

# NCTE ORBIS PICTUS AWARD

## OUTSTANDING NONFICTION FOR CHILDREN

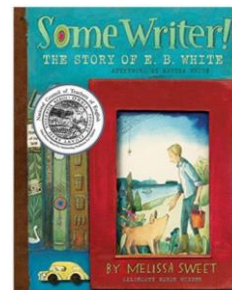
### PAST WINNERS 2010-PRESENT

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.

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#### **2017** *Some Writer!: The Story of E.B. White*

written and illustrated by Melissa Sweet  
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers)



#### **Honor Books:**

- *Animals by the Numbers: A Book of Animal Infographics* by Steve Jenkins  
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers)
- *The First Step: How One Girl Put Segregation on Trial* written by Susan E. Goodman, illustrated by E. B. Lewis (Bloomsbury)
- *Giant Squid* by Candace Fleming; illustrated by Eric Rohmann  
(Roaring Brook Press)
- *I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark* by Debbie Levy, illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley  
(Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)
- *iOlinguito, de la A a la Z!: Descubriendo el bosque nublado / Olinguito, from A to Z: Unveiling the Cloud Forest* by Lulu Delacre (Children's Book Press)

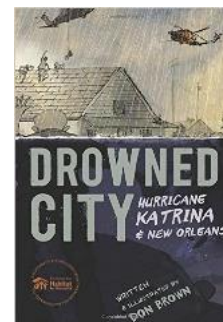
#### **Recommended Books:**

- *Ada Lovelace, Poet of Science: The First Computer Programmer* by Diane Stanley, illustrated by Jessie Hartland (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)
- *Ada's Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay* by Susan Hood, illustrated by Sally Wern Comport (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)
- *Comics Confidential: Thirteen Graphic Novelists Talk Story, Craft, and Life Outside the Box* compiled and edited by Leonard Marcus (Candlewick Press)
- *Dive!: World War II Stories of Sailors & Submarines in the Pacific*  
by Deborah Hopkinson (Scholastic)
- *How to Build a Museum: Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture* by Tonya Bolden (Viking Books for Young Readers)
- *Miss Mary Reporting: The True Story of Sportswriter Mary Garber*  
by Sue Macy, illustrated by C. F. Payne (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)
- *Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story* by Caren Stelson (Carolrhoda)
- *Step Right Up: How Doc and Jim Key Taught the World about Kindness*  
by Donna Janell Bowman, illustrated by Daniel Minter (Lee & Low Books)

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#### **2016** *Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina & New Orleans*

by Don Brown (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers)



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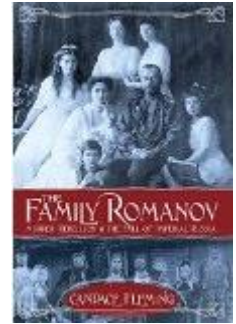
- *Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras* by Duncan Tonatiuh  
(Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- *Growing Up Pedro* by Matt Tavares (Candlewick)
- *Mesmerized: How Ben Franklin Solved a Mystery that Baffled All of France* by Mara Rockliff, illustrated by Iacopo Bruno (Candlewick)
- *Swan: The Life and Dance of Anna Pavlova* by Laurel Snyder, illustrated by Julie Morstad (Chronicle Books)
- *Terrible Typhoid Mary: A True Story of the Deadliest Cook in America* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti  
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers)

#### **Recommended Books:**

- *Courage & Defiance: Stories of Spies, Saboteurs, and Survivors in World War II Denmark* by Deborah Hopkinson (Scholastic Press)

- *Game Changer: John McLendon and the Secret Game* by John Coy, illustrated by Randy DuBurke (Carolrhoda Books)
- *The House that Jane Built: A Story about Jane Addams* by Tanya Lee Stone, illustrated by Kathryn Brown (Henry Holt & Company)
- *Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War* by Steve Sheinkin (Roaring Brook Press)
- *My Story, My Dance: Robert Battle's Journey to Alvin Ailey* by Lesa Cline-Ransome, illustrated by James E. Ransome (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)
- *Raindrops Roll* by April Pulley Sayre (Beach Lane Books)
- *Trombone Shorty* by Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews, illustrated by Bryan Collier (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- *W Is for Webster: Noah Webster and His American Dictionary* by Tracey Fern, illustrated by Boris Kulikov (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

**2015** *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion & the Fall of Imperial Russia*  
by Candace Fleming (Schwartz & Wade)



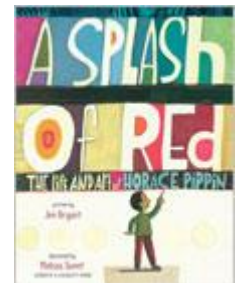
**Honor Books:**

- *A Home for Mr. Emerson* by Barbara Kerley illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham (Scholastic Press)
- *Mr. Ferris and His Wheel* by Kathryn Gibbs Davis illustrated by Gilbert Ford (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
- *The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus* by Jen Bryant, illustrated by Melissa Sweet (Eerdmans Books for Young Readers)
- *Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation* by Duncan Tonatiuh (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- *Star Stuff: Carl Sagan and the Mysteries of the Cosmos* by Stephanie Roth Sisson (Roaring Brook Press)

**Recommended Books:**

- *Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World* by Steve Jenkins (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
- *Chasing Cheetahs: The Race to Save Africa's Fastest Cats* by Sy Montgomery, photographs by Nic Bishop (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
- *The Girl from the Tar Paper School: Barbara Rose Johns and the Advent of the Civil Rights Movement* by Teri Kanefield (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- *Little Melba and Her Big Trombone* by Katheryn Russell-Brown, illustrated by Frank Morrison (Lee & Low Books)
- *Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands* by Katherine Roy (David Macaulay Studio/Roaring Brook Press)
- *The Scraps Book: Notes from a Colorful Life* by Lois Ehlert (Beach Lane)
- *The Streak: How Joe DiMaggio Became America's Hero* by Barb Rosenstock, illustrated by Terry Widener (Calkins Creek)
- *Strike!: The Farm Workers' Fight for Their Rights* by Larry Dane Brimner (Calkins Creek)

**2014** *A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin*  
by Jen Bryant, illustrated by Melissa Sweet (Alfred A. Knopf)



**Honor Books:**

- *Locomotive* by Brian Floca (Atheneum Books for Young Readers)
- *The Boy Who Loved Math: The Improbable Life of Paul Erdos* by Deborah Heiligman, illustrated by LeUyen Pham (Roaring Brook Press)
- *Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909* by Michelle Markel, illustrated by Melissa Sweet (Balzer + Bray)
- *Parrots Over Puerto Rico* by Susan L. Roth and Cindy Trumbore (Lee & Low Books Inc.)
- *Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles, America's First Black Paratroopers* by Tanya Lee Stone (Candlewick Press)

**Recommended Books:**

- *Emancipation Proclamation: Lincoln and the Dawn of Liberty* by Tonya Bolden (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- *Becoming Ben Franklin: How a Candle-Maker's Son Helped Light the Flame of Liberty* by Russell Freedman (Holiday House)

- *The Mad Potter: George E. Ohr Eccentric Genius* by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan (Roaring Brook Press)
- *Thomas Jefferson Builds a Library* by Barb Rosenstock, illustrated by John O'Brien (Calkins Creek)
- *Eruption! Volcanoes and the Science of Saving Lives* by Elizabeth Rusch, photographs by Tom Uhlman (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children)
- *Lifetime: The Amazing Numbers in Animal Lives* by Lola M. Schaefer, illustrated by Christopher Silas Neal (Chronicle Books)
- *Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors? The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell* by Tanya Lee Stone, illustrated by Marjorie Priceman (Henry Holt and Company)
- *Scaly, Spotted, Feathered, Frilled: How Do We Know What Dinosaurs Really Looked Like?* by Catherine Thimmesh (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children)

## 2013 *Monsieur Marceau: Actor without Words*

by Leda Schubert, illustrated by Gérard DuBois (Roaring Brook Press)



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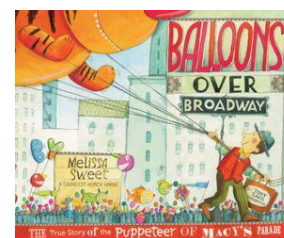
- *Citizen Scientists: Be a Part of Scientific Discovery from Your Own Backyard* by Loree Griffin Burns, photos by Ellen Harasimowicz (Henry Holt & Company)
- *Electric Ben: The Amazing Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin* by Robert Byrd (Dial Books for Young Readers)
- *The Mighty Mars Rovers: The Incredible Adventures of Spirit and Opportunity* by Elizabeth Rusch (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children)
- *Those Rebels, John & Tom* by Barbara Kerley, illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham (Scholastic)
- *We've Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March* by Cynthia Levinson (Peachtree Publishers)

### Recommended Books:

- *A Black Hole is NOT a Hole* by Carolyn Cinami DeCristofano, illustrated by Michael Carroll (Charlesbridge Publishing)
- *Abraham Lincoln & Frederick Douglass: The Story Behind an American Friendship* by Russell Freedman (Clarion Books)
- *The Amazing Harry Kellar: Great American Magician* by Gail Jarrow (Calkins Creek)
- *Beyond Courage: The Untold Story of Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust* by Doreen Rappaport (Candlewick Press)
- *The Case of the Vanishing Golden Frogs: A Scientific Mystery* by Sandra Markle (Millbrook Press)
- *Chuck Close: Face Book* by Chuck Close (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- *Hands Around the Library: Protecting Egypt's Treasured Books* by Karen Leggett Abouraya, illustrated by Susan L. Roth (Dial Book for Young Readers)
- *Life in the Ocean: The Story of Oceanographer Sylvia Earle* by Claire A. Nivola (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

## 2012 *Balloons over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade*

by Melissa Sweet (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children)



### Honor Books:

- *Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart* by Candace Fleming (Schwartz & Wade Books)
- *Father Abraham: Lincoln and His Sons* by Harold Holzer (Calkins Creek)
- *Pablo Neruda: Poet of the People* by Monica Brown illustrated by Julie Paschkis (Henry Holt and Company)
- *Terezin: Voices from the Holocaust* by Ruth Thomson (Candlewick Press)
- *The Mangrove Tree: Planting Trees to Feed Families* by Susan L. Roth & Cindy Trumbore (Lee & Low Books Inc.)

### Recommended Books:

- *Billions of Years, Amazing Changes: The Story of Evolution* by Laurence Pringle, illustrated by Steve Jenkins (Boyd's Mills Press)
- *Far from Shore: Chronicles of an Open Ocean Voyage* by Sophie Webb (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children)
- *For the Birds: The Life of Roger Tory Peterson* by Peggy Thomas, illustrated by Laura Jacques (Calkins Creek)
- *Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans* by Kadir Nelson (Balzer + Bray)



- *Harry Houdini: The Legend of the World's Greatest Escape Artist* by Janice Weaver, illustrated by Chris Lane (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- *Inkblot* by Margaret Peot (Boyd's Mills Press)
- *Me...Jane* by Patrick McDonnell (Little, Brown and Company)
- *Thunder Birds: Nature's Flying Predators* by Jim Arnosky (Sterling)

## **2011 *Ballet for Martha: Making Appalachian Spring***

by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan, illustrated by Brian Floca  
(Roaring Brook Press)



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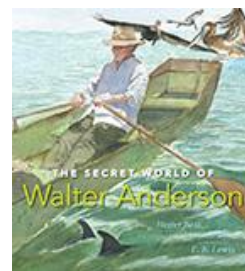
- *Birmingham Sunday* by Larry Dane Brimner (Calkins Creek)
- *Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift's "Chocolate Pilot"* by Michael O. Tunnell (Charlesbridge)
- *If Stones Could Speak: Unlocking the Secrets of Stonehenge* by Mark Aronson (National Geographic)
- *Journey into the Deep: Discovering New Ocean Creatures* by Rebecca L. Johnson (Millbrook Press)
- *Mammoths and Mastodons: Titans of the Ice Age* by Cheryl Bardoe (Abrams Books for Young Readers)

### **Recommended Books:**

- *Black Elk's Vision: A Lakota Story* by S.D. Nelson (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- *Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave* by Laban Carrick Hill, illustrated by Bryan Collier (Little, Brown & Company)
- *The Extraordinary Mark Twain (According to Suzy)* by Barbara Kerley, illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham (Scholastic)
- *For Good Measure* by Ken Robbins (Roaring Brook Press)
- *Henry Aaron's Dream* by Matt Tavares (Candlewick Press)
- *Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's Strangest Parrot* by Sy Montgomery, photographs by Nic Bishop (Houghton Mifflin)
- *Polar Bears* by Mark Newman (Henry Holt and Company)
- *They Called Themselves the KKK: The Birth of an American Terrorist Group* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti (Houghton Mifflin)

## **2010 *The Secret World of Walter Anderson***

by Hester Bass, illustrated by E.B. Lewis (Candlewick Press)



### **Honor Books:**

- *Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream* by Tanya Lee Stone (Candlewick Press)
- *Darwin: With Glimpses into His Private Journal and Letters* by Alice B. McGinty (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children)
- *The Frog Scientist* by Pamela S. Turner (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children)
- *How Many Baby Pandas?* by Sandra Markle (Walker Books for Young Readers)
- *Noah Webster: Weaver of Words* by Pegi Deitz Shea (Calkins Creek Books)

### **Recommended Books:**

- *The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth* by Kathleen Krull (Knopf Books for Young Readers)
- *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* by Phillip Hoose (Farrar Straus and Giroux)
- *Eleanor, Quiet No More* by Doreen Rappaport (Hyperion Books for Children)
- *The Grand Mosque of Paris: A Story of How Muslims Rescued Jews during the Holocaust* by Karen Gray Ruelle and Deborah Durland Desaix (Holiday House)
- *Life in the Boreal Forest* by Brenda Z. Guiberson (Henry Holt and Company)
- *One Giant Leap* by Robert Burleigh (Philomel Books)
- *Truce* by Jim Murphy (Scholastic)
- *Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland* by Sally M. Walker (Carolrhoda Books)



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