effort to read independently. Children will delight in reading additional words hidden beneath thick flaps.

"Using few words, Ethan Long has created a book that children will enjoy on multiple levels."

Awards Less Familiar



Texas State University College of Education developed The Tomás Rivera Mexican American Children's Book Award to honor authors and illustrators who create literature that depicts the Mexican American experience. The award was established in 1995 and was named in honor of Dr. Tomás Rivera, a distinguished alumnus of Texas State University.



Tomás Rivera Book Award Winners

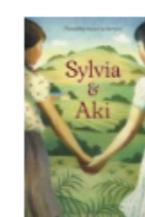
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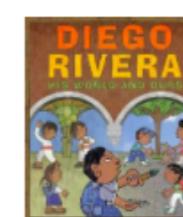


Under the Mesquite
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Sylvia and Aki
Written by: Winifred Conkling



Diego Rivera: His World and Ours
Written and Illustrated by: Duncan Tonatiuh



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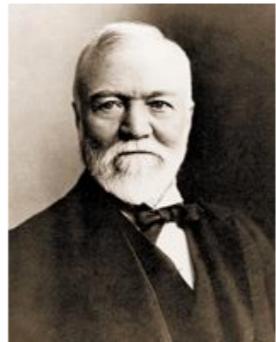
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The Carnegie Medal



The Carnegie Medal is awarded annually to the writer of an outstanding book for children.

It was established by in 1936, in memory of the great Scottish-born philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919). Carnegie was a self-made industrialist who made his fortune in steel in the USA. His experience of using a library as a child led him to resolve that *"if ever wealth came to me that it should be used to establish free libraries."*

Carnegie set up more than 2800 libraries across the English speaking world and, by the time of his death, over half the library authorities in Great Britain had Carnegie libraries.

First awarded to Arthur Ransome for 'Pigeon Post', the winner receives a golden medal and £500 worth of books to donate to a library of their choice.

The medal is awarded by CILIP: the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals.



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The Kate Greenaway Medal was established in 1955, for distinguished illustration in a book for children. It is named after the popular nineteenth century artist known for her fine children's illustrations and designs.

The CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal is awarded annually for an outstanding book in terms of illustration for children and young people.

The winner receives a golden medal and £500 worth of books to donate to a library of their choice.

Since 2000, the winner of the Kate Greenaway Medal has also been awarded the £5000 Colin Mears Award. Colin Mears, a Worthing based accountant and children's book collector, left a bequest providing every Greenaway winner with a cash award as well as the coveted Medal.

The medal is awarded by CILIP: the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals.



THE ASTRID LINDGREN MEMORIAL AWARD

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Do you want to know more about the works of the laureates?

The reading guides give information for anyone wanting to know more about our laureates and their works. The guides contain an introduction of the author or illustrator, description of the contents, a suggested interpretation and topics for discussions. They are meant to be used in book circles, in schools or just as inspiration for further reading.

Good Literature Gives the Child a Place in the World...

...and the world a place in the child.

Astrid Lindgren is one of Sweden's most important authors. Her works have been translated into more than 90 languages. She renewed children's literature and combined artistic integrity with commitment to the rights of children and young people. Astrid Lindgren died in 2002 at the age of 94, but her stories will live forever. To honour her memory and to promote interest in children's and young adult literature around the world, the Swedish government founded an international award in her name, the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award.

The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award is presented every year. The award money is SEK 5 million, making it the largest international children's and young adult literature award in the world. The award total indicates that reading by children and young adults is extremely important. The total is also intended to inspire anyone involved in children's literature.

The award is presented to authors, illustrators, oral storytellers and reading promoters. The award may be presented to a single laureate or to several, regardless of language or nationality.

The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award is administered by the Swedish Arts Council.

An award from the Swedish people to the world

Children's literature has the ability to encourage understanding and exchange between cultures and people. Children's and young adult's access to literature is a precondition for democracy and openness. Children's rights globally is the foundation of our work. The attention of the award leads to more translations and to more children having access to high-quality literature.



Hans Christian Andersen Awards

Every other year IBBY presents the Hans Christian Andersen Awards to a living author and illustrator whose complete works have made a lasting contribution to children's literature.

The Hans Christian Andersen Award is the highest international recognition given to an author and an illustrator of children's books. Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark is the Patron of the Andersen Awards.

The nominations are made by the National Sections of IBBY and the recipients are selected by a distinguished international jury of children's literature specialists.





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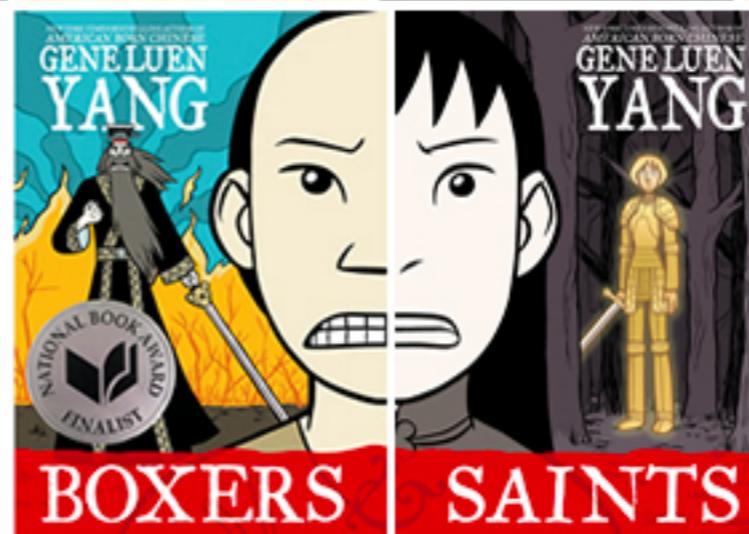
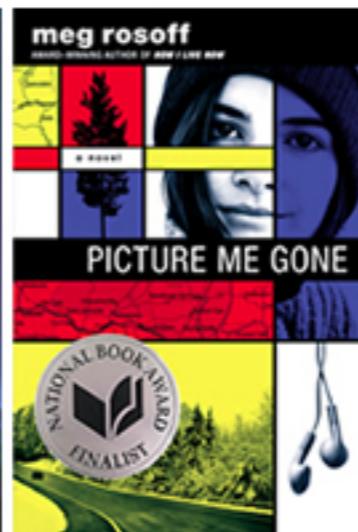
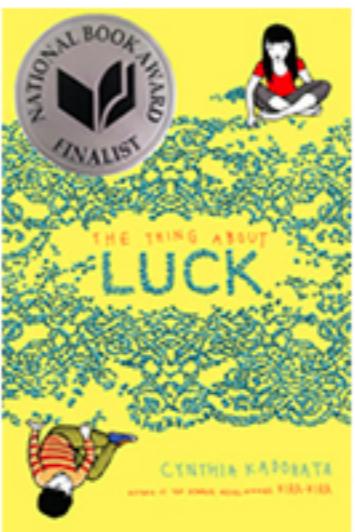
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With its expanded scope, it soon became obvious that so many categories diffused the Awards' impact. By 1984 the Board had reduced the number of awards categories to three and, in 1987, reestablished the National Book Awards with an emphasis that the Awards are given by writers to writers. Since 1996, independent panels of five writers have chosen the National Book Award Winners in four categories: Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry, and Young People's Literature.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LITERATURE



EISNER AWARDS



***Building Stories* and *Saga* Big Winners at 2013 Eisner Awards**

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The big winners at the 2013 Will Eisner Comic Industry Awards, sponsored by **Syfy**, were Chris Ware's *Building Stories* (published by Pantheon) and Brian K. Vaughan and Fiona Staples's *Saga* (published by Image). *Building Stories* was awarded Best Graphic Album—New and Best Publication Design, and Ware was chosen Best Writer/Artist and Best Letterer. *Saga* received the awards for Best Continuing Series, Best New Series, and Best Writer. The only other titles with multiple wins were

Marvel's *Hawkeye* (Best Penciler/Inker and Best Cover Artist for David Aja) and Dark Horse's *Blacksad: Silent Hell* (Best U.S. Edition of International Material and Best Painter for Juanjo Guarnido).



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Nebula Awards



The Nebula Awards® are voted on, and presented by, active members of Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, Inc. Founded as the Science Fiction Writers of America in 1965 by Damon Knight, the organization began with a charter membership of 78 writers; it now has over 1,500 members, among them many of the leading writers of science fiction and fantasy.

Lloyd Biggle, Jr., the SFWA's first secretary-treasurer, originally proposed in 1965 that the organization publish an annual anthology of the best stories of the year. This notion, according to Damon Knight in his introduction to *Nebula Award Stories: 1965* (Doubleday, 1966) "rapidly grew into an annual ballot of SFWA's members to choose the best stories, and an annual awards banquet."

Since 1965, the Nebula Awards have been given each year for the best novel, novella, novelette, and short story eligible for that year's award. The Award for Best Script was added in 2000. An anthology including the winning pieces of short fiction and several runners-up is also published every year. The Nebula Awards® Banquet, which takes place each spring, is attended by many writers and editors and is preceded by meetings and panel discussions.

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Awarded in San Jose, CA

Novel: *2312* by Kim Stanley Robinson (Orbit US; Orbit UK)
Novella: *After the Fall, Before the Fall, During the Fall* by Nancy Kress (Tachyon)
Novelette: "Close Encounters" by Andy Duncan (*The Pottawatomie Giant & Other Stories*)
Short story: "Immersion" by Aliette de Bodard (*Clarkesworld 6/12*)
Ray Bradbury Award for outstanding dramatic presentation: *Beasts of the Southern Wild*, Benh Zeitlin (director), Lucy Alibar and Benh Zeitlin (writers), (Journeyman/Cinereach/Court 13/Fox Searchlight)
Andre Norton Award For Young Adult Science Fiction And Fantasy Book: *Fair Coin*, E.C. Myers (Pyr)

2012 Damon Knight Grand Master: Gene Wolfe
Solstice Award: Carl Sagan and Ginjer Buchanan
Kevin O'Donnell Jr. Service to SFWA Award: Michael H. Payne

Past Winners:

2011 Nebula Award Winners
Awarded in Washington D.C.

Novel: *Among Others*, Jo Walton (Tor)
Novella: *"The Man Who Bridged the Mist,"* Kij Johnson (*Asimov's Science Fiction*, October/November 2011)
Novelette: "What We Found," Geoff Ryman (*The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*, September/October 2011)
Short Story: *"The Paper Menagerie,"* Ken Liu (*The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*, March/April 2011)
Ray Bradbury Award: *Doctor Who: "The Doctor's Wife,"* Neil Gaiman (writer), Richard Clark (director) (BBC Wales)
Andre Norton Award: *The Freedom Maze*, Delia Sherman (Big Mouth House) 2010 Nebula Award Winners

2011 Damon Knight Grand Master Award: Connie Willis
Solstice Award: Octavia Butler (posthumous) and John Clute
Service To SFWA Award: Bud Webster

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Novel: *Blackout/All Clear* by Connie Willis (Spectra)

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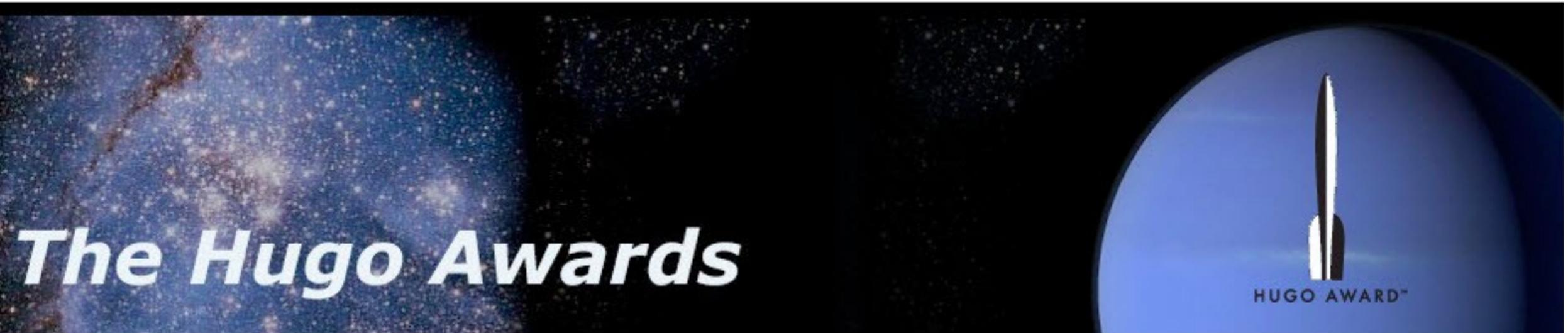
Featured Member

 David D. Levine is the author of over fifty published SF and Fantasy stories. His work has appeared in markets including Asimov's, Analog, and F&SF and has won or been nominated for awards including the Hugo, Nebula, Sturgeon, and Campbell.

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The Hugo Awards



Introduction

The Hugo Awards, presented annually since 1955, are science fiction's most prestigious award. The Hugo Awards are voted on by members of the World Science Fiction Convention (["Worldcon"](#)), which is also responsible for administering them.

The Hugo Awards are trademarked by the World Science Fiction Society ("WSFS"), an unincorporated literary society which sponsors the annual World Science Fiction Convention and the Hugo Awards. WSFS is really just a framework for the individual Worldcons — it has no officers and no permanent organization (other than the Mark Protection Committee, which is responsible for registering and defending WSFS's trademarks, and its Marketing Subcommittee, which runs this website.)

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“Mono no Aware”, Ken Liu (*The Future is Japanese*, VIZ Media LLC)

BEST RELATED WORK

Writing Excuses Season Seven, Brandon Sanderson, Dan Wells, Mary Robinette Kowal, Howard Tayler and Jordan Sanderson

BEST GRAPHIC STORY

Saga, Volume One, written by Brian K. Vaughan, illustrated by Fiona Staples (Image Comics)

BEST DRAMATIC PRESENTATION, LONG FORM

The Avengers, Screenplay & Directed by Joss Whedon (Marvel Studios, Disney, Paramount)

BEST DRAMATIC PRESENTATION, SHORT FORM

Game of Thrones, “Blackwater”, Written by George R.R. Martin, Directed by Neil Marshall. Created by David Benioff and D.B. Weiss (HBO)

BEST EDITOR, SHORT FORM



About the Awards

The **Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Adult Literature** is given to the fantasy novel, multi-volume novel, or single-author story collection for adults published during the previous year that best exemplifies "the spirit of the Inklings". Books not selected as finalists in the year after publication are eligible for a second year. Books from a series are eligible if they stand on their own; otherwise, the series becomes eligible the year its final volume appears.

The **Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Children's Literature** honors books for younger readers (from "Young Adults" to picture books for beginning readers), in the tradition of *The Hobbit* or *The Chronicles of Narnia*. Rules for eligibility are otherwise the same as for the Adult literature award. The question of which award a borderline book is best suited for will be decided by consensus of the committees.

The **Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Inklings Studies** is given to books on J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, and/or Charles Williams that make significant contributions to Inklings scholarship. For this award, books first published during the previous three years are eligible, including finalists for previous years.

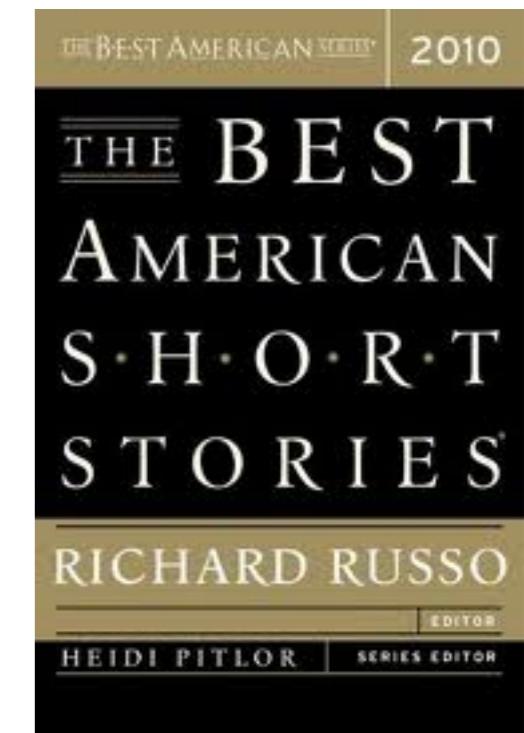
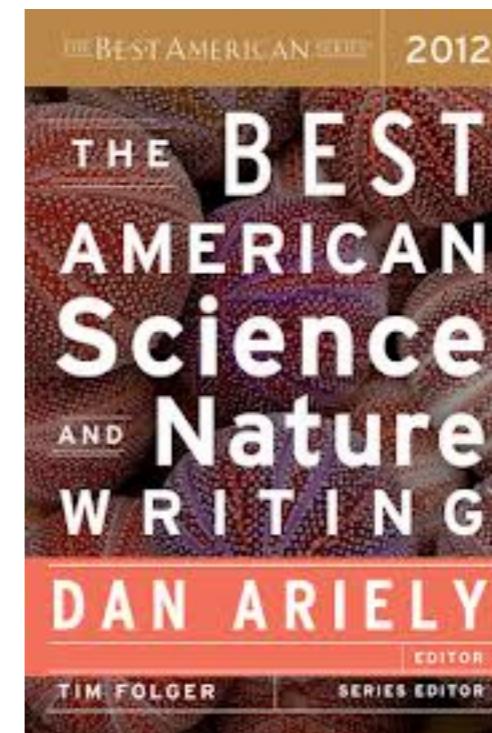
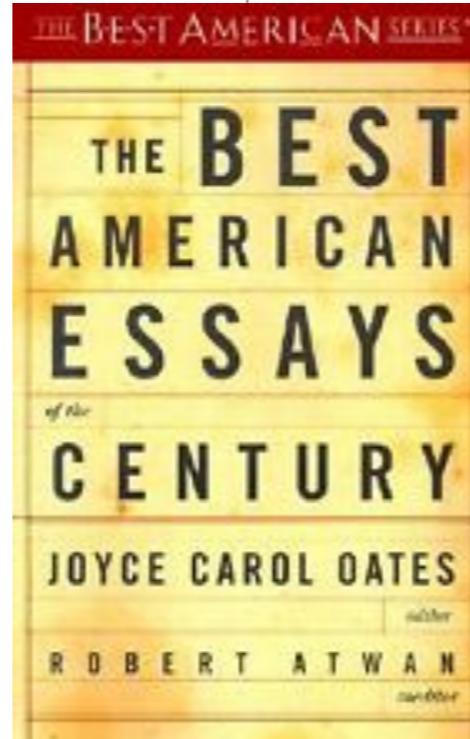
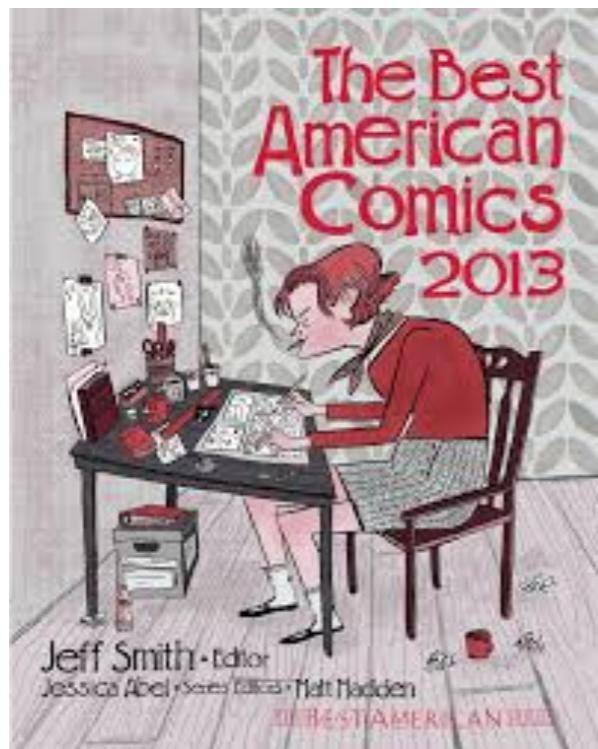
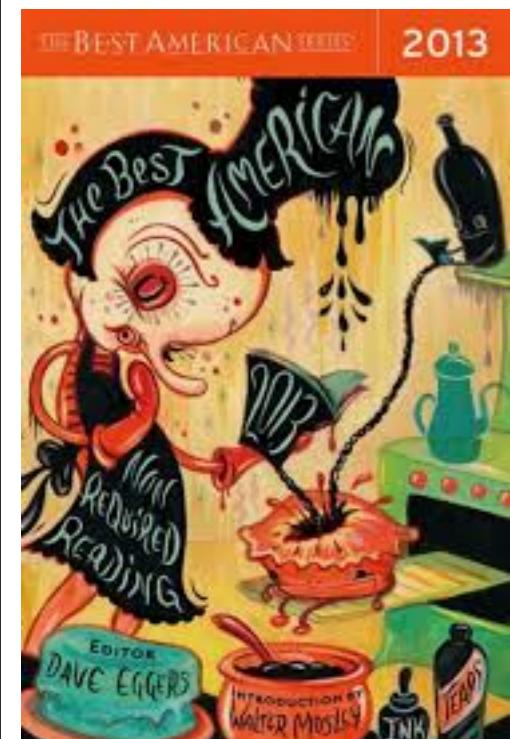
The **Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Myth and Fantasy Studies** is given to scholarly books on other specific authors in the Inklings tradition, or to more general works on the genres of myth and fantasy. The period of eligibility is three years, as for the Inklings Studies award.

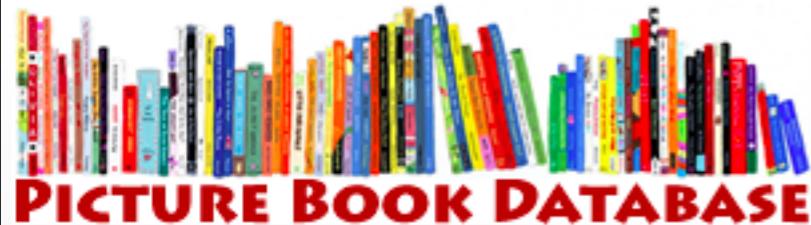
Children's Literature

- Sarah Beth Durst, *Vessel* (Margaret K. McElderry)
- Jorge Aguirre and Rafael Rosado, *Giants Beware!* (First Second)
- Merrie Haskell, *The Princess Curse* (HarperCollins)
- Christopher Healy, *The Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom* (Walden Pond Press)
- Sherwood Smith, *The Spy Princess* (Viking Juvenile)

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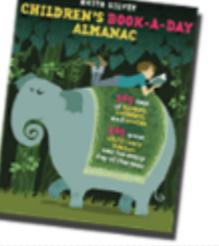
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NOVEMBER 2

YESTERDAY **TOMORROW**

So You Want to Be President?

by Judith St. George
Illustrated by David Small
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It's November when Americans vote in national elections. November is also Picture Book Month, a time set aside to celebrate the need for picture books in the lives of children. Both causes merge in our book of the day, which both educates and entertains young people — just as good picture books should.

Winner of the 2001 Caldecott Medal for David Small's expressive and extremely funny illustrations, *So You Want to Be President?* by Judith St. George (revised in 2004) explores the backgrounds and personal characteristics of our nation's presidents. Using telling details and fascinating quotes, St. George reveals one drawback of the job—people get mad at the president. Someone once threw a cabbage at William Howard Taft, who quipped, "I see that one of my adversaries has lost his head." St. George also points out why someone would want to be president. One of the perks is living in the White House—with its own swimming pool, movie theater, and bowling alley.

A FEW OTHER EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2:

- Happy birthday Natalie Kinsey-Warnock (*The Canada Geese Quilt*).
- MLK Day is on its way. On this day in 1983, President Ronald Reagan signs a bill creating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- People living in space! The first crew arrives at the International Space Station in 2000. Read *Space Station Rat* by Michael Daley.
- Circles are everywhere: in raindrop ripples, in some letters of the alphabet, and in children's books. It's Look for Circles Day so see how many you can find! Read *So Many Circles, So Many Squares* by Tana Hoban, and *Pond Circles* by Betsy Franco and Stefano Vitale.

In this book we learn that our nation has a propensity for electing those born in a log cabin and how presidents come with a variety of personalities. Calvin Coolidge, shy and quiet, had a dinner guest bet that she could get him to say more than two words. "You lose," he retorted. Clearly he also possessed a dry sense of humor. Presidents can be handsome or homely; Warren Harding may have been our best-looking president, but he once said, "I am not fit for



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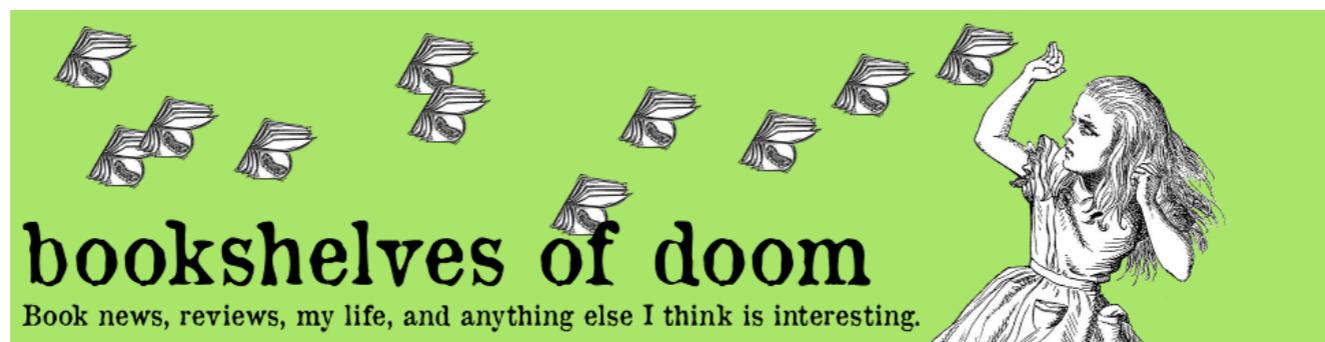


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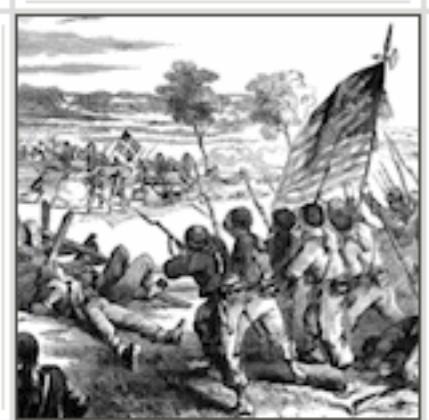
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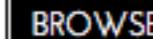


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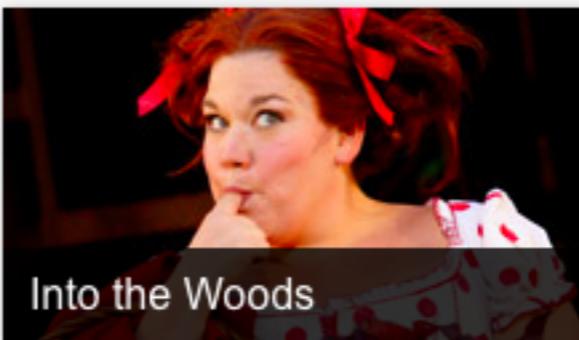


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