

NCTE Orbis Pictus Award Winning Titles: Science Texts



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

Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras by Duncan Tonatiuh (Abrams Books for Young Readers), 2016 Honor Book

Terrible Typhoid Mary: A True Story of the Deadliest Cook in America by Susan Campbell Bartoletti (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt), 2016 Honor Book

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

Star Stuff: Carl Sagan and the Mysteries of the Cosmos by Stephanie Roth Sisson (Roaring Brook Press), 2015 Honor Book

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

Parrots Over Puerto Rico by Susan L. Roth and Cindy Trumbore (Lee & Low Books Inc.), 2014 Honor Book

Citizen Scientists: Be a Part of Scientific Discovery from Your Own Backyard by Loree Griffin Burns, photos by Ellen Harasimowicz (Henry Holt & Company), 2013 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

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

The Mangrove Tree: Planting Trees to Feed Families by Susan L. Roth & Cindy Trumbore (Lee & Low Books Inc.), 2012 Honor Book

If Stones Could Speak: Unlocking the Secrets of Stonehenge by Mark Aronson (National Geographic), 2011 Honor Book

Journey into the Deep: Discovering New Ocean Creatures by Rebecca L. Johnson (Millbrook Press), 2011 Honor Book

Mammoths and Mastodons: Titans of the Ice Age by Cheryl Bardoe (Abrams Books for Young Readers), 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

The Frog Scientist by Pamela S. Turner (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children), 2010 Honor Book

How Many Baby Pandas? by Sandra Markle (Walker Books for Young Readers), 2010 Honor Book

Spiders by Nic Bishop (Scholastic), 2008 Honor Book

Venom by Marilyn Singer (Darby Creek Publishing), 2008 Honor Book

Quest for the Tree Kangaroo: An Expedition to the Cloud Forest of New Guinea by Sy Montgomery, Photos by Nic Bishop (Houghton Mifflin), 2007 Winner

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

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

Mosquito Bite by Alexandra Siy and Dennis Kunkel (Charlesbridge Publishing), 2006 Honor Book

Actual Size by Steve Jenkins (Houghton Mifflin), 2005 Honor Book

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

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

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

Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science by John Fleischman (Houghton Mifflin), 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

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

The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins: An Illuminating History of Mr. Waterhouse Hawkins, Artist and Lecturer by Barbara Kerley, illustrated by Brian Selznick (Scholastic Press), 2002 Honor Book

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

Wild & Swampy by Jim Arnosky (HarperCollins Juvenile Books), 2001 Honor Book

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

The Snake Scientist by Sy Montgomery, illustrated by Nic Bishop (Houghton Mifflin), 2000 Honor Book

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

Fossil Feud: The Rivalry of the First American Dinosaur Hunters by Thom Holmes (Messner), 1999 Honor Book

Hottest, Coldest, Highest, Deepest by Steve Jenkins (Houghton), 1999 Honor Book

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

A Drop of Water: A Book of Science and Wonder by Walter Wick (Scholastic), 1998 Honor Book

A Tree is Growing by Arthur Dorros (Scholastic), 1998 Honor Book

Full Steam Ahead: The Race to Build a Transcontinental Railroad by Rhonda Blumberg (National Geographic Society), 2007 Honor Book

Dolphin Man: Exploring the World of Dolphins by Lawrence Pringle, photographs by Randall S. Wells (Atheneum), 1996 Honor Book

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

Rosie the Riveter: Women Working on the Home Front in World War II by Penny Colman (Crown), 1996 Honor Book

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

Making Sense: Animal Perception and Communication by Bruce Brooks (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, Inc.), 1994 Honor Book

Come Back, Salmon by Molly Cone (Sierra Club Books), 1993 Honor Book

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

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

Arctic Memories by Normee Ekoomiak (Henry Holt), 1991 Honor Book

Seeing Earth from Space by Patricia Luber (Orchard Books), 1991 Honor Book

The News about Dinosaurs by Patricia Lauber (Bradbury Press), 1990 Honor Book

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