

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
2025	Reynolds, Jason	Twenty-four Seconds from Now		Esperanza, C.G.	My Daddy is a Cowboy
	Watson, Renee	<i>Black Girl you are Atlas</i>		Holmes, Ekua	<i>Coretta: The Autobiography of Mrs. Coretta Scott King</i>
	Alexander, Kwame	<i>Black Star</i>		Lewis, E.B.	<i>Everywhere Beauty is Harlem: The Vision of Photographer Roy DeCarava</i>
	Cline-Ransome, Lesa	<i>One Big Sky</i>		Harrison, April	<i>Go Forth and Tell: The life of Augusta Baker</i>
2024	Zoboi, Ibi	Nigeria Jones		Coulter, Dare	An American Story
	Harrison, Vashti	<i>Big</i>		Harrison, Vashti	<i>Big</i>
	Weatherford, Carole Boston	<i>How Do You Spell Unfair?</i>		Wright, Shannon	<i>Holding Her Own</i>
2023	Lugman-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>		Figueroa, 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>The Parker Inheritance</i>		Harrison, Vashti	<i>Sulwe</i>
2019	Hartfield, Claire	A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919		Holmes, Euka	The Stuff of Stars
	Cline-Ransome, Lesa	<i>Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky</i>		Freeman, Laura	<i>Hidden Figures</i>
	Reynolds, Jason	<i>The Parker Inheritance</i>			
2018	Watson, Renee	A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919		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>			
2017	Lewis, John / Aydin, Andrew	March: Book 3		Stephoe, Javaka	Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat
	Reynolds, Jason	<i>As Brave As You</i>		Christie, R. Gregory / Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux	<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>		Robinson, Christian / Powell, Patricia Hruby	<i>JOSEPHINE: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker</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>		Minter, Daniel / Lyons, Kelly Starling	<i>Nelson Mandela</i>

2013	Pinkney, Andrea Davis	<i>Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America</i>	Collier, Bryan / Hughes, Langston	<i>I, Too, Am America</i>
	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>		
2012	Nelson, Kadir	<i>Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans</i>	Evans, Shane W.	<i>Underground: Finding the Light to Freedom</i>
	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>
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>
2010	Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux	<i>Bad News for Outlaws</i>	Cooper, Floyd / Thomas, Joyce Carol	<i>The Blacker the Berry</i>
	Davis, Tanita S.	<i>Mare's War</i>	Nelson, Kadir	<i>We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball</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>
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>
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>
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. / Mollel, 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>	Pinkney, Brian / Pinkney, Andrea Davis	<i>Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and His Orchestra</i>

1997	Myers, Walter Dean	Slam	Pinkney, Jerry / Schroeder, Alan	Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman
	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	Her Stories	Feelings, Tom	The Middle Passage: White Ships Black Cargo
	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.	Christmas in the Big House, Christmas in the Quarters	Ransome, James / Johnson, James Weldon	The Creation
	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	Toning the Sweep	Feelings, Tom / Fogelman, Phyllis	Soul Looks Back in Wonder
			Cooper, Floyd / Thomas, Joyce Carol	<i>Brown Honey in Broom Wheat Tea</i>
			Pinkney, Brian / Souci, Rober D. San	<i>Sukey and the Mermaid</i>
	Thomas, Joyce Carol	<i>Brown Honey in Broom Wheat Tea</i>	Ransome, James / Mitchell, Margaree King	<i>Uncle Jed's Barbershop</i>
	Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Malcolm X: By Any Means Necessary</i>		



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