

Walter Dean Myers Award (The Walter Award)

2026

Winner: *Black Girl You Are Atlas* by Renee Watson

Honor: *Crane Among Wolves* by June Hur

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