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Each year in January the American Library Association presents the Youth Media Awards. These awards honor the best children's books published in the previous year and include the Newbery Award, the Caldecott Award, and the Coretta Scott King Award. I have to admit, I never would have thought I would be excited about book awards, but each year the selection committees surprise and delights me with their choices. This year was no different. For a full list of winning titles, visit www.ala.org

John Newbery Medal for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature: *Last Stop on Market Street* written by Matt de la Peña and illustrated by Christian Robinson

Three Newbery Honor Books also were named: *The War that Saved My Life* written by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, *Roller Girl* written and illustrated by Victoria Jamieson, and *Echo* written by Pam Muñoz Ryan.

Randolph Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children: *Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear* written by Lindsay Mattick and illustrated by Sophie Blackall.

Four Caldecott Honor Books also were named: *Trombone Shorty* written by Troy Andrews and illustrated by Bryan Collier, *Waiting* illustrated and written by Kevin Henkes, *Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement* written by Carole Boston Weatherford and illustrated by Ekua Holmes, and *Last Stop on Market Street* written by Matt de la Peña and illustrated by Christian Robinson.

Coretta Scott King (Author) Book Award, recognizing an African American author and illustrator of outstanding books for children and young adults: *Gone Crazy in Alabama* written by Rita Williams-Garcia.

Mildred L. Batchelder Award for an outstanding children's book translated from a foreign language and subsequently published in the United States: *The Wonderful Fluffy Little Squishy* written and illustrated by Beatrice Alemagna and translated by Claudia Zoe Bedrick.

Odyssey Award for best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults, available in English in the United States: *The War that Saved My Life* produced by Listening Library, the book is written by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley and narrated by Jayne Entwistle.

Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in literature written for young adults: *Bone Gap* written by Laura Ruby.

Pura Belpré (Illustrator) Award honoring a Latino writer and illustrator whose children's books best portray, affirm and celebrate the Latino cultural experience: *Drum Dream Girl* written by Margarita Engle and illustrated by Rafael López.

Pura Belpré (Author) Award: *Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: A Memoir* written by Margarita Engle.

Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award for most distinguished informational book for children: *Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras* written and illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh.

YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults: Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War written by Steve Sheinkin.

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