

# American Library Association 2020 Children's and Young Adult Literature Awards

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## 2020 ASSOCIATION FOR LIBRARY SERVICE TO CHILDREN (ALSC) AWARDS

**John Newbery Medal** (distinguished writing for children)

**New Kid** written and illustrated by Jerry Craft. HarperCollins, 2019

### Honor Books

**Genesis Begins Again** written by Alicia D. Williams. A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book / Atheneum, 2019

**Other Words for Home** written by Jasmine Warga. Balzer + Bray, 2019

**Scary Stories for Young Foxes** written by Christian McKay Heidicker, illustrated by Junyi Wu. Henry Holt, 2019

**The Undeclared** written by Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Kadir Nelson. Versify, 2019

**Randolph Caldecott Award** (distinguished illustration for children)

**The Undeclared** illustrated by Kadir Nelson, written by Kwame Alexander. Versify, 2019

### Honor Books

**Bear Came Along** illustrated by LeUyen Pham, written by Richard T. Morris. Little, Brown, 2019

**Double Bass Blues** illustrated by Rudy Gutierrez, written by Andrea J. Loney. Alfred A. Knopf, 2019

**Going Down Home with Daddy** illustrated by Daniel Minter, written by Kelly Starling Lyons. Peachtree, 2019

**Mildred L. Batchelder Award** (to the publisher of the outstanding translated book)

Enchanted Lion for **Brown** written by Håkon Øvreås, illustrated by Øyvind Torseter, translated from the Norwegian by Kari Dickson. Originally published in Norway.

### Honor Books

**The Beast Player** written by Nahoko Uehashi, illustrated by Yuta Onoda, translated from the Japanese by Cathy Hirano. Godwin Books / Henry Holt, 2019

**The Distance Between Me and the Cherry Tree** written by Paola Peretti, illustrated by Carolina Rabei, translated from the Italian by Denise Muir. Atheneum, 2019

**Do Fish Sleep?** written by Jens Raschke, illustrated by Jens Rasmus, translated from the German by Belinda Cooper. Enchanted Lion, 2019

**When Spring Comes to the DMZ** written and illustrated by Uk-Bae Lee. Translated from the Korean by Chungyon Won and Aileen Won. Plough, 2019

**Theodor Seuss Geisel Award** (author and illustrator of distinguished beginning reader book)

**Stop! Bot!** written and illustrated by James Yang. Viking, 2019

### Honor Books

**The Book Hog** written and illustrated by Greg Pizzoli. Disney-Hyperion, 2019

**Chick and Brain: Smell My Foot!** written and illustrated by Cece Bell. Candlewick Press, 2019

**Flubby Is Not a Good Pet!** written and illustrated by J. E. Morris. Penguin Workshop, 2019

**Pura Belpré Author Award (cosponsored by REFORMA)** (outstanding writing by a Latino author)

**Sal and Gabi Break the Universe** written by Carlos Hernandez. Disney-Hyperion, 2019

### Honor Books

**Lety Out Loud** written by Angela Cervantes. Scholastic Press, 2019

**The Other Half of Happy** written by Rebecca Balcárcel. Chronicle, 2019

**Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré** written by Anika Aldamuy Denise, illustrated by Paola Escobar, HarperCollins, 2019

**Soldier for Equality: José de la Luz Sáenz and the Great War** written and illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh. Abrams, 2019

**Pura Belpré Illustrator Award (cosponsored by REFORMA)** (outstanding illustration by a Latino artist)

**Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreño Played the Piano for President Lincoln** illustrated by Rafael López, written by Margarita Engle. Atheneum, 2019

### Honor Books

**Across the Bay** illustrated and written by Carlos Aponte. Penguin Workshop, 2019

**My Papi Has a Motorcycle** illustrated by Zeke Peña, written by Isabel Quintero. Kokila, 2019

**¡Vamos! Let's Go to the Market** illustrated and written by Raúl Gonzalez. Versify, 2019

**Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award** (outstanding book of information)

**Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story** written by Kevin Noble Maillard, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal. Roaring Brook Press, 2019

**Honor Books**

**All in a Drop: How Antony van Leeuwenhoek Discovered an Invisible World** written by Lori Alexander, illustrated by Vivien Mildener. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2019

**Hey, Water!** written and illustrated by Antoinette Portis. Neal Porter Books / Holiday House, 2019

**Ordinary Hazards: A Memoir** written by Nikki Grimes. WordSong, 2019

**This Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality** written by Jo Ann Allen Boyce and Debbie Levy. Bloomsbury, 2019

**2020 YOUNG ADULT LIBRARY SERVICES ASSOCIATION (YALSA) AWARDS**

**Michael L. Printz Award** (literary excellence in young adult literature)

**Dig** written by A. S. King. Dutton, 2019

**Honor Books**

**The Beast Player** written by Nahoko Uehashi, illustrated by Yuta Onoda, translated from the Japanese by Cathy Hirano. Godwin Books / Henry Holt, 2019

**Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up with Me** written by Mariko Tamaki, illustrated by Rosemary Valero-O'Connell. First Second, 2019

**Ordinary Hazards: A Memoir** written by Nikki Grimes. Wordsong, 2019

**Where the World Ends** written by Geraldine McCaughrean. Flatiron, 2019

**YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction**

**Free Lunch** written by Rex Ogle. Norton, 2019

**William C. Morris Award** (honoring a young adult book by a first-time author)

**The Field Guide to the North American Teenager** written by Ben Philippe. Balzer + Bray, 2019

**2020 ETHNIC MULTICULTURAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE ROUND TABLE (EMIERT) AWARDS**

**Coretta Scott King Author Award** (outstanding writing by an African American author)

**New Kid** written and illustrated by Jerry Craft. HarperCollins, 2019

**Honor Books**

**Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks** written by Jason Reynolds. A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book / Atheneum, 2019

**The Stars and the Blackness Between Them** written by Junauda Petrus. Dutton, 2019

**Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky** written by Kwame Mbalia. Disney-Hyperion, 2019

**Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award** (outstanding illustrations by an African American artist)

**The Undefeated** illustrated by Kadir Nelson, written by Kwame Alexander. Versify, 2019

**Honor Books**

**The Bell Rang** illustrated and written by James E. Ransome. A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book / Atheneum, 2019

**Infinite Hope: A Black Artist's Journey from World War II to Peace** illustrated and written by Ashley Bryan. A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book / Atheneum, 2019

**Sulwe** illustrated by Vashti Harrison, written by Lupita Nyong'o. Simon & Schuster, 2019

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

**Genesis Begins Again** written by Alicia D. Williams. A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book / Atheneum, 2019

**Coretta Scott King John Steptoe New Talent Illustrator Award:**

**What Is Given from the Heart** illustrated by April Harrison, written by Patricia C. McKissack. Schwartz & Wade, 2019

## 2020 ALA AWARDS

**Schneider Family Book Award** (to an author or illustrator for a book that embodies an artistic expression of the disability experience for child and adolescent audiences)

**Young Children Book:** **Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You** written by Sonia Sotomayor, illustrated by Rafael López. Philomel, 2019

**Honor Book:** **A Friend for Henry** written by Jenn Bailey, illustrated by Mika Song. Chronicle, 2019

**Middle Grade Book:** **Song for a Whale** written by Lynne Kelly. Delacorte, 2019

**Honor Book:** **Each Tiny Spark** written by Pablo Cartaya. Kokila, 2019

**Teen Book:** **Cursed** written by Karol Ruth Silverstein. Charlesbridge, 2019

**Honor Book:** **The Silence Between Us** written by Alison Gervais. Blink, 2019

**Stonewall Children's and Young Adult Literature Award** (to work of exceptional merit relating to the gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender experience)

**The Black Flamingo** written by Dean Atta, illustrated by Anshika Khullar. Hodder, 2019

**When Aidan Became a Brother** written by Kyle Lukoff, illustrated by Kaylani Juanita. Lee & Low, 2019

**Honor Books**

**The Best at It** written by Maulik Pancholy. Balzer + Bray, 2019

**Like a Love Story** written by Abdi Nazemian. Balzer + Bray, 2019

**Pet** written by Akwaeke Emezi. Make Me a World, 2019

**2020 American Indian Library Association Youth Literature Awards (ALA Affiliate)** (for writing and illustration by and about American Indians)

**Picture Book:** **Bowwow Powwow: Bagošenjige-niimi'idim** written by Brenda J. Child (Red Lake Ojibwe), translated into Ojibwe by Gordon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation), illustrated by Jonathan Thunder (Red Lake Ojibwe). Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2018

**Honor Books:**

**Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story** written by Kevin Noble Maillard (Seminole Nation, Mekusukey Band), illustrated by Juana Martínez-Neal (Peruvian-American). Roaring Brook Press, 2019

**Birdsong** written and illustrated by Julie Flett (Cree-Métis). Greystone Kids, 2019

**At the Mountain's Base** written by Traci Sorell (Cherokee), illustrated by Weshoyot Alvitre (Tongva/Scots-Gaelic). Kokila, 2019

**We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga** written by Traci Sorell (Cherokee), illustrated by Frané Lessac. Charlesbridge, 2018

**Raven Makes the Aleutians** adapted from a traditional Tlingit story and illustrated by Janine Gibbons (Haida, Raven of the Double-Finned Killer Whale clan, Brown Bear House). Sealaska Heritage, 2018

**Middle Grade:** **Indian No More** written by Charlene Willing McManis (Umpqua/Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde) with Traci Sorell (Cherokee). Tu Books, 2019

**Honor Books:**

**I Can Make This Promise** written by Christine Day (Upper Skagit), HarperCollins, 2019

**The Grizzly Mother** written by Hetxw'ms Gyetxw ("Brett D. Huson," Gitxsan), illustrated by Natasha Donovan (Métis Nation of British Columbia). Highwater Press, 2019

**Young Adult:** **Hearts Unbroken** by Cynthia Leitich Smith (Muscogee). Candlewick Press, 2018

**Honor Books:**

**Surviving the City** written by Tasha Spillett (Nehiyaw-Trinidadian), illustrated by Natasha Donovan (Métis Nation of British Columbia). Highwater Press,

**Reawakening Our Ancestors' Lines: Revitalizing Inuit Traditional Tattooing** gathered and compiled by Angela Hovak Johnston (Inuk), photography by Cora DeVos (Inuk). Inhabit Media,

**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. Beacon Press, 2019

**Apple in the Middle** written by Dawn Quigley (Ojibwe, Turtle Mountain Band). North Dakota State University Press, 2018

**2019-2020 Asian/Pacific American Library Association Youth Literature Awards (ALA Affiliate)**

(to works about Asian/Pacific Americans and their heritage)

**Picture Book:** **Queen of Physics: How Wu Chien Shiung Helped Unlock the Secrets of the Atom** written by Teresa Robeson, illustrated by Rebecca Huang. Sterling, 2019

**Honor Book:** **Bilal Cooks Daal** written by Aisha Saeed, illustrated by Anoosha Syed. Salaam Reads, 2019

**Children's Literature:** **Stargazing** written and illustrated by Jen Wang. First Second, 2019

**Honor Book:** **I'm Ok** written by Patti Kim. Atheneum, 2018

**Young Adult Literature:** **They Called Us Enemy** written by George Takei, Justin Eisinger and Steven Scott, illustrated by Harmony Becker. Top Shelf, 2019

**Honor Book:** **Frankly in Love** written by David Yoon. Putnam, 2019

**2020 Sydney Taylor Book Award (Association of Jewish Librarians)**

(to outstanding books for children and teens that authentically portray the Jewish experience)

**Picture Book:** **The Book Rescuer: How a Mensch from Massachusetts Saved Yiddish Literature for Generations to Come** written by Sue Macy, illustrated by Stacy Innerst. Paula Wiseman Books / Simon & Schuster, 2019

**Honor Books:**

**Gittel's Journey: An Ellis Island Story** written by Lesléa Newman, illustrated by Amy June Bates. Abrams, 2019

**The Key from Spain: Flory Jagoda and Her Music** written by Debbie Levy, illustrated by Sonja Wimmer. Kar-Ben, 2019

**Middle Grade:** **White Bird: A Wonder Story** written by R. J. Palacio. Alfred A. Knopf, 2019

**Honor Books:**

**Anya and the Dragon** written by Sofiya Pasternack. Versify, 2019

**Games of Deception: The True Story of the First U.S. Olympic Basketball Team at the 1936 Olympics in Hitler's Germany** written by Andrew Maraniss. Philomel, 2019

**Young Adult:** **Someday We Will Fly** written by Rachel DeWoskin. Viking, 2019

**Honor Books:**

**Dissenter on the Bench: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Life and Work** written by Victoria Ortiz. Clarion, 2019

**Sick Kids in Love** written by Hannah Moskowitz. Entangled Teen, 2019