

Newbery Medal Books (2015-1995)

This medal is given annually by the American Library Association for the most Outstanding contribution to children's literature.

2015-The Crossover (Teen, Alexander) Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

2014-Flora and Ulysses (J DiCamillo) Rescuing a squirrel after an accident involving a vacuum cleaner, comic-reading cynic Flora Belle Buckman is astonished when the squirrel, Ulysses, demonstrates astonishing powers of strength and flight after being revived.

2013- The One and Only Ivan (J* Applegate) When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

2012-Dead End in Norvelt (Teen, Gantos) The importance of history and reading is at the heart of this achingly funny romp through a dying New Deal town in 1962.

2011-Moon Over Manifest (J Vanderpool) In 1936, Abilene, 12 years old and the daughter of a drifter, is sent to live with family friends in Kansas.

2010-When You Reach Me (J Stead) A young girl in 1980s New York tries to make sense of a series of anonymous and mysterious notes that defy the laws of time and space.

2009-The Graveyard Book (J Gaiman/Teen Gaiman) Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and other citizens of the cemetery.

2008-Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices From a Medieval Village (J812.6 Schlitz) A collection of short monologues featuring children, who live in or near a 13th century English manor.

2007-The Higher Power of Lucky (J Patron) Fearing that her legal guardian plans to abandon her, ten-year-old Lucky Trimble determines to run away.

2006-Criss Cross (Teen, Perkins) Teenagers in a small town in the 1960s question their identities, connect, and disconnect as they search for the meaning of life and love.

2005-Kira-Kira (J Kadohata) Chronicles the lives of two Japanese-American sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the 1960s and the despair when one sister becomes terminally ill.

2004-The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread (J DiCamillo) Tells of Despereaux, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat who is determined to bring them all to ruin.

2003-Crispin: The Cross of Lead (Teen, Avi) Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.

2002-A Single Shard (J Park) Tree-Ear, a 13 year old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potter's village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate ceramics himself.

2001-A Year Down Yonder (J Peck) During the recession of 1937, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice is sent to live with her feisty, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois and comes to a better understanding of this fearsome woman.

2000-Bud, Not Buddy (J Curtis) 10-year-old Bud, a motherless boy during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father.

1999-Holes (J Sachar) Stanley Yelnats is sent to a terrifying correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend and a treasure.

1998-Out of the Dust (J Hesse/Teen Hesse) In a series of poems, 15 year old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's farm during the dust bowl years of the Depression.

1997-The View From Saturday (J Konigsburg) Four students develop a special bond and attract the attention of their paraplegic teacher, who chooses them to represent the 6th grade in the Academic Bowl.

1996-The Midwife's Apprentice (J Cushman/Teen Cushman) In medieval England, a nameless, homeless girl is taken in by a sharp-tempered midwife.

1995-Walk Two Moons (J Creech/Teen Creech) After her mother suddenly leaves home, 13 year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip, retracing her mother's route.

