

Caldecott Medal Winners, 1938–2013

Caldecott Medal			
Award Year	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*	2011–12 Rank, Grades 1–5	10-Year ATOS Book Level Average
2013	One Cool Friend , Toni Buzzeo (3.1, LG) (HB)	20,244	
2012	Me...Jane , Patrick McDonnell (3.2, LG) (HB)	8,214	
2011	A Sick Day for Amos McGee , Philip C. Stead (3.0, LG)	2,422	
2010	Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors , Joyce Sidman (3.2, LG) (HB)	12,151	
2009	A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever , Marla Frazee (3.4, LG) (HB)	2,891	
2008	The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures , Brian Selznick (5.1, MG)	188	
2007	Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom , Carole Boston Weatherford (4.0, LG) (HB)	6,404	3.6
2006	The Hello, Goodbye Window , Norton Juster (3.4, LG)	1,463	
2005	Kitten's First Full Moon , Kevin Henkes (2.3, LG)	351	
2004	The Man Who Walked Between the Towers , Mordicai Gerstein (3.7, LG)	907	
2003	The Spider and the Fly , Mary Botham Howitt (4.8, LG) (HB)	1,038	
2002	The Three Pigs , David Wiesner (2.3, LG)	1,103	
2001	So You Want to Be President? , Judith St. George (4.8, MG)	1,397	
2000	Joseph Had a Little Overcoat , Simms Taback (1.7, LG)	1,123	
1999	Snowflake Bentley , Jacqueline Briggs Martin (4.4, LG)	846	
1998	Rapunzel , Paul O. Zelinsky (4.6, LG)	2,832	
1997	Golem , David Wisniewski (4.3, MG)	27,494	
1996	Officer Buckle and Gloria , Peggy Rathmann (3.4, LG) ★	17	
1995	Smoky Night , Eve Bunting (2.4, LG)	3,141	
1994	Grandfather's Journey , Allen Say (3.6, LG)	287	
1993	Mirette on the High Wire , Emily Arnold McCully (3.6, LG)	2,412	
1992	Tar Beach , Faith Ringgold (3.4, LG) (HB)	771	
1991	Black and White , David Macaulay (3.4, LG)	8,271	
1990	Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China , Ed Young (3.5, LG)	184	
1989	Song and Dance Man , Karen Ackerman (4.0, LG)	704	
1988	Owl Moon , Jane Yolen (3.2, LG)	266	3.5
1987	Hey, Al , Arthur Yorinks (2.1, LG)	1,753	
1986	The Polar Express , Chris Van Allsburg (3.8, LG)	50	
1985	Saint George and the Dragon , Margaret Hodges (5.6, LG)	7,223	
1984	The Glorious Flight: Across the Channel with Louis Blériot , Alice Provensen (2.6, LG)	8,538	
1983	Shadow , Blaise Cendrars (3.2, LG)	16,631	
1982	Jumanji , Chris Van Allsburg (3.9, LG)	989	
1981	Fables , Arnold Lobel (4.2, MG)	7,625	
1980	Ox-Cart Man , Donald Hall (4.5, LG)	1,031	
1979	The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses , Paul Goble (4.1, MG)	1,738	
1978	It Could Always Be Worse , Margot Zemach (3.7, LG) (HB)	9155	

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1977	Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions , Margaret Musgrove (4.9, LG)	35,788	4.1
1976	Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale , Verna Aardema (4.0, LG)	372	
1975	Arrow to the Sun , Gerald McDermott (2.7, LG)	1,843	
1974	Duffy and the Devil , Harve Zemach (4.9, LG)	26,841	
1973	The Funny Little Woman , Arlene Mosel (3.6, LG)	1,529	
1972	One Fine Day , Nonny Hogrogian (3.5, LG)	630	
1971	A Story, A Story , Gail E. Haley (4.2, LG)	2,612	
1970	Sylvester and the Magic Pebble , William Steig (4.0, LG)	348	
1969	The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship: A Russian Tale , Arthur Ransome (4.7, LG)	19,141	
1968	Drummer Hoff , Barbara Emberley (4.7, LG)	1,889	
1967	Sam, Bangs & Moonshine , Evaline Ness (3.6, LG)	5,051	3.5
1966	Always Room for One More , Sorche Nic Leodhas (4.3, LG)	8,757	
1965	May I Bring a Friend? , Beatrice Schenk de Regniers (2.7, LG)	1,197	
1964	Where the Wild Things Are , Maurice Sendak (3.4, LG)	20	
1963	The Snowy Day , Ezra Jack Keats (2.5, LG)	62	
1962	Once a Mouse... , Marcia Brown (3.2, LG)	1,716	
1961	Inch by Inch , Leo Lionni (1.8, LG) (HB)	784	
1960	Nine Days to Christmas , Marie Hall Ets (3.8, LG)	17,079	
1959	Chanticleer and the Fox , Geoffrey Chaucer (4.6, LG)	12,334	
1958	Time of Wonder , Robert McCloskey (5.1, LG)	12,674	
1957	A Tree Is Nice , Janice May Udry (2.2, LG)	978	3.7
1956	Frog Went A-Courtin' , John Langstaff (2.7, LG)	4,152	
1955	Cinderella , Marcia Brown (5.1, LG)	6,435	
1954	Madeline's Rescue , Ludwig Bemelmans (3.2, LG)	661	
1953	The Biggest Bear , Lynd Ward (3.9, LG)	1,871	
1952	Finders Keepers , William Lipkind (2.8, LG)	8,502	
1951	The Egg Tree , Katherine Milhous (3.5, LG)	19,266	
1950	Song of the Swallows , Leo Politi (4.6, LG)	12,206	
1949	The Big Snow , Berta Hader (4.3, LG)	2,487	
1948	White Snow Bright Snow , Alvin Tresselt (4.2, LG)	1,924	
1947	The Little Island , Margaret Wise Brown (3.6, LG)	1,982	No AR quiz
1946	The Rooster Crows , Maud and Miska Petersha	No AR quiz	
1945	Yonie Wondernose , Marguerite De Angeli (4.1, LG) (HB)	59,334	
1944	Many Moons , James Thurber (4.5, LG)	6,006	
1943	The Little House , Virginia Lee Burton (4.2, LG)	941	
1942	Make Way for Ducklings , Robert McCloskey (4.1, LG)	577	
1941	They Were Strong and Good , Robert Lawson (4.1, LG)	40,972	

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1940	Abraham Lincoln , Ingri D'Aulaire (5.2, LG)	30,532	4.4
1939	Andy and the Lion , James Daugherty (3.6, LG) (HB)	5,708	
1938	Animals of the Bible , Dorothy P. Lathrop (6.6, MG)	83,257	
		Average ATOS Book Level: 3.8	

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The 10-Year ATOS Book Level Average demonstrates how the level of text complexity has changed over time for the Caldecott Medal winners.

Newbery Medal Winners, 1922–2013

Newbery Medal			
Award Year	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*	2011–12 Rank, Grades 6–8	10-Year ATOS Book Level Average
2013	The One and Only Ivan , Katherine Applegate (3.6, MG)	23,227	5.3
2012	Dead End in Norvelt , Jack Gantos (5.7, MG)	2,135	
2011	Moon over Manifest , Clare Vanderpool (5.3, MG)	1,309	
2010	When You Reach Me , Rebecca Stead (4.5, MG)	430	5.2
2009	The Graveyard Book , Neil Gaiman (5.1, MG+)	387	
2008	Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village , Laura Amy Schlitz (5.6, MG)	4,176	
2007	The Higher Power of Lucky , Susan Patron (5.9, MG)	3,180	
2006	Criss Cross , Lynne Rae Perkins (5.5, MG+)	1,897	
2005	Kira-Kira , Cynthia Kadohata (4.7, MG)	796	
2004	The Tale of Despereaux , Kate DiCamillo (4.7, MG)	182	
2003	Crispin: The Cross of Lead , Avi (5.0, MG)	228	
2002	A Single Shard , Linda Sue Park (6.6, MG)	457	
2001	A Year down Yonder , Richard Peck (4.5, MG)	417	
2000	Bud, Not Buddy , Christopher Paul Curtis (5.0, MG)	43	
1999	Holes , Louis Sachar (4.6, MG)	17	
1998	Out of the Dust , Karen Hesse (5.3, MG)	95	
1997	The View from Saturday , E.L. Konigsburg (5.9, MG)	711	
1996	The Midwife's Apprentice , Karen Cushman (6.0, MG)	1,031	
1995	Walk Two Moons , Sharon Creech (4.9, MG)	72	
1994	The Giver , Lois Lowry (5.7, MG) ★	11	
1993	Missing May , Cynthia Rylant (5.3, MG)	1,427	
1992	Shiloh , Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (4.4, MG)	160	
1991	Maniac Magee , Jerry Spinelli (4.7, MG)	41	

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1990	Number the Stars , Lois Lowry (4.5, MG)	14	
1989	Scorpions , Walter Dean Myers (3.7, UG) (HB)	745	
1988	Lincoln: A Photobiography , Russell Freedman (7.7, MG)	6,804	
1987	The Whipping Boy , Sid Fleischman (3.9, MG)	335	
1986	Sarah, Plain and Tall , Patricia MacLachlan (3.4, MG)	588	
1985	The Hero and the Crown , Robin McKinley (7.0, MG)	8,224	
1984	Dear Mr. Henshaw , Beverly Cleary (4.9, MG)	376	
1983	Dacey's Song , Cynthia Voigt (5.0, MG)	3,158	
1982	A Visit to William Blake's Inn , Nancy Willard (4.5, MG)	29,992	4.9
1981	Jacob Have I Loved , Katherine Paterson (5.7, MG)	1,804	
1980	A Gathering of Days , Joan W. Blos (6.7, MG)	12,344	
1979	The Westing Game , Ellen Raskin (5.3, MG)	65	
1978	Bridge to Terabithia , Katherine Paterson (4.6, MG)	47	
1977	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry , Mildred D. Taylor (5.7, MG)	40	
1976	The Grey King , Susan Cooper (6.2, MG)	8,488	
1975	M.C. Higgins, the Great , Virginia Hamilton (4.4, MG)	15,301	
1974	The Slave Dancer , Paula Fox (6.0, MG)	1,787	
1973	Julie of the Wolves , Jean Craighead George (5.8, MG)	538	
1972	Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH/The Secret of NIMH , Robert C. O'Brien (5.1, MG)	287	5.6
1971	The Summer of the Swans , Betsy Byars (4.9, MG)	346	
1970	Souder , William H. Armstrong (5.3, MG)	164	
1969	The High King , Lloyd Alexander (6.1, MG)	15,449	
1968	From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler , E.L. Konigsburg (4.7, MG)	235	
1967	Up a Road Slowly , Irene Hunt (6.6, MG)	12,699	
1966	I, Juan de Pareja , Elizabeth Borton de Treviño (6.5, MG)	6,190	
1965	Shadow of a Bull , Maia Wojciechowska (5.2, MG)	5,879	
1964	It's Like This, Cat , Emily Cheney Neville (4.7, MG)	7,735	
1963	A Wrinkle in Time , Madeleine L'Engle (4.7, MG)	96	
1962	The Bronze Bow , Elizabeth George Speare (5.0, MG)	1,197	5.4
1961	Island of the Blue Dolphins , Scott O'Dell (5.4, MG)	63	
1960	Onion John , Joseph Krumgold (4.5, MG)	16,357	
1959	The Witch of Blackbird Pond , Elizabeth George Speare (5.7, MG)	217	
1958	Rifles for Watie , Harold Keith (6.1, MG)	2,225	
1957	Miracles on Maple Hill , Virginia Sorensen (4.9, MG)	9,773	
1956	Carry on, Mr. Bowditch , Jean Lee Latham (4.1, MG)	13,750	
1955	The Wheel on the School , Meindert De Jong (4.7, MG)	21,294	
1954	And Now Miguel , Joseph Krumgold (4.8, MG)	18,084	
1953	Secret of the Andes , Ann Nolan Clark (4.7, MG)	6,615	

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1952	Ginger Pye , Eleanor Estes (6.0, MG)	1,782	5.0
1951	Amos Fortune, Free Man , Elizabeth Yates (6.5, MG)	2,208	6.0
1950	The Door in the Wall , Marguerite De Angeli (6.2, MG)	2,237	
1949	King of the Wind , Marguerite Henry (5.4, MG)	3,345	
1948	The Twenty-One Balloons , William Pène du Bois (6.8, MG)	1,580	
1947	Miss Hickory , Carolyn Sherwin Bailey (5.9, MG)	21,416	
1946	Strawberry Girl , Lois Lenski (4.8, MG)	13,582	
1945	Rabbit Hill , Robert Lawson (6.4, MG)	4,010	
1944	Johnny Tremain , Esther Forbes (5.9, MG)	385	
1943	Adam of the Road , Elizabeth Janet Gray (6.5, MG)	5,940	
1942	The Matchlock Gun , Walter D. Edmonds (5.1, MG)	5,592	
1941	Call It Courage , Armstrong Sperry (6.2, MG)	239	6.4
1940	Daniel Boone , James Daugherty (7.7, MG)	78,442	
1939	Thimble Summer , Elizabeth Enright (5.7, MG)	20,124	
1938	The White Stag , Kate Seredy (6.6, MG)	12,190	
1937	Roller Skates , Ruth Sawyer (6.3, MG)	26,069	
1936	Caddie Woodlawn , Carol Ryrie Brink (6.0, MG)	2,280	
1935	Dobry , Monica Shannon (5.6, MG)	103,615	
1934	Invincible Louisa , Cornelia Meigs (8.0, UG)	59,347	
1933	Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze , Elizabeth Foreman Lewis (6.4, MG)	27,790	
1932	Waterless Mountain , Laura Adams Armer (5.6, MG)	85,925	
1931	The Cat Who Went to Heaven , Elizabeth Coatsworth (5.9, MG)	4,911	6.7
1930	Hitty: Her First Hundred Years , Rachel Field (7.1, MG)	24,377	
1929	The Trumpeter of Krakow , Eric Kelly (7.1, UG)	14,873	
1928	Gay-Neck: The Story of a Pigeon , Dhan Gopal Mukerji (6.5, MG)	29,801	
1927	Smoky the Cow Horse , Will James (6.5, MG)	11,365	
1926	Shen of the Sea: Chinese Stories for Children , Arthur Bowie Chrisman (5.4, MG)	45,467	
1925	Tales from Silver Lands , Charles J. Finger (6.2, MG)	74,656	
1924	The Dark Frigate , Charles Boardman Hawes (6.7, UG)	46,149	
1923	The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle , Hugh Lofting (5.7, MG)	8,111	
1922	The Story of Mankind (Updated) , Hendrik Willem Van Loon (9.9, UG)	95,226	
		Average ATOS Book Level: 5.6	

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