



- 1938** // *Animals of the Bible*
Helen Dean Fish + Dorothy P. Lathrop
- 1939** // *Mei Li*
Thomas Handforth
- 1940** // *Abraham Lincoln*
Ingri D'Aulaire + Edgar Parin D'Aulaire
- 1941** // *They Were Strong and Good*
Robert Lawson
- 1942** // *Make Way For Ducklings*
Robert McCloskey
- 1943** // *The Little House*
Virginia Lee Burton
- 1944** // *Many Moons*
James Thurber + Louis Slobodkin
- 1945** // *Prayer for a Child*
Elizabeth Orton Jones
- 1946** // *The Rooster Crows: A Book of American Rhymes and Jingles*
Maud & Miska Petersham
- 1947** // *The Little Island*
Golden MacDonald (pseudonym: Margaret Wise Brown) + Leonard Weisgard
- 1948** // *White Snow, Bright Snow*
Alvin Tresselt + Roger Duvoisin
- 1949** // *The Big Snow*
Berta & Elmer Hader
- 1950** // *Song of the Swallows*
Leo Politi
- 1951** // *The Egg Tree*
Katherine Milhous
- 1952** // *Finders Keepers*
Will (pseudonym: William Lipkind) + Nicolas (pseudonym: Nicolas Mordvinoff)
- 1953** // *The Biggest Bear*
Lynd Ward
- 1954** // *Madeline's Rescue*
Ludwig Bemelmans
- 1955** // *Cinderella, or the Little Glass Slipper*
Charles Perrault; Marcia Brown
- 1956** // *Frog Went A-Courtin'*
John Langstaff + Feodor Rojankovsky
- 1957** // *A Tree Is Nice*
Janice May Udry + Marc Simont
- 1958** // *Time of Wonder*
Robert McCloskey
- 1959** // *Chanticleer and the Fox*
Geoffrey Chaucer; Barbara Cooney
- 1960** // *Nine Days to Christmas*
Marie Hall Ets + Aurora Labastida
- 1961** // *Baboushka and the Three Kings*
Ruth Robbins + Nicolas Sidjakov
- 1962** // *Once a Mouse... A Fable*
Marcia Brown
- 1963** // *The Snowy Day*
Ezra Jack Keats
- 1964** // *Where the Wild Things Are*
Maurice Sendak
- 1965** // *May I Bring a Friend?*
Beatrice Schenk de Regniers + Beni Montresor
- 1966** // *Always Room For One More*
Sorche Nic Leodhas (pseudonym: Leclair Alger) + Nonny Hogrogian
- 1967** // *Sam, Bangs & Moonshine*
Evaline Ness
- 1968** // *Drummer Hoff*
Barbara Emberley + Ed Emberley
- 1969** // *The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship: A Russian Tale*
Arthur Ransome + Uri Shulevitz
- 1970** // *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*
William Steig
- 1971** // *A Story a Story: An African Tale*
Gale E. Haley
- 1972** // *One Fine Day*
Nonny Hogrogian
- 1973** // *The Funny Little Woman*
Blair Lent
- 1974** // *Duffy and the Devil: A Cornish Tale*
Harve Zemach + Margot Zemach
- 1975** // *Arrow to the Sun: A Pueblo Indian Folk Tale*
Gerald McDermott
- 1976** // *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale*
Verna Aardema + Leo & Diane Dillon
- 1977** // *Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions*
Margaret Musgrove + Leo & Diane Dillon
- 1978** // *Noah's Ark*
Peter Spier
- 1979** // *The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses*
Paul Goble
- 1980** // *Ox-Cart Man*
Donald Hall + Barbara Cooney
- 1981** // *Fables*
Arnold Lobel
- 1982** // *Jumanji*
Chris Van Allsburg
- 1983** // *Shadow*
Blaise Cedrars; Trina Schart Hyman
- 1984** // *The Glorious Flight: Across the Channel with Louis Blériot, July 25, 1909*
Alice & Martin Provensen



- 1985 //** *Saint George and the Dragon: A Golden Legend*
Margaret Hodges + Trina Schart Hyman
- 1986 //** *The Polar Express*
Chris Van Allsburg
- 1987 //** *Hey, Al*
Arthur Yorinks + Richard Egielski
- 1988 //** *Owl Moon*
Jane Yolen + John Schoenherr
- 1989 //** *Song and Dance Man*
Karen Ackerman + Stephen Gammell
- 1990 //** *Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China*
Ed Young
- 1991 //** *Black and White*
David Macaulay
- 1992 //** *Tuesday*
David Wiesner
- 1993 //** *Mirette on the High Wire*
Emily Arnold McCully
- 1994 //** *Grandfather's Journey*
Allen Say
- 1995 //** *Smoky Night*
Eve Bunting + David Diaz
- 1996 //** *Officer Buckle and Gloria*
Peggy Rathman
- 1997 //** *Golem*
David Wisniewski
- 1998 //** *Rapunzel*
Paul O. Zelinsky
- 1999 //** *Snowflake Bentley*
Jacqueline Briggs + Mary Azarian
- 2000 //** *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat*
Simms Taback
- 2001 //** *So You Want to Be President?*
Judith St. George + David Small
- 2002 //** *The Three Pigs*
David Wiesner
- 2003 //** *My Friend Rabbit*
Eric Rohman
- 2004 //** *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers*
Mordicai Gerstein
- 2005 //** *Kitten's First Full Moon*
Kevin Henkes
- 2006 //** *The Hello, Goodbye Window*
Norton Juster + Chris Raschka
- 2007 //** *Flotsam*
David Wiesner
- 2008 //** *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*
Brian Selznick
- 2009 //** *The House in the Night*
Susan Marie Swanson + Beth Krommes
- 2010 //** *The Lion and the Mouse*
Jerry Pinkney
- 2011 //** *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*
Philip C. Stead + Erin E. Stead
- 2012 //** *A Ball for Daisy*
Chris Raschka
- 2013 //** *This Is Not My Hat*
John Klassen
- 2014 //** *Locomotive*
Brian Floca
- 2015 //** *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*
Dan Santat
- 2016 //** *Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear*
Lindsay Mattick + Sophie Blackall
- 2017 //** *Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat*
Javaka Steptoe
- 2018 //** *Wolf in the Snow*
Matthew Cordell
- 2019 //** *Hello Lighthouse*
Sophie Blackall

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