Previous Winners

2024: *The Legend of Gravity: A Tall Basketball Tale*, written and illustrated by Charly Palmer

2023: *Memoirs of a Tortoise*, written by Devin Scillian and illustrated by Tim Bowers.

2022: The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read by Rita Lorraine Hubbard, illustrated by Oge Mora

2021: If I Built a School written and illustrated by Chris Van Dusen

2020: El Chupacabras by Adam Rubin, illustrated by Crash McCreery

2019: Sergeant Reckless: The True Story of the Little Horse Who Became a Hero by Patricia McCormick, illustrated by Iacopo Bruno

2018: *The Last Kids on Earth* by Max Brallier

2017: *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson

2016: *When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop* by Laban Carrick Hill

2015: *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt

2014: *Ten Rules You Absolutely Must Not Break if you Want to Survive the School* Bus by John Grandits

2013: *Postcards from Camp* by Simms Taback

2012: *The Strange Case of the Origami Yoda* by Tom Angleberger

2011: *The Uglified Ducky* by Willy Claflin; illustrated by James Stimson

2010: *Help Me, Mr. Mutt!* by Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel

2009: *One Potato, Two Potato* by Cynthia DeFelice & Andrea U'Ren (illustrator)

2008: *Down Girl and Sit: On the Road* by Lucy Nolan

2007: *Ghost Fever/Mal de Fantasma* by Joe Hayes

2006: *Seadogs: An Epic Ocean Operetta* by Lisa Wheeler and Mark Siegel

2005: *Togo* by Robert Blake

2004: *Shoeless Joe and Black Betsy* by Phil Bildner

2003: *The Golden Mare, the Firebird, and the Magic Ring* by Ruth Sanderson

2002: *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo

2001: *Cook-A-Doodle-Doo!* by Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel

2000: *The Ghost of Fossil Glen* by Cynthia DeFelice

1999: *Verdi* by Janell Cannon

1998: *Tornado* by Betsy Byars

1997: *Math Curse* by Jon Scieszka

1996: *Time For Andrew: A Ghost Story* by Mary Downing Hahn

1995: *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales* by Jon Scieszka

1994: *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

1993: *The Houdini Box* by Brian Selznick

1992: *Snot Stew* by Bill Wallace

1991: *Aliens for Breakfast* by Jonathan Etra & Stephanie Spinner

1990: *There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom* by Louis Sachar

1989: *Wait 'Til Helen Comes* by Mary Downing Hahn

1988: *Christina's Ghost* by Betty Ren Wright

1987: *The Hot and Cold Summer* by Johanna Hurwitz

1986: *The Dollhouse Murders* by Betty Ren Wright

1985: *Skinnybones* by Barbara Park

1984: *Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade* by Barthe DeClements

1983: *A Dog Called Kitty* by Bill Wallace

1982: *Superfudge* by Judy Blume

1981: *Ramona and Her Father* by Beverly Cleary