

So many award-winning books, so little time to read them all! The American Library Association recently announced the Youth Media Award titles for 2015, including the Newbery, Caldecott, Coretta Scott King and Printz awards. If you start reading now, you have a decent chance of reading all of them before next year's winners are announced. If you don't see it on the shelf, be sure to stop at the Youth or Reference desk and ask us to put the book on hold for you.

The Newberry is awarded to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children. This year's winner is *The Crossover* written by Kwame Alexander.

The Caldecott is awarded to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children. This year's winner is *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend* illustrated by Dan Santat.

The Coretta Scott King Award is given annual to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults to demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human value. The author award winner is Jacqueline Woodson for *Brown Girl Dreaming* and the illustrator award winner is Christopher Myers for *Firebird*.

The Michael L. Printz is awarded for a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature. This year's winner is *I'll Give You the Sun* written by Jandy Nelson.

The Pura Belpré Award is presented annually to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth. The author award winner is Marjorie Agosín for *I Lived on Butterfly Hill* and the illustrator winner is Yuyi Morales for *Viva Frida*.

The Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal is awarded annually to the author(s) and illustrator(s) of the most distinguished informational book. This year's winner is *The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus* written by Jen Bryant.

The Geisel Award is given annually to the author(s) and illustrator(s) of the most distinguished American book for beginning readers. This year's winner is *You Are (Not) Small* written by Anna Kang and illustrated by Christopher Weyant.

The William C. Morris YA Debut Award, first awarded in 2009, honors a debut book published by a first-time author writing for teens and celebrating impressive new voices in young adult literature. This year's winner is *Gabi, a Girl in Pieces* written by Isabel Quintero.

The YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction honors the best nonfiction book published for young adults. This year's winner is *Popular: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek* written by Maya Van Wagenen.

The Mildred L. Batchelder Award is an annual citation awarded to an American publisher for a children's book considered to be the most outstanding of those books originally published in a foreign language in a foreign country, and subsequently translated into English and published in the United States. This year's winner is *Mikis and the Donkey* written by Bibi Dumon Tak, illustrated by Philip Hopman and translated by Laura Watkinson.

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