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The American Library Association (ALA) today announced the top books, video and audio books for children and young adults...A list of all the 2020 award winners follows,

\*\*\*\*edited to only show Middle/High school titles/awards,

\*\*\*\*books highlighted in orange are already in the CHS Collection, underlined titles are on order

**John Newbery Medal** for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature:

"New Kid," written by Jerry Craft, --GN is the 2020 Newbery Medal winner. The book is illustrated by the author

Newbery Honor Books

"Other Words for Home," written by Jasmine Warga

(OO) "Genesis Begins Again." written by Alicia D. Williams

**Coretta Scott King (Author) Book Award**

African-American author and illustrator of outstanding books for children and young adults:

"New Kid" written by Jerry Craft --GN, is the King Author Book winner.

Honor Books:

"The Stars and the Blackness Between Them," written by Junauda Petrus

"Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks," written by Jason Reynolds

"Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky," written by Kwame Mbalia--GN

**Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Author Award:**

(OO) "Genesis Begins Again." written by Alicia D. Williams,

**Coretta Scott King – Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement:**

**Mildred D. Taylor** is the winner of the Coretta Scott King – Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement. "Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry" won the 1977 Newbery Award and a Coretta Scott King Book Award honor. Her books earned national recognition including four CSK author awards and two author honors. Her 2020 Logan family series conclusion "All the Days Past, All the Days to Come" continues addressing systemic injustice, entrenched inequality and the roots of racism.

**Michael L. Printz Award** for excellence in literature written for young adults:

"Dig," written by A.S. King, is the 2020 Printz Award winner.

Printz Honor Books :

(OO) "The Beast Player." written by Nahoko Uehashi, translated by Cathy Hirano

**“Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up with Me,”** written by Mariko Tamaki, illustrated by Rosemary Valero-O’Connell

**“Ordinary Hazards: A Memoir,”** written by Nikki Grimes

(OO) “Where the World Ends,” written by Geraldine McCaughrean

**Schneider Family Book Award** for books that embody an artistic expression of the disability experience:

**“Cursed,”** written by Karol Ruth Silverstein

honor book for teens:

(OO) “The Silence Between Us,” written by Alison Gervais

**Stonewall Book Award** - English-language books of exceptional merit relating to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender experience:

(OO) “The Black Flamingo,” written by Dean Atta, illustrated by Anshika Khullar --GN

Three Honor Books were selected:

**“Pet,”** written by Akwaeke Emezi

(OO) “Like a Love Story,” written by Abdi Nazemian

“The Best at It,” written by Maulik Pancholy and published by Balzer + Bray, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers.

**William C. Morris Award for a debut book** published by a first-time author writing for teens:

*The Field Guide to the North American Teenager*, written by Ben Philippe, is the 2020 Morris Award winner.

Four other books were finalists for the award:

*The Candle and the Flame*, written by Nafiza Azad

*Frankly in Love*, written by David Yoon

*Genesis Begins Again*, written by Alicia D. Williams

(OO) *There Will Come a Darkness*, written by Katy Rose Pool

**Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature**.administered by the Asian Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA)

**“They Called Us Enemy,”** written by George Takei, Justin Eisinger and Steven Scott, illustrated by Harmony Becker

honor:

"Frankly in Love," written by David Yoon

**The Sydney Taylor Book Award** outstanding books that authentically portray the *Jewish experience*.  
This year's winners include:

The **Middle Grade** winner is "White Bird: A Wonder Story," by R. J. Palacio

Middle Grade honor books :

"Anya and the Dragon," by Sofiya Pasternack

(OO) "Games of Deception: The True Story of the First U.S. Olympic Basketball Team at the 1936 Olympics in Hitler's Germany." by Andrew Maraniss

**The Young Adult winner is**

(OO) "Someday We Will Fly," by Rachel DeWoskin

**honor books:**

"Dissenter on the Bench: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Life and Work," by Victoria Ortiz

"Sick Kids in Love," by Hannah Moskowitz

**The American Indian Youth Literature award is announced in even years** and established to identify and honor the very best writing and illustrations by and about American Indians. The award is administered by the American Indian Library Association [ailanet.org](http://ailanet.org).

**The Young Adult Book winner**

(OO) "Hearts Unbroken," written by Cynthia Leitich Smith (Muscogee)

Honor titles

(OO) "Surviving the City," written by Tasha Spillett (Nehiyaw-Trinidadian), illustrated by Natasha Donovan (Métis Nation of British Columbia), --GN

(OO) "Reawakening Our Ancestors' Lines: Revitalizing Inuit Traditional Tattooing," gathered and compiled by Angela Hovak Johnston (Inuk), with photography by Cora De Vos (Inuk),

"An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People," written by Debbie Reese (Nambé Owingeh) and Jean Mendoza adapted from the adult book by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

"Apple in the Middle," written by Dawn Quigley (Ojibwe, Turtle Mountain Band) and published by North Dakota State University Press.

**Alex Awards for the 10 best adult books that appeal to teen audiences:**

"A Boy and His Dog at the End of the World," By C.A. Fletcher,

"Do You Dream of Terra-Two?" By Temi Oh,

"Dominicana," By Angie Cruz,

(OO) "Gender Queer: A Memoir," By Maia Kobabe

"High School," By Sara Quin and Tegan Quin,

"In Waves," By AJ Dungo, (GN)

"Middlegame," By Seanan McGuire, Published by Tor.com Publishing, an imprint of Tom Doherty Associates, a division of Macmillan

"The Nickel Boys," By Colson Whitehead,

"Red, White & Royal Blue" By Casey McQuiston,

"The Swallows," By Lisa Lutz,

## **Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award for most distinguished informational book for children:**

(winner is too elementary for our collection) Sibert Honor Books:

(OO) "This Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality," written by Jo Ann Allen Boyce and Debbie Levy

"Ordinary Hazards: A Memoir," written by Nikki Grimes

## **Margaret A. Edwards Award for lifetime achievement in writing for young adults:**

The 2020 winner is Steve Sheinkin. His books include: "Bomb: The Race to Build-and Steal-the World's Most Dangerous Weapon," "The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights," and "The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism, & Treachery," and "Lincoln's Grave Robbers,"

## **Pura Belpré Awards honoring a Latino writer and illustrator** portray, affirm and celebrate the Latino cultural experience: (\*\*\*)**Most of these titles are picture books...**

"Sal and Gabi Break the Universe," written by Carlos Hernandez, is the Pura Belpré Author Award winner. Four Belpré Author Honor Books was named:

"Lety Out Loud," written by Angela Cervantes

"The Other Half of Happy," written by Rebecca Balcárcel

"Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré," written by Anika Aldamuy Denise, illustrated by Paola Escobar

## **Mildred L. Batchelder Award for an outstanding children's book originally published in a language other than English**

"Brown" is the 2020 Batchelder Award winner. Originally published in Norwegian as "Brune," the book was written by Håkon Øvreås, illustrated by Øyvind Torseter, translated by Kari Dickson and published by Enchanted Lion Books.

Honor Books:

"The Beast Player," written by Nahoko Uehashi, illustrated by Yuta Onoda and translated from the Japanese by Cathy Hirano;

"The Distance Between Me and the Cherry Tree," written by Paola Peretti, illustrated by Carolina Rabei, translated from the Italian by Denise Muir;

"Do Fish Sleep?" written by Jens Raschke, illustrated by Jens Rasmus, translated from the German by Belinda Cooper;

"When Spring Comes to the DMZ," written by Uk-Bae Lee, illustrated by the author, translated from the Korean by Chungyon Won and Aileen Won.

"Soldier for Equality: José de la Luz Sáenz and the Great War," written by Duncan Tonatiuh, illustrated by the author

## **YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults:**

(OO) "Free Lunch," written by Rex Ogle, is the 2020 Excellence winner.

finalists :

"The Great Nijinsky: God of Dance," written and illustrated by Lynn Curlee and published by Charlesbridge Teen;

(OO) "A Light in the Darkness: Janusz Korczak, His Orphans, and the Holocaust," written by Albert Marrin

"A Thousand Sisters: The Heroic Airwomen of the Soviet Union in World War II," written by Elizabeth Wein and published by Balzer + Bray, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers; and

"Torpedoed: The True Story of the World War II Sinking of 'The Children's Ship'," written by Deborah Heiligman and published by Henry Holt, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.