

Coretta Scott King

Author and Illustrator Awards

Given to African American authors and illustrators 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 of a pluralistic society.

The year's winners are in bold type

Year	Author Award		Illustrator Award	
	Author	Title	Illustrator / Author	Title
2023	Luqman-Dawson, Amina	Freewater	Weatherford, Carole Boston	Standing in the need of prayer
	Zoboi, Ibi	<i>Starchild: A Biographical Constellation of Octavia Estelle Butler</i>	Edwards, Michelle	<i>Me and my Boss: A Story about mending and love</i>
	Williams, Alicia	<i>The Talk</i>	Christmas, Johnnie	<i>Swim Team</i>
	Smith, Tommie	<i>Victory.Stand! Raising my fist for justice</i>	Smith, Tommie	<i>Victory.Stand! Raising my fist for justice</i>
2022	Weatherford, Carole Boston	Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre	Weatherford, Carole Boston	Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre
	Elhillo, Safia	<i>Home is Not a Country</i>	Robinson, Christian	<i>Nina : A Story of Nina Simone</i>
	Magoon, Kekla	<i>Revolution in Our Time</i>	Figuroa, Raissa	<i>We Wait for the Sun</i>
	Zoboi, Ibi	<i>The People Remember</i>	Esperanza, C.G.	<i>Soul Food Sunday</i>
2021	Woodson, Jacqueline	Before the Ever After	Morrison, Frank	R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul
	Taylor, Mildred D	<i>All the Days Past, All the Days to Come</i>	Juanita, Kaylani	<i>Magnificent Homespun Brown: A Celebration</i>
	Callender, Kacen	<i>King and the Dragonflies</i>	Cabrera, Cozbi A	<i>Exquisite: The Poetry Life of Gwendolyn Brooks</i>
	Dionne, Evette	<i>Lifting as We Climb:Black Women's Battle for the Ballot Box</i>	Cabrera, Cozbi A	<i>Me & Mama</i>
2020	Craft, Jerry	New Kid	Nelson, Kadir	The Undeclared
	Petrus, Junauda	<i>The Stars and the Blackness Between Them</i>	Bryan, Ashley	<i>Infinite Hope: A Black Artist's Journey from World War II to Peace</i>
	Mbalia, Kwame	<i>Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky</i>	Harrison, Vashti	<i>Sulwe</i>
	Reynolds, Jason	<i>Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks</i>	Ransome, James E	<i>The Bell Rang</i>
2019	Hartfield, Claire	A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919	Holmes, Euka	The Stuff of Stars
	Cline-Ransome, Lesa	<i>Finding Langston</i>	Freeman, Laura	<i>Hidden Figures</i>
	Johnson, Varian	<i>The Parker Inheritance</i>	Morrison, Frank	Morrison, Frank
2018	Watson, Renee	Piecing Me Together	Holmes, Euka	Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets
	Thomas, Angie	<i>The Hate You Give</i>	Barnes, Derrick	<i>Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut</i>
	Reynolds, Jason	<i>Long Way Down</i>	Christie, R. Gregory	<i>Memphis, Martin, and Mountaintop</i>

2017	Lewis, John / Aydin, Andrew	March: Book 3	Step toe, Javaka	Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat
	Reynolds, Jason	<i>As Brave As You</i>	Christie, Gregory / Weatherford, Carole Boston	<i>Freedom in Congo Square</i>
2016	Williams-Garcia, Rita	Gone Crazy in Alabama	Andrews, Troy and Bill Taylor	Trombone Shorty
	Reynolds, Jason	<i>All American Boys</i>	Christie, R. Gregory / Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux	<i>Freedom in Congo Square</i>
2015	Woodson, Jacqueline	Brown girl dreaming	Myers, Christopher / Copeland, Misty	Firebird
	Alexander, Kwame	<i>The Crossover</i>		
	Nelson, Marilyn (illustrated by Hadley Hooper)	<i>How I Discovered Poetry</i>	Robinson, Christian / Powell, Patricia Hruby	<i>JOSEPHINE: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker</i>
	Magoon, Kekla	<i>How It Went Down</i>		
2014	Williams-Garcia, Rita	P.S. Be Eleven	Collier, Bryan	Knock knock: my dad's dream for me
	Lewis, John / Aydin, Andrew	<i>March: Book One</i>	Nelson, Kadir	<i>Nelson Mandela</i>
2013	Pinkney, Andrea Davis	Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America	Collier, Bryan / Hughes, Langston	I, Too, Am America
	Woodson, Jacqueline	<i>Each Kindness</i>	Minter, Daniel / Lyons, Kelly Starling	<i>Ellen's Broom</i>
	Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux	<i>No Crystal Stair: A Documentary Novel of the Life and Work of Lewis Micheaux, Harlem Bookseller</i>	Myers, Christopher	<i>H. O. R. S. E.</i>
2012	Nelson, Kadir	Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans	Evans, Shane W.	Underground: Finding the Light to Freedom
	Greenfield, Eloise	<i>The Great Migration: Journey to the North</i>	Nelson, Kadir	<i>Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans</i>
	McKissack, Patricia C.	<i>Never Forgotten</i>		

2011	Williams-Garcia, Rita	<i>One Crazy Summer</i>	Collier, Bryan / Hill, Laban Carrick	<i>Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave</i>
	Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Lockdown</i>	Steptoe, Javaka / Golio, Gary	<i>Jimi: Sounds Like a Rainbow: A Story of the Young Jimi Hendrix</i>
20010	Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux	<i>Bad News for Outlaws</i>	Smith, Jr, Charles R.	<i>My People</i>
	Davis, Tanita S.	<i>Mare's War</i>	Lewis, E.B. / Hughes, Langston	<i>The Negro Speaks of Rivers</i>
2009	Nelson, Kadir	<i>We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball</i>	Cooper, Floyd / Thomas, Joyce Carol	<i>The Blacker the Berry</i>
	Smith, Hope Anita	<i>Keeping the Night Watch</i>	Nelson, Kadir	<i>We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball</i>
	Thomas, Joyce Carol	<i>The Blacker the Berry</i>	Pinkney, Jerry / Aston, Dianna Hutts	<i>The Moon Over Star</i>
	Weatherford, Carole Boston	<i>Becoming Billie Holiday</i>	Qualls, Sean / Weatherford, Carole Boston	<i>Before John Was a Jazz Giant</i>
2008	Curtis, Christopher Paul	<i>Elijah of Buxton</i>	Bryan, Ashley	<i>Let It Shine: Three Favorite Spirituals</i>
	Draper, Sharon M.	<i>November Blues</i>	Devard, Nancy / Joy, N.	<i>The Secret Olivia Told Me</i>
	Smith, Jr., Charles R.	<i>Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammad Ali</i>	Dillon, Leo & Diane	<i>Jazz On a Saturday Night</i>
2007	Draper, Sharon	<i>Copper Sun</i>	Nelson, Kadir / Weatherford, Carole Boston	<i>Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom</i>
	Grimes, Nikki	<i>The Road to Paris</i>	Myers, Christopher / Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Jazz</i>
2006	Lester, Julius	<i>Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue</i>	Collier, Brian / Giovanni, Nikki	<i>Rosa</i>
	Bolden, Tonya	<i>Maritcha: A Nineteenth-Century American Girl</i>	Christie, R. Gregory / Williams, Mary	<i>Brothers In Hope: The Story of the Lost Boys of Sudan</i>
2005	Morrison, Toni	<i>Remember: The Journey to School Integration</i>	Nelson, Kadir A. / Shange, Ntozake	<i>Ellington Was Not a Street</i>
	Moses, Shelia P.	<i>The Legend of Buddy Bush</i>	Pinkney, Jerry / Holiday, Billie & Herzog, Jr., Arthur	<i>God Bless the Child</i>
	Flake, Sharon G.	<i>Fortune's Bones: The Manumission Requiem</i>	Dillon, Leo & Diane / Hamilton, Virginia	<i>The People Could Fly: The Picture Book</i>
2004	Johnson, Angela	<i>The First Part Last</i>	Bryan, Ashley	<i>Beautiful Blackbird</i>
	Draper, Sharon	<i>The Battle of Jericho</i>	Bootman, Colin / Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux	<i>Almost to Freedom</i>
	Woodson, Jacqueline	<i>Locomotion</i>	Nelson, Kadir / Nolen, Jerdine	<i>Thunder Rose</i>

2003	Grimes, Nikki	<i>Bronx Masquerade</i>	Grimes, Nikki	<i>Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman</i>
	Woods, Brenda	<i>The Red Rose Box</i>	Dillon, Leo & Diane	<i>Rap a Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles-Think of That</i>
	Grimes, Nikki	<i>Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman</i>	Collier, Bryan / Perdomo, Willie	<i>Visiting Langston</i>
2002	Taylor, Mildred	<i>The Land</i>	Pinkney, Jerry / McKissack, Patricia	<i>Goin' Someplace Special</i>
	Flake, Sharon G.	<i>Money-Hungry</i>	Collier, Bryan / Rappoport, Doreen	<i>Martin's Big Words</i>
2001	Woodson, Jacqueline	<i>Miracle's Boys</i>	Collier, Bryan	<i>Uptown</i>
	Pinkney, Andrea Davis	<i>Let It Shine! Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters</i>	Collier, Bryan	<i>Freedom River</i>
2000	Curtis, Christopher Paul	<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i>	Pinkney, Brian / Siegelson, Kim L.	<i>In the Time of the Drums</i>
	English, Karen	<i>Francie</i>	Lewis, E.B. / Mollé, Tololwa M.	<i>My Rows and Piles of Coins</i>
	McKissack, Patricia C. & Frederick L.	<i>Black Hands, White Sails: The Story of African-American Whalers</i>	Myers, Christopher	<i>Black Cat</i>
1999	Johnson, Angela	<i>Heaven</i>	Wood, Michele / Igus, Toyomi	<i>I see the rhythm</i>
	Grimes, Nikki	<i>Jazmin's Notebook</i>	Cooper, Floyd / Thomas, Joyce Carol	<i>The Bat Boy and His Violin</i>
	Hansen, Joyce & McGowan, Gary	<i>Breaking Ground, Breaking Silence: The Story of New York's African Burial Ground</i>	Lewis, E.B. / Curtis, Gavin	<i>The Bat Boy and His Violin</i>
	Johnson, Angela	<i>The Other Side: Shorter Poems</i>	Pinkney, Brian / Pinkney, Andrea Davis	<i>Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and His Orchestra</i>
1998	Draper, Sharon M.	<i>Forged by Fire</i>	Steptoe, Javaka / Schroeder, Alan	<i>In Daddy's Arms I am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers</i>
	Haskins, James	<i>Bayard Rustin: Behind the Scenes of the Civil Rights Movement</i>	Bryan, Ashley	<i>Ashley Bryan's ABC of African American Poetry</i>
	Joyce Hansen	<i>I Thought My Soul Would Rise and Fly: The Diary of Patsy, a Freed Girl</i>	Myers, Christopher / Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Harlem</i>
1997	Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Slam</i>	Pinkney, Jerry / Schroeder, Alan	<i>Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman</i>
	McKissack, Patricia C. & Frederick L.	<i>Rebels Against Slavery: American Slave Revolts</i>	Christie, Gregorie / Adedjouma, Davida (editor)	<i>The Palm of My Heart: Poetry by African American Children</i>

1996	Hamilton, Virginia	<i>Her Stories</i>	Feelings, Tom	<i>The Middle Passage: White Ships Black Cargo</i>
	Curtis, Christopher Paul	<i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963</i>	Dillon, Leo & Diane / Hamilton, Virginia	<i>Her Stories</i>
	Williams-Garcia, Rita	<i>Like Sisters on the Homefront</i>	Pinkney, Brian / San Souci, Robert D.	<i>The Faithful Friend</i>
1995	McKissack, Patricia C. & Frederick L.	<i>Christmas in the Big House, Christmas in the Quarters</i>	Ransome, James / Johnson, James Weldon	<i>The Creation</i>
	Hansen, Joyce	<i>The Captive</i>	Shaffer, Terea / Medearis, Angela Shelf	<i>The Singing Man</i>
	Woodson, Jacqueline	<i>I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This</i>	Cooper, Floyd / Grimes, Nikki	<i>Meet Danitra Brown</i>
1994	Johnson, Angela	<i>Toning the Sweep</i>	Feelings, Tom / Fogelman, Phyllis	<i>Soul Looks Back in Wonder</i>
	Thomas, Joyce Carol	<i>Brown Honey in Broom Wheat Tea</i>	Cooper, Floyd / Thomas, Joyce Carol	<i>Brown Honey in Broom Wheat Tea</i>
	Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Malcolm X: By Any Means Necessary</i>	Ransome, James / Mitchell, Margaree King	<i>Uncle Jed's Barbershop</i>
1993	McKissack, Patricia C.	<i>Dark Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural</i>	Wilson, Kathleen Atkins / Anderson, David A.	<i>The Origin of Life on Earth: An African Creation Myth</i>
			Clay, Wil / Wahl, Jan	<i>Little Eight John</i>
			Pinkney, Brian / Souci, Rober D. San	<i>Sukey and the Mermaid</i>
	Walter, Mildred Pitts	<i>Mississippi Challenge</i>	Byard, Carole / Williams, Sherley Anne	<i>Working Cotton</i>
	McKissack, Patricia C. & Frederick L.	<i>Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman?</i>		
Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Somewhere in the Darkness</i>			



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