

NCTE Orbis Pictus Award Winning Titles: Historical Texts



Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina & New Orleans by Don Brown (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers), 2016 Winner

Mesmerized: How Ben Franklin Solved a Mystery that Baffled All of France by Mara Rockliff, illustrated by Iacopo Bruno (Candlewick Press), 2016 Honor Book

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

A Home for Mr. Emerson by Barbara Kerley, illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham (Scholastic Press), 2015 Honor Book

Mr. Ferris and His Wheel by Kathryn Gibbs Davis, illustrated by Gilbert Ford (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt), 2015 Honor Book

Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation by Duncan Tonatiuh (Abrams Books for Young Readers), 2015 Honor Book

Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909 by Michelle Markel, illustrated by Melissa Sweet (Balzer + Bray), 2014 Honor Book

Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles, America's First Black Paratroopers by Tanya Lee Stone (Candlewick Press), 2014 Honor Book

Locomotive by Brian Floca (Atheneum Books for Young Readers), 2014 Honor Book

Electric Ben: The Amazing Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin by Robert Byrd (Dial Books for Young Readers), 2013 Honor Book

The Mighty Mars Rovers: The Incredible Adventures of Spirit and Opportunity by Elizabeth Rusch (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children), 2013 Honor Book

Those Rebels, John & Tom by Barbara Kerley illustrated by Edward Fotheringham (Scholastic), 2013 Honor Book

We've Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March by Cynthia Levinson (Peachtree Publishers), 2013 Honor Book

Balloons over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade by Melissa Sweet (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children), 2012 Winner

Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by Candace Fleming (Schwartz & Wade Books), 2012 Honor Book

Father Abraham: Lincoln and His Sons by Harold Holzer (Calkins Creek), 2012 Honor Book

Terezin: Voices from the Holocaust by Ruth Thomson (Candlewick Press), 2012 Honor Book

Birmingham Sunday by Larry Dane Brimner (Calkins Creek), 2011 Honor Book

Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift's "Chocolate Pilot" by Michael O. Tunnell (Charlesbridge), 2011 Honor Book

Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream by Tanya Lee Stone (Candlewick Press), 2010 Honor Book

Darwin: With Glimpses into His Private Journal and Letters by Alice B. McGinty (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children), 2010 Honor Book

Noah Webster: Weaver of Words by Pegi Deitz Shea (Calkins Creek Books), 2010 Honor Book

Amelia Earhart: The Legend of the Lost Aviator by Shelley Tanaka, illustrated by David Craig (Abrams Books for Young Readers), 2009 Winner

George Washington Carver by Tonya Bolden (Abrams Books for Young Readers), 2009 Honor Book

The Lincolns: A Scrapbook Look at Abraham and Mary by Candace Fleming (Schwartz & Wade Books), 2009 Honor Book

Washington at Valley Forge by Russell Freedman (Holiday House), 2009 Honor Book

We are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball by Kadir Nelson (Hyperion Books for Children), 2009 Honor Book

Black and White Airman: Their True History by John Fleischman (Houghton Mifflin), 2008 Muckrakers by Ann Bausum (National Geographic), 2008 Honor Book

M.L.K. Journey of a King by Tonya Bolden (Abrams Books for children), 2008 Winner

Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott by Russell Freedman (Holiday House), 2007 Honor Book

Gregor Mendel: The Friar Who Grew Peas by Cheryl Bardoe, illustrated by Jos. A. Smith (Abrams Books for Young Readers), 2007 Honor Book

John Muir: America's First Environmentalist by Kathryn Lasky, illustrated by Stan Fellows (Candlewick Press), 2007 Honor Book

Something Out of Nothing: Marie Curie and Radium by Carla Killough McClafferty (Farrar, Straus and Giroux), 2007 Honor Book

Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon by Catherine Thimmesh (Houghton Mifflin), 2007 Honor Book

Children of the Great Depression by Russell Freedman (Clarion Books), 2006 Winner

Forbidden Schoolhouse: The True and Dramatic Story of Prudence Crandall and Her Students by Suzanne Jurmain (Houghton Mifflin), 2006 Honor Book

Genius: A Photobiography of Albert Einstein by Marfe Ferguson Delano (National Geographic), 2006 Honor Book

Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow by Susan Campbell Bartoletti (Scholastic), 2006 Honor Book

The Race to Save the Lord God Bird by Phillip Hoose (Farrar, Straus and Giroux), 2005 Honor Book

Secrets of the Sphinx by James Cross Giblin illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline (Scholastic), 2005 Honor Book

York's Adventures with Lewis and Clark: An African-American's Part in the Great Expedition by Rhoda Blumberg (HarperCollins), 2005 Winner

The Voice That Challenged A Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights by Russell Freedman (Clarion Books), 2005 Honor Book

An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793 by Jim Murphy (Clarion Books), 2004 Winner

Empire State Building: When New York Reached for the Skies by Elizabeth Mann, illustrated by Alan Witschonke (Mikaya Press), 2004 Honor Book

Leonardo: Beautiful Dreamer by Robert Byrd (Dutton Children's Books), 2004 Honor Book

The Man Who Made Time Travel by Kathryn Lasky, illustrated by Kevin Hawkes (Farrar, Straus and Giroux), 2004 Honor Book

In Defense of Liberty: The Story of America's Bill of Rights by Russell Freedman (Holiday House), 2004 Honor Book

Shutting Out the Sky: Life in the Tenements of New York, 1880-1924 by Deborah Hopkinson (Orchard Books), 2004 Honor Book

When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson: The Voice of a Century by Pam Munoz Ryan, illustrated by Brian Selznick (Scholastic), 2003 Winner

Confucius: The Golden Rule by Russell Freedman, illustrated by Frederic Clement (Arthur A. Levine Books), 2003 Honor Book

Emperor's Silent Army: Terracotta Warriors of Ancient China by Jane O'Connor (Viking Children's Books), 2003 Honor Book

To Fly: The Story of the Wright Brothers by Wendie C. Old, illustrated by Robert Andrew Parker (Clarion Books), 2003 Honor Book

Tenement: Immigrant Life on the Lower East Side by Raymond Bial (Houghton Mifflin), 2003 Honor Book

Black Potatoes: The Story of the Great Irish Famine, 1845-1850 by Susan Campbell Bartoletti (Houghton Mifflin), 2002 Winner

The Cod's Tale by Mark Kurlansky, illustrated by S.D. Schindler (Penguin Putnam Books), 2002 Honor Book

Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by Doreen Rappaport, illustrated by Bryan Collier (Hyperion Books for Children), 2002 Honor Book

Hurry Freedom: African Americans in Gold Rush California by Jerry Stanley (Crown), 2001 Winner

The Amazing Life of Benjamin Franklin by James Griblin, illustrated by Michael Dooling (Scholastic), 2001 Honor Book

America's Champion Swimmer: Gertrude Ederle by David A. Adler, illustrated by Terry Widener (Gulliver Books), 2001 Honor Book

Michelangelo by Diane Stanley, (HarperCollins Juvenile Books), 2001 Honor Book

Osceola: Memories of a Sharecropper's Daughter by Alan B. Govenar, illustrated by Shane Evans (Jump at the Sun), 2001 Honor Book

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

At Her Majesty's Request: An African Princess in Victorian England by Walter Dean Myers (Scholastic Press), 2000 Honor Book

Clara Schumann: Piano Virtuoso by Susanna Reich (Clarion Books), 2000 Honor Book

Mapping the World by Sylvia A. Johnson (Atheneum), 2000 Honor Book

The Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest by Steve Jenkins (Houghton Mifflin), 2000 Honor Book

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

Black Whiteness: Admiral Byrd Alone in the Antarctic by Robert Burleigh, illustrated by Walter Lyon Krudop (Atheneum), 1999 Honor Book

No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War by Anita Lobel (Greenwillow), 1999 Honor Book

Charles A. Lindbergh: A Human Hero by James Cross Giblin (Clarion), 1998 Honor Book

Kennedy Assassinated! The World Mourns: A Reporter's Story by Wilborn Hampton (Candlewick), 1998 Honor Book

Digger: The Tragic Fate of the California Indians from the Missions to the Gold Rush by Jerry Stanley (Crown), 1998 Honor Book

Full Steam Ahead: The Race to Build a Transcontinental Railroad by Rhonda Blumberg (National Geographic Society), 1997 Honor Book

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

The Life and Death of Crazy Horse by Russell Freedman (Holiday House), 1997 Honor Book

The Great Fire, by Jim Murphy (Scholastic), 1996 winner

Christmas in the Big House, Christmas in the Quarters by Patricia C. McKissack and Frederick L. McKissack (Scholastic), 1995 Honor Book

Kids at Work: Lewis Hine and the Crusade Against Child Labor by Russell Freedman (Clarion Books), 1995 Honor Book

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

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

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

Now Is Your Time! The African American Struggle for Freedom by Walter Dean Myers (HarperCollins), 1992 Honor Book

Prairie Vision: The Life and Times of Solomon Butcher by Pam Conrad (HarperCollins), 1992 Honor Book

Franklin Delano Roosevelt by Russell Freedman (Clarion Books), 1991 Winner

The Great Little Madison by Jean Fritz (Putnam), 1990 Winner

The Great American Gold Rush by Rhoda Blumberg (Bradbury Press), 1990 Honor Book

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