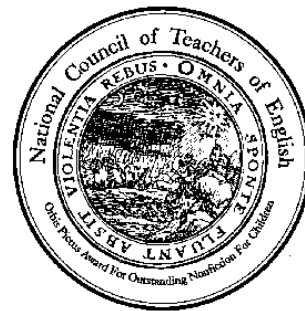


2009 NCTE Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children



The world of children's literature contains a variety of genres, all of which have appeal to the diverse interests of children, as well as potential for classroom teaching. In recent years, nonfiction or informational books have emerged as a very attractive, exciting, and popular genre. The NCTE Orbis Pictus Award Committee established the award in 1990 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.



Amelia Earhart: The Legend of the Lost Aviator by Shelley Tanaka, illustrated by David Craig (Abrams Books for Young Readers)

Honor Books

George Washington Carver

by Tonya Bolden
(Abrams Books for Young Readers)

The Lincolns: A Scrapbook Look at Abraham and Mary

by Candace Fleming
(Schwartz & Wade Books)

Washington at Valley Forge

by Russell Freedman
(Holiday House)

We are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball

by Kadir Nelson
(Hyperion Books for Children)

When the Wolves Returned: Restoring Nature's Balance in Yellowstone

by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent
illustrated by Dan and Cassie Hartman
(Walker Books for Young Readers)

Recommended Books

A River of Words: The Story of William Carlos Williams
by Jen Bryant (Eerdmans Books for Young Readers)

A Boy Named Beckoning: The True Story of Dr. Carlos Montezuma, Native American Hero
by Gina Capaldi (Carolrhoda Books)

The Trouble Begins at 8: A Life of Mark Twain in the Wild, Wild West by Sid Fleischman (Greenwillow Books)

Christo and Jeanne-Claude: Through the Gates and Beyond
by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan
(Roaring Brook Press)

Ice Bears by Brenda Z. Guiberson (Henry Holt & Co.)

Sisters and Brothers: Sibling Relationships in the Animal World by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
(Houghton Mifflin Books for Children)

In Defiance of Hitler: The Secret Mission of Varian Fry
by Carla Killough McClafferty (Farrar Straus and Giroux)

Lincoln through the Lens: How Photography Revealed and Shaped an Extraordinary Life by Martin W. Sandler
(Walker Books for Young Readers)