Walter Dean Myers Award (The Walter Award)
2026
Winner: Champion by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Raymond Obstfeld
Honor: King of the Neuroverse by Idris Goodwin
2025
Winner:*Black Girl You Are Atlas*, written by Renée Watson and illustrated by Ekua Holmes
Honor:*A Crane Among Wolves* by June Hur
2024
Winner: Saints of the Household by Ari Tison
Honor: All the Fighting Parts by Hannah V. Sawyerr
2023
Winner: Man made Monsters by Andrea Rogers
Honors:All My Rage by Sabaa Tahir
The Lesbiana's Guide to Catholic School by Sonora Reyes
2022
Winner: Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley
Honors: Last Night at the Telegraph Club by Malinda Lo
Revolution in Our Time by Kekla Magoon
2021
Winner: Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam
Honors: We Are Not Free by Traci Chee
Almost American Girl by Robin Ha

2020
Winner: Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up With Me by Mariko Tamaki
Honors: Pet by Akwaeke Emezi
With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo

2019
Winner: The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
Honors: Monday's Not Coming by Tiffany Jackson
The Astonishing Color of After by Emily X.R. Pan
2018
Winner: Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds
Honors: You Bring the Distant Near by Mitali Perkins
Disappeared by Francisco Stork
2017
Winner: March: Book Three by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell
Honors: Watched by Marina Budhos
If I Was Your Girl by Meredith Russo
The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon
2016
Winner: All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely.
Honors: Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings a memoir by Margarita Engle
X: A Novel by Ilyasah Shabazz