

NCTE ORBIS PICTUS AWARD

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1990-2000 PAST WINNERS

The NCTE Orbis Pictus Award was established in 1989 for promoting and recognizing excellence in the writing of nonfiction for children. The name *Orbis Pictus* commemorates the work of Johannes Amos Comenius, *Orbis Pictus—The World in Pictures* (1657), considered to be the first book actually planned for children.

2000 *Through My Eyes* by Ruby Bridges, Margo Lundell (Scholastic Press)



Honor Books:

- *At Her Majesty's Request: An African Princess in Victorian England* by Walter Dean Myers (Scholastic Press)
- *Clara Schumann: Piano Virtuoso* by Susanna Reich (Clarion Books)
- *Mapping the World* by Sylvia A. Johnson (Atheneum)
- *The Snake Scientist* by Sy Montgomery, illustrated by Nic Bishop (Houghton Mifflin)
- *The Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest* by Steve Jenkins (Houghton Mifflin)

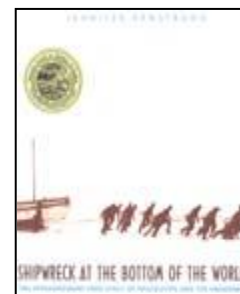
Recommended Titles:

- *About Reptiles: A Guide for Children* by Cathryn P. Sill, illustrated by John Sill (Peachtree Publishers)
- *Babe Didrikson Zaharias: The Making of a Champion* by Russell Freedman (Clarion Books)
- *Bound for America: The Forced Migration of Africans to the New World* by James Haskins, Kathleen Benson, illustrated by Floyd Cooper (Lothrop Lee & Shepard)
- *Building the Book Cathedral* by David MacAulay (Houghton Mifflin)
- *A Child's Book of Art: Discover Great Paintings* by Lucy Micklethwait (Dorling Kindersley)
- *Einstein: Visionary Scientist* by John B. Severance (Clarion Books)
- *Fire in Their Eyes: Wildfires and the People Who Fight Them* by Karen Magnuson Beil (Harcourt Brace)
- *In Search of the Spirit: The Living National Treasures of Japan* by Sheila Hamanaka, Ayano Ohmis (Morrow Jr.)
- *Kids on Strike!* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti (Houghton Mifflin)
- *The Mystery of the Hieroglyphics: The Story of the Rosetta Stone and the Race to Decipher Egyptian Hieroglyphics* by Carol Donoghue (Oxford University Press Children's Books)
- *A Nest of Dinosaurs: The Story of the Oviraptor* by Mark Norell, Lowell Dingus, illustrated by Mike Ellison (Doubleday)
- *Rushmore* by Lynn Curlee (Scholastic)
- *Tallchief: America's Prima Ballerina* by Maria Tallchief, Rosemary Wells (contributor), illustrated by Gary Kelley (Viking Press)
- *William Shakespeare and the Globe* by Aliko (HarperCollins Juvenile Books)

1999 *Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance* by Jennifer Armstrong (Crown)

Honor Books:

- *Black Whiteness: Admiral Byrd Alone in the Antarctic* by Robert Burleigh, illustrated by Walter Lyon Krudop (Atheneum)
- *Fossil Feud: The Rivalry of the First American Dinosaur Hunters* by Thom Holmes (Messner)
- *Hottest, Coldest, Highest, Deepest* by Steve Jenkins (Houghton)
- *No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War* by Anita Lobel (Greenwillow)

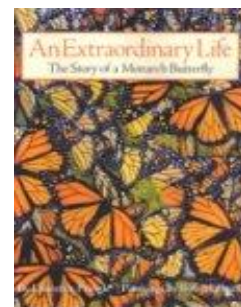


Recommended Titles:

- *Behind the Mask: The Life of Queen Elizabeth I* by Jane Resh Thomas (Clarion)
- *Discovering the Inca Ice Maiden: My Adventures on Ampato* by Johan Reinhard (National Geographic)
- *Duke Ellington* by Andrea Davis Pinkney, illustrated by Brian Pinkney (Hyperion)
- *Frontier Merchants: Lionel and Barron Jacobs and the Jewish Pioneers Who Settled the West* by Jerry Stanley (Crown)
- *Joan of Arc* by Diane Stanley (Morrow)
- *Light Shining Through the Mist: A Photobiography of Dian Fossey* by Tom L. Matthews (National Geographic)

- *Looking Back: A Book of Memories* by Lois Lowry (Houghton)
- *Martha Graham: A Dancer's Life* by Russell Freedman (Clarion)
- *On the Home Front: Growing Up in Wartime England* by Ann Stalcup (Linnet)
- *Pioneer Girl: Growing Up on the Prairie* by Andrea Warren (Morrow)
- *Restless Spirit: The Life and Work of Dorothea Lange* by Elizabeth Partridge (Viking)
- *Safari* by Robert Bateman (Little, Brown)
- *Samuel Adams: The Father of American Independence* by Dennis Fradin (Clarion)
- *Snowflake Bentley* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin, illustrated by Mary Azarian (Houghton)
- *What's the Deal? Jefferson, Napoleon, and the Louisiana Purchase* by Rhoda Blumberg (National Geographic)

1998 *An Extraordinary Life: The Story of a Monarch Butterfly*
by Laurence Pringle (Orchard Books)



Honor Books:

- *A Drop of Water: A Book of Science and Wonder* by Walter Wick (Scholastic)
- *A Tree is Growing* by Arthur Dorros (Scholastic)
- *Charles A. Lindbergh: A Human Hero* by James Cross Giblin (Clarion)
- *Kennedy Assassinated! The World Mourns: A Reporter's Story* by Wilborn Hampton (Candlewick)
- *Digger: The Tragic Fate of the California Indians from the Missions to the Gold Rush* by Jerry Stanley (Crown)

Recommended Titles:

- *Animal Dads* by Sneed B. Collard III, illustrated by Steve Jenkins (Houghton)
- *The Brain: Our Nervous System* by Seymour Simon (Morrow)
- *Catching the Fire: Philip Simmons, Blacksmith* by Mary E. Lyons, photographs by Mannie Garcia (Houghton)
- *The Dead Sea Scrolls* by Ilene Cooper, illustrated by John Thompson (Morrow)
- *Dinosaur Ghosts: The Mystery of Coelophysis* by J. Lynett Gillette, illustrated by Douglas Henderson (Dial Books)
- *Fiery Vision: The Life and Death of John Brown* by Clinton Cox (Scholastic)
- *The Great Wall* by Elizabeth Mann, illustrated by Alan Witschonke (Mikaya)
- *A Log's Life* by Wendy Pfeffer, illustrated by Robin Bickman (Simon and Schuster)
- *Passage to Freedom: The Sugihara Story* by Ken Mochizuki, illustrated by Dom Lee (Lee & Low)
- *The Planet Hunters: The Search for Other Worlds* by Dennis Brindell Fraden (McElderry)
- *The Snake Book* by Mary Ling and Mary Atkinson, photos by Frank Greenaway and David King (DK)
- *Leon's Story* by Leon Walter Tillage, collage art by Susan L. Roth (Farrar, Straus, Giroux)

1997 *Leonardo da Vinci* by Diane Stanley (Morrow Junior Books)



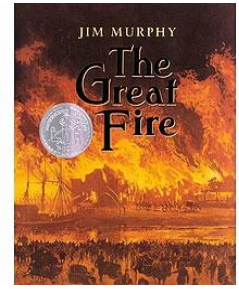
Honor Books:

- *Full Steam Ahead: The Race to Build a Transcontinental Railroad* by Rhonda Blumberg (National Geographic Society)
- *The Life and Death of Crazy Horse* by Russell Freedman (Holiday House)
- *One World, Many Religions: The Ways We Worship* by Mary Pope Osborne (Alfred A. Knopf)

Recommended Titles:

- *The Abracadabra Kid* by Sid Fleischman (Greenwillow)
- *A Desert Scrapbook* by Virginia Wright-Frierson (Simon & Schuster)
- *A Strange and Distant Shore* by Brent Ashabranner (Cobblehill)
- *Dia's Story Cloth* by Cha Dia (Lee & Low/Denver Museum of Natural History)
- *Free to Dream* by Audrey Osofsky (Lothrop)
- *Growing Up in Coal Country* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti (Houghton)
- *Hurricanes* by Patricia Lauber (Scholastic)
- *John Steinbeck* by Catherine Reef (Clarion)
- *Mandela* by Floyd Cooper (Philomel)
- *Nearer Nature* by Jim Arnosky (Lothrop)
- *Starry Messenger* by Peter Sis (Farrar, Straus & Giroux)
- *We Have Conquered Pain* by Dennis Brindell Fradin (McElderry/Simon & Schuster)
- *Who Were the Founding Fathers?* by Steven Jaffe (Holt)
- *With Needle and Thread* by Raymond Bial (Houghton)

1996 *The Great Fire* by Jim Murphy (Scholastic)



Honor Books:

- *Dolphin Man: Exploring the World of Dolphins* by Lawrence Pringle, photographs by Randall S. Wells (Atheneum)
- *Rosie the Riveter: Women Working on the Home Front in World War II* by Penny Colman (Crown)

Recommended Titles:

- *Air: The Elements* by Ken Robbins (Henry Holt)
- *The Book of North American Owls* by Helen Roney Sattler, illustrated by Jean Day Zallinger (Clarion)
- *Everglades* by Jean Craighead George, paintings by Wendell Minor (HarperCollins)
- *Fire in the Forest: A Cycle of Growth and Renewal* by Laurence Pringle, paintings by Bob Marshall (Atheneum)
- *The Golden City: Jerusalem's 3,000 Years* by Neil Waldman (Atheneum)
- *In Search of the Grand Canyon: Down the Colorado with John Wesley Powell* by Mary Ann Fraser (Holt)
- *Learning from the Dalai Lama: Secrets of the Wheel of Time* by Karen Pandell and Barry Bryan, photographs by John B. Taylor (Dutton)
- *The Life and Times of the Honeybee* by Charles Micucci (Ticknor & Fields)
- *Listen for the Bus: David's Story* by Patricia McMahon, photos by John Godt (Boyd's Mills)
- *The Magic of Mozart: Mozart, the Magic Flute, and the Salzburg Marionettes* by Ellen Switzer, photographs by Costas (Atheneum)
- *Raptor Rescue: An Eagle Flies Free* by Sylvia A. Johnson, photographs by Ron Winch (Dutton)
- *Summer Ice: Life Along the Antarctic Peninsula* by Bruce McMillan (Houghton Mifflin)
- *The Underground Railroad* by Raymond Bial (Houghton Mifflin)
- *Unraveling Fibers* by Patricia Keeler and Francis X. McCall Jr. (Atheneum)
- *When Plague Strikes: The Black Death, Smallpox, AIDS* by James Cross Giblin (HarperCollins)

1995 *Safari Beneath the Sea: The Wonder World of the North Pacific Coast* by Diane Swanson (Sierra Club Books)



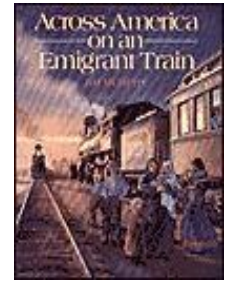
Honor Books:

- *Christmas in the Big House, Christmas in the Quarters* by Patricia C. McKissack and Frederick L. McKissack (Scholastic)
- *Kids at Work: Lewis Hine and the Crusade Against Child Labor* by Russell Freedman (Clarion Books)
- *Wildlife Rescue: The Work of Dr. Kathleen Ramsay* by Jennifer Owings Dewey (Boyd's Mills Press)

Recommended Titles:

- *Ancient Ones: The World of the Old-Growth Douglas Fir* by Barbara Bash (Sierra Club Books)
- *Animals Who Have Won Our Hearts* by Jean Craighead George, illustrated by Christine Herman Merrill (HarperCollins)
- *Cheap Raw Material: How Our Youngest Workers Are Exploited and Abused* by Milton Meltzer (Viking)
- *Cleopatra* by Diane Stanley and Peter Vennema (Morrow)
- *Fur, Feathers, and Flippers: How Animals Live Where They Do* by Patricia Lauber (Scholastic)
- *I Am an American: A True Story of Japanese Internment* by Jerry Stanley (Crown)
- *Jazz: My Music, My People* by Morgan Monceaux (Knopf)
- *Lives of the Writers: Comedies, Tragedies (and What the Neighbors Thought)* by Kathleen Krull, illustrated by Kathryn Hewitt (Harcourt Brace)
- *Rosie, a Visiting Dog's Story* by Stephanie Calmenson, photographs by Justin Sutcliffe (Clarion)
- *Science to the Rescue* by Sandra Markle (Atheneum)
- *Squish! A Wetland Walk* by Nancy Luenn, illustrated by Ronald Himler (Atheneum)
- *Take a Look, an Introduction to the Experience of Art* by Rosemary Davidson (Viking)
- *Unconditional Surrender: U.S. Grant and the Civil War* by Albert Marrin (Atheneum)
- *Vanilla, Chocolate & Strawberry: The Story of your Favorite Flavors* by Donnie Busenberg (Lerner Publications)

1994 *Across America on an Emigrant Train* by Jim Murphy (Clarion Books)



Honor Books:

- *Making Sense: Animal Perception and Communication* by Bruce Brooks (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, Inc.)
- *To the Top of the World: Adventures with Arctic Wolves* by Jim Brandenburg (Walker & Company)

Recommended Titles:

- *Anne Frank: Beyond the Diary* by Ruud van der Rol and Rian Verhoeven (Viking)
- *Be Seated: A Book about Chairs* by James Cross Giblin (HarperCollins)
- *Behind the Secret Window: A Memoir of Hidden Childhood During World War II* by Nelly S. Toll (Dial Books)
- *Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery* by Russell Freedman (Clarion)
- *The Great Migration: An American Story* by Jacob Lawrence (HarperCollins)
- *Lincoln: In His Own Words* by Milton Meltzer, illustrated by Stephen Alcorn (Harcourt Brace)
- *Many Thousand Gone: African Americans from Slavery to Freedom* by Virginia Hamilton, illustrated by Leo and Diane Dillon (Knopf)
- *Shadows of the Night: The Hidden World of the Little Brown Bat* by Barbara Bash (Sierra Club Books for Children)
- *Seven Candles for Kwanzaa* by Andrea Davis Pinkney, illustrated by Brian Pinkney (Dial Books)
- *The Way West: Journal of a Pioneer Woman* by Amelia Stuart Knight, adapted with introduction by Lillian Schlissel, illustrated by Michael McCurdy (Simon and Schuster)
- *Whaling Days* by Carol Carrick (Clarion)

1993 *Children in the Dust Bowl: The True Story of the School at Weedpatch Camp* by Jerry Stanley (Crown Publishers, Inc.)



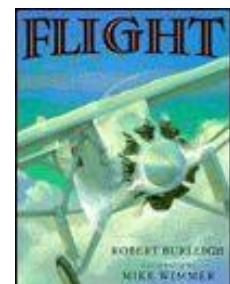
Honor Books:

- *Come Back, Salmon* by Molly Cone (Sierra Club Books)
- *Talking with Artists* by Pat Cummings (Bradbury Press)

Recommended Titles:

- *A Twilight Struggle: The Life of John Fitzgerald Kennedy* by Barbara Harrison and Daniel Terris (Lothrop, Lee, and Shepard Books)
- *The Amazing Potato: A Story in which the Incas, Conquistadors, Marie Antoinette, Thomas Jefferson, Wars, Famines, Immigrants, and French Fries All Play a Part* by Milton Meltzer (HarperCollins)
- *An Indian Winter* by Russell Freedman (Holiday House)
- *Antarctica: The Lost Unspoiled Continent* by Lawrence Pringle (Simon and Schuster)
- *Bard of Avon: The Story of William Shakespeare* by Diane Stanley and Peter Vennema (Morrow)
- *The Great St. Lawrence Seaway* by Gail Gibbons (Morrow)
- *Hopscotch Around the World* by Mary d. Lankford, illustrations by Karen Milone (Morrow Junior Books)
- *The Long Road to Gettysburg* by Jim Murphy (Clarion Books)
- *Surtsey: The Newest Place on Earth* by Kathryn Lasky, photographs by Christopher G. Knight (Hyperion Books for Children)
- *The Tainos: The People Who Welcomed Columbus* by Francine Jacobs, illustrated by Patrick Collins (G.P. Putnam's Sons)
- *Wings Along the Waterway* by Mary Barrett Brown (Orchard Books)

1992 *Flight: The Journey of Charles Lindbergh* by Robert Burleigh illustrated by Mike Wimmer (Philomel Books)



Honor Books:

- *Now Is Your Time! The African American Struggle for Freedom* by Walter Dean Myers (HarperCollins)
- *Prairie Vision: The Life and Times of Solomon Butcher* by Pam Conrad (HarperCollins)

Recommended Titles:

- *A Young Painter: The Life and Paintings of Wang Yani* by Zhensun and Low (Scholastic, Inc.)
- *Appalachia: The Voices of Sleeping Birds* by Cynthia Rylant, illustrations by Barry Moser (Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich)
- *Batman: Exploring the World of Bats* by Laurence Pringle, photographs by Merlin Tuttle (Charles Scribner's Sons)
- *Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt!* by Jean Fritz, illustrations by Mike Wimmer (G.P. Putnam)
- *Dawn to Dusk in the Galapagos* by Rita Goldman Gelman, photographs by Tui DeRoy (Little Brown)
- *The Discovery of the Americas* by Betsy and Giulio Maestro (Lothrop, Lee, and Shepard)
- *Earthquakes* by Seymour Simon (Morrow Junior)
- *N.C. Wyeth's Pilgrims* by Robert SanSouci (Chronicle Books)
- *The Painter's Eye: Learning to Look at Contemporary American Art* by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan (Delacorte)
- *Pueblo Boy: Growing Up in Two Worlds* by Marcia Keegan (Cobblehill)
- *Pueblo Storyteller* by Diana Hoyt-Goldsmith (Holiday)
- *The Remarkable Voyages of Captain Cook* by Rhoda Blumberg (Bradbury)
- *Summer of Fire: Yellowstone 1988* by Patricia Lauber (Orchard)
- *Voyager to the Planets* by Necia H. Apfel (Clarion)
- *The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane* by Russell Freedman (Holiday)

1991 *Franklin Delano Roosevelt* by Russell Freedman (Clarion Books)

Honor Books:

- *Arctic Memories* by Normee Ekoomiak (Henry Holt)
- *Seeing Earth from Space* by Patricia Lauber (Orchard Books)

Recommended Titles:

- *Christopher Columbus* by Nancy Smiler Levinson (Lodestar/Dutton)
- *The Clover and the Bee* by Anne Ophelia Dowden (Crowell)
- *Columbus and the World Around Him* by Milton Meltzer (Franklin Watts)
- *Dinosaur Dig* by Kathryn Lasky, photographs by Christopher G. Knight (Morrow)
- *Giraffes* by Helen Roney Sattler, illustrations by Christopher Santoro (Lothrop, Lee, and Shepard)
- *Good Queen Bess* by Diand Stanley and Peter Vennema (Four Winds)
- *The Magic School Bus Lost in the Solar System* by Joanna Cole, illustrations by Bruce Degan (Scholastic)
- *The Many Lives of Benjamin Franklin* by Mary Pope Osborne (Dial)
- *Mom Can't See Me* by Sally Hobart Alexander, photographs by George Ancona (Macmillain)
- *My Hiroshima* by Junko Morimoto (Viking)
- *Oceans* by Seymour Simon (Morrow)
- *The Oregon Trail* by Leonard Everett Fisher (Holiday House)
- *The Riddle of the Rosetta Stone* by James Cross Giblin (Crowell)
- *Totem Pole* by Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith, photographs by Lawrence Migdale (Holiday House)
- *Wolves* by R.D. Lawrence (Sierra Club/Little Brown)
- *Wood-Song* by Gary Paulsen (Bradbury)

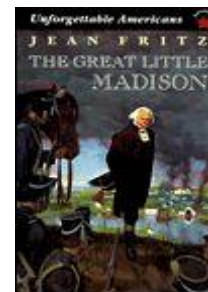


1990 *The Great Little Madison* by Jean Fritz (Putnam)

Honor Books:

- *The Great American Gold Rush* by Rhoda Blumberg (Bradbury Press)
- *The News about Dinosaurs* by Patricia Lauber (Bradbury Press)

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