

CORETTA SCOTT KING AWARD WINNERS, 1970 - 2023

Outstanding books for young adults and children by African Americans that reflect the African American experience.



- 2023 Author Winner:** *Freewater* by Amina Luqman-Dawson
Author Honor Books: *Star Child: A Biographical Constellation of Octavia Estelle Butler* by Ibi Zoboi
The Talk by Alicia D. Williams
Victory. Stand!: Raising My Fist for Justice by Tommie Smith and Derrick Barnes
- Illustrator Winner:** *Standing in the Need of Prayer: A Modern Retelling of the Classic Spiritual* by Carole Boston Weatherford
Illustrator Honor Books: *Me and the Boss: A Story about Mending and Love* by Michelle Edwards
Swim Team by Johnnie Christmas
Victory. Stand!: Raising My Fist for Justice by Tommie Smith and Derrick Barnes
- 2022 Author Winner:** *Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre* by Carole Boston Weatherford
Author Honor Books: *Home Is Not a Country* by Safia Elhillo
Revolution in Our Time by Kekla Magoon
The People Remember by Ibi Zoboi
- Illustrator Winner:** *Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre* by Carole Boston Weatherford
Illustrator Honor Books: *Nina: A Story of Nina Simone* by Traci N. Todd
We Wait for the Sun by Dovey Johnson Roundtree & Katie McCabe
Soul Food Sunday by Winsome Bingham
- 2021 Author Winner:** *Before the Ever After* by Jacqueline Woodson
Author Honor Books: *All the Days Past, All the Days to Come* by Mildred D. Taylor
King and the Dragonflies by Kacen Callendar
Lifting as We Climb: Black Women's Battle for the Ballot Box by Evette Dionne
- Illustrator Winner:** *R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul* by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Frank Morrison
Illustrator Honor Books: *Magnificent Homespun Brown: A Celebration* by Samara Cole Doyon, illustrated by Kaylani Juanita
Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks by Suzanne Slade, illustrated by Cozbi A. Cabrera
Me & Mama by Cozbi A. Cabrera
- 2020 Author Winner:** *New Kid* by Jerry Craft
Author Honor Books: *The Stars and the Blackness Between Them* by Junauda Petrus
Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia

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

Illustrator Winner:

***The Undefeated* by Kadir Nelson**

Illustrator Honor Books:

The Bell by James Ransom

Infinite Hope: A Black Artist's Journey from World War II to Peace by Ashley Bryan

Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o, illustrated by Vashti Harrison

2019 Author Winner:

***A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919* by Claire Hartfield**

Author Honor Books:

Finding Langston by Lesa Cline-Ransome

The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson

The Season of Styx Malone by Kekla Magoon

Illustrator Winner:

***The Stuff of Stars* by Marion Dane Bauer, illustrated by Euka Holmes**

Illustrator Honor Books:

Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly, illustrated by Laura Freeman

Let the Children March by Monica Clark-Robinson, illustrated by Frank Morrison

Memphis, Martin, and the Mountaintop by Alice Faye Duncan, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie

2018 Author Winner:

***Piecing Me Together* by Renee Watson**

Author Honor Books:

Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut by Derrick Barnes

Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Illustrator Winner:

***Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets* by Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Euka Holmes**

Illustrator Honor Books:

Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut by Derrick Barnes, illustrated by Gordon C. James

Before She Was Harriet: The Story of Harriet Tubman by Lesa Cline-Ransome, illustrated by James Ransome

2017 Author Winner:

***March: Book Three* by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin**

Author Honor Books:

As Brave as You by Jason Reynolds

Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life by Ashley Bryan

Illustrator Winner:

***Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat* by Javaka Steptoe**

Illustrator Honor Books:

Freedom in Congo Square by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie

Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life by Ashley Bryan

In Plain Sight by Richard Jackson, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney

2016 Author Winner:

***Gone Crazy in Alabama* by Rita Williams-Garcia**

- Author Honor Books: *All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
The Boy in the Black Suit by Jason Reynolds
X: A Novel by Ilyasah Shabazz and Kekla Magoon
- Illustrator Winner:** ***Trombone Shorty* by Troy “Trombone Shorty” Andrews and Bill Taylor, illustrated by Bryan Collier**
- Illustrator Honor Books: *The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth & Harlem’s Greatest Bookstore* by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie
Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson
- 2015 Author Winner:** ***Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacquelyn Woodson**
- Author Honor Books: *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander
How I Discovered Poetry by Marilyn Nelson
How It Went Down by Kekla Magoon
- Illustrator Winner:** ***Firebird* by Misty Copeland, illustrated by Christopher Myers**
- Illustrator Honor Books: *Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker* by Patricia Hruby Powell, illustrated by Christian Robinson
Little Melba and Her Big Trombone by Katheryn Russell-Brown, illustrated by Frank Morrison
- 2014 Author Winner:** ***P.S. Be Eleven* by Rita Williams-Garcia**
- Author Honor Books: *March: Book One* by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin
Darius & Twig by Walter Dean Myers
Words with Wings by Nikki Grimes
- Illustrator Winner:** ***Knock Knock: My Dad’s Dream for Me* by Bryan Collier**
- Illustrator Honor Book: *Nelson Mandela* by Kadir Nelson
- 2013 Author Winner:** ***Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America* by Andrea David Pinkney**
- Author Honor Books: *The Dear One* by Jacqueline Woodson
No Crystal Stair: A Documentary Novel of the Life and Work of Lewis Micheaux, Harlem Bookseller by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson
- Illustrator Winner:** ***I, Too, Am America* by Bryan Collier**
- Illustrator Honor Books: *Ellen’s Broom* by Kelly Starling Lyons, illustrated by Daniel Minter
H.O.R.S.E. by Walter Dean Myers
I Have a Dream: Martin Luther King Jr. by Martin Luther King, Jr., illustrated by Kadir Nelson
- 2012 Author Winner:** ***Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans* by Kadir Nelson**
- Author Honor Books: *The Great Migration: Journey to the North* by Eloise Greenfield
Never Forgotten by Patricia C McKissack

- Illustrator Winner:** *Underground: Finding the Light to Freedom* by Shane W. Evans
Illustrator Honor Book: *Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans* by Kadir Nelson
- 2011 Author Winner:** *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia
Author Honor Books: *Lockdown* by Walter Dean Myers
Ninth Ward by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty by G. Neri
- Illustrator Winner:** *Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave* by Laban Carrick Hill, illustrated by Bryan Collier
Illustrator Honor Book: *Jimi Sounds Like a Rainbow: A Story of the Young Jimi Hendrix* by Gary Golio, illustrated by Javaka Steptoe
- 2010 Author Winner:** *Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal* by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson
Author Honor Book: *Mare's War* by Tanita S. Davis
- Illustrator Winner:** *My People* by Langston Hughes, illustrated by Charles R. Smith, Jr.
Illustrator Honor Book: *The Negro Speaks of Rivers* by Langston Hughes, illustrated by E. B. Lewis
- 2009 Author Winner:** *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball* by Kadir Nelson
Author Honor Books: *Keeping the Night Watch* by Hope Anita Smith
The Blacker the Berry by Joyce Carol Thomas
Becoming Billie Holiday by Carole Boston Weatherford
- Illustrator Winner:** *The Blacker the Berry* by Joyce Carol Thomas, illustrated by Floyd Cooper
Illustrator Honor Books: *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball* by Kadir Nelson
The Moon Over Star by Diana Hutts Aston, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney
Before John Was a Jazz Giant by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Sean Qualls
- 2008 Author Winner:** *Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis
Author Honor Books: *November Blues* by Sharon Draper
Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammad Ali by Charles R. Smith, Jr.
- Illustrator Winner:** *Let it Shine: Three Favorite Spirituals* by Ashley Bryan
Illustrator Honor Books: *The Secret Olivia Told Me* by N. Joy, illustrated by Nancy Devard
Jazz on a Saturday Night by Leo and Diane Dillon
- 2007 Author Winner:** *Copper Sun* by Sharon Draper
Author Honor Book: *Road to Paris* by Nikki Grimes
- Illustrator Winner:** *Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom* by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Kadir Nelson

- Illustrator Honor Books: *Jazz* by Walter Dean Myers, illustrated by Christopher Myers
Poetry for Young People: Langston Hughes edited by David Roessel and Arnold Rampersad, illustrated by Benny Andrews
- 2006 Author Winner:** ***Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue* by Julius Lester**
Author Honor Books: *Maritcha: A Nineteenth-Century American Girl* by Tonya Bolden
Dark Sons by Nikki Grimes
A Wreath for Emmett Till by Marilyn Nelson
- Illustrator Winner:** ***Rosa* by Nikki Giovanni, illustrated by Bryan Collier**
Illustrator Honor Book: *Brothers in Hope: The Story of the Lost Boys of Sudan* by Mary Williams, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie
- 2005 Author Winner:** ***Remember: The Journey to School Integration* by Toni Morrison**
Author Honor Books: *The Legend of Bobby Bush* by Sheila P. Moses
Who Am I without Him?: Short Stories about Girls and the Boys in Their Lives by Sharon G. Flake
Fortune's Bones: The Manumission Requiem by Marilyn Nelson
- Illustrator Winner:** ***Ellington Was Not a Street* by Ntozake Shange, illustrated by Kadir Nelson**
Illustrator Honor Books: *God Bless the Child* by Billie Holiday and Arthur Herzog Jr., illustrated by Jerry Pinkney
The People Could Fly: The Picture Book by Virginia Hamilton, illustrated by Leo and Diane Dillon
- 2004 Author Winner:** ***The First Part Last* by Angela Johnson**
Author Honor Books: *Days Of Jubilee: The End of Slavery in the United States* by Patricia C. and Fredrick L. McKissack
The Battle of Jericho by Sharon Draper
- Illustrator Winner:** ***Beautiful Blackbird* by Ashley Bryan**
Illustrator Honor Books: *Almost to Freedom* by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson, illustrated by Colin Bootman
Thunder Rose by Jerdine Nolen, illustrated by Kadir Nelson
- 2003 Author Winner:** ***Bronx Masquerade* by Nikki Grimes**
Author Honor Books: *The Red Rose Box* by Brenda Woods
Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman by Nikki Grimes
- Illustrator Winner:** ***Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman* by Nikki Grimes, illustrated by E. B. Lewis**
Illustrator Honor Books: *Visiting Langston* by Willie Perdomo, illustrated by Bryan Collier
Rap a Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles by Leo and Diane Dillon
- 2002 Author Winner:** ***The Land* by Mildred Taylor**

- Author Honor Books: *Money-Hungry* by Sharon G. Flake
Carver: A Life in Poems by Marilyn Nelson
- Illustrator Winner:** ***Goin' Someplace Special* by Patricia McKissack, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney**
- Illustrator Honor Book: *Martin's Big Words* by Doreen Rappaport, illustrated by Bryan Collier
- 2001 Author Winner:** ***Miracle's Boys* by Jacqueline Woodson**
- Author Honor Books: *Let It Shine! Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters* by Andrea David Pinkney
- Illustrator Winner:** ***Uptown* by Bryan Collier**
- Illustrator Honor Books: *Freedom River* by Doreen Rappaport, illustrated by Bryan Collier
Only Passing Through: The Story of Sojourner Truth by Anne Rockwell, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie
Virgie Goes to School with Us Boys by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard, illustrated by E. B. Lewis
- 2000 Author Winner:** ***Bud, not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis**
- Author Honor Books: *Francie* by Karen English
Black Hands, White Sails: The Story of African-American Whalers by Patricia C. and Fredrick L. McKissack
Monster by Walter Dean Myers
- Illustrator Winner:** ***In the Time of Drums* by Brian Pinkney**
- Illustrator Honor Books: *My Rows and Piles of Coins* by Kim L. Siegelson, illustrated by E. B. Lewis
Black Cat by Christopher Myers
- 1999 Author Winner:** ***Heaven* by Angela Johnson**
- Author Honor Books: *Jazmin's Notebook* by Nikki Grimes
Breaking Ground, Breaking Silence: The Story of New York's African Burial Ground by Joyce Hansen and Gary McGowan
The Other Side: Shorter Poems by Angela Johnson
- Illustrator Winner:** ***I See the Rhythm* by Toyomi Igus, illustrated by Angel Johnson**
- Illustrator Honor Books: *I Have Heard of a Land* by Joyce Carol Thomas, illustrated by Floyd Cooper
The Bat Boy and His Violin by Gavin Curtis, illustrated by E. B. Lewis
Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and His Orchestra by Andrea Davis Pinkney, illustrated by Brian Pinkney
- 1998 Author Winner:** ***Forged By Fire* by Sharon Draper**
- Author Honor Books: *Bayard Rustin: Behind the Scenes of the Civil Rights Movement* by James Haskins
I Thought My Soul Would Rise and Fly: The Diary of Patsy, a Freed Girl by Joyce Hansen

- Illustrator Winner:** *In Daddy's Arms I am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers* by Alan Schroeder, illustrated by Javaka Steptoe
- Illustrator Honor Books: *Ashley Bryan's ABC of African American Poetry* by Ashley Bryan
Harlem by Walter Dean Myers, illustrated by Christopher Myers
The Hunterman and the Crocodile by Baba Wagué Diakité
- 1997 Author Winner:** *Slam* by Walter Dean Myers
- Author Honor Books: *Rebels Against Slavery: American Slave Revolts* by Patricia C. and Fredrick L. McKissack
- Illustrator Winner:** *Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman* by Alan Schroeder, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney
- Illustrator Honor Books: *The Palm of My Heart: Poetry by African American Children* edited by Davida Adedjouma, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie
Running the Road to ABC by Denize Lauture, illustrated by Reynold Ruffins
Neeny Coming, Neeny Going by Karen English, illustrated by Synthia Saint James
- 1996 Author Winner:** *Her Stories: African American Folktales, Fairy Tales, and True Tales* by Virginia Hamilton
- Author Honor Books: *The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis
Like Sisters on the Homefront by Rita Williams-Garcia
From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun by Jacqueline Woodson
- Illustrator Winner:** *The Middle Passage* by Tom Feelings
- Illustrator Honor Books: *Her Stories* by Virginia Hamilton, illustrated by Leo and Diane Dillon
The Faithful Friend by Robert San Souci, illustrated by Brian Pinkney
- 1995 Author Winner:** *Christmas in the Big House, Christmas in the Quarters* by Patricia C. and Fredrick L. McKissack
- Author Honor Books: *The Captive* by Joyce Hansen
I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This by Jacqueline Woodson
Black Diamond: The Story of the Negro Baseball Leagues by Patricia C. and Fredrick L. McKissack, Jr.
- Illustrator Winner:** *The Creation* by James Weldon Johnson, illustrated by James Ransome
- Illustrator Honor Books: *The Singing Man* by Angela Shelf Medearis, illustrated by Teresa Shaffer
Meet Danitra Brown by Nikki Grimes, illustrated by Floyd Cooper
- 1994 Author Winner:** *Toning the Sweep* by Angela Johnson
- Author Honor Books: *Brown Honey in Broomwheat Tea* by Joyce Carol Thomas
Malcolm X: By Any Means Necessary by Walter Dean Myers
- Illustrator Winner:** *Soul Looks Back in Wonder* edited by Phyllis Fogelman, illustrated by Tom Feelings

- Illustrator Honor Books: *Brown Honey in Broom Wheat Tea* by Joyce Carol Thomas, illustrated by Floyd Cooper
Uncle Jed's Barbershop by Margaree King Mitchell, illustrated by James Ransome
- 1993 Author Winner:** ***The Dark-Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural* by Patricia C. McKissack**
- Author Honor Books: *Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman?* By Patricia C. and Fredrick L. McKissack
Somewhere in the Darkness by Walter Dean Myers
Mississippi Challenge by Mildred Pitts Walter
- Illustrator Winner:** ***The Origin of Life on Earth: An African Creation Myth* by retold by David A. Anderson, illustrated by Kathleen Atkins Wilson**
- Illustrator Honor Books: *Little Eight John* by Jan Wahl, illustrated by Wil Clay
Sukey and the Mermaid by Robert San Souci, illustrated by Bryan Pinkney
Working Cotton by Sherley Anne Williams, illustrated by Carole Byard
- 1992 Author Winner:** ***Now is Your Time: The African American Struggle for Freedom* by Walter Dean Myers**
- Author Honor Books: *Night on Neighborhood Street* by Eloise Greenfield
- Illustrator Winner:** ***Tar Beach* by Faith Ringgold**
- Illustrator Honor Books: *All Night, All Day: A Child's First Book of African American Spirituals* by Ashley Bryan
Night on Neighborhood Street by Eloise Greenfield, illustrated by Jan Spivey Gilchrist
- 1991 Author Winner:** ***The Road to Memphis* by Mildred Taylor**
- Author Honor Books: *Black Dance in America* by James Haskins
When I Am Old with You by Angela Johnson
- Illustrator Winner:** ***Aida* by Leontyne Price, illustrated by Leo and Diane Dillon**
- 1990 Author Winner:** ***A Long Hard Journey: The Story of the Pullman Porter* by Patricia C. and Fredrick L. McKissack**
- Author Honor Books: *Nathaniel Talking* by Eloise Greenfield
The Bells of Christmas by Virginia Hamilton
Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Freedom Movement by Lillie Patterson
- Illustrator Winner:** ***Nathaniel Talking* by Eloise Greenfield, illustrated by Jan Spivey Gilchrist**
- Illustrator Honor Books: *The Talking Eggs: A Folktale from the American South* by Robert San Souci, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney
- 1989 Author Winner:** ***Fallen Angels* by Walter Dean Myers**
- Author Honor Books: *A Thief in the Village and Other Stories* by James Berry

Anthony Burns: The Defeat and Triumph of a Fugitive Slave by Virginia Hamilton

Illustrator Winner: ***Mirandy and Brother Wind* by Patricia McKissac, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney**

Illustrator Honor Books: *Under the Sunday Tree* by Eloise Greenfield, illustrated by Amos Ferguson
Storm in the Night by Mary Stolz, illustrated by Pat Cummings

1988 Author Winner: ***The Friendship* by Mildred D. Taylor**

Author Honor Books: *An Enchanted Hair Tale* by Alexis De Veaux
The Tales of Uncle Remus: The Adventures of Brer Rabbit by Julius Lester

Illustrator Winner: ***Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale* by John Steptoe**

Illustrator Honor Books: *What a Morning! The Christmas Story in Black Spirituals* selected by John Langstaff, illustrated by Ashley Bryan
The Invisible Hunters: A Legend from the Miskito Indians of Nicaragua compiled by Harriet Rohmer, et al, illustrated by JoeSam.

1987 Author Winner: ***Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World* by Mildred Pitts Walter**

Author Honor Books: *Lion and the Ostrich Chicks and Other African Folk Tales* by Ashley Bryan
Which Way Freedom by Joyce Hansen

Illustrator Winner: ***Half a Moon and One Whole Star* by Crescent Dragonwagon, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney**

Illustrator Honor Books: *Lion and the Ostrich Chicks and Other African Folk Tales* by Ashley Bryan
C.L.O.U.D.S. by Pat Cummings

1986 Author Winner: ***The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales* by Virginia Hamilton**

Author Honor Books: *Junius Over Far* by Virginia Hamilton
Trouble's Child by Mildred Pitts Walter

Illustrator Winner: ***The Patchwork Quilt* by Valerie Flournoy, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney**

Illustrator Honor Book: ***The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales* by Virginia Hamilton, illustrated by Leo and Diane Dillon**

1985 Author Winner: ***Motown and Didi* by Walter Dean Myers**

Author Honor Books: *Circle of Gold* by Candy Dawson Boyd
A Little Love by Virginia Hamilton

1984 Author Winner: ***Everett Anderson's Goodbye* by Lucille Clifton**

Author Honor Books: *The Magical Adventures of Pretty Pearl* by Virginia Hamilton
Lena Horne by James Haskins
Bright Shadow by Joyce Carol Thomas
Because We Are by Mildred Pitts Walter

Illustrator Winner: ***My Mama Needs Me* by Mildred Pitts Walter, illustrated by Pat Cummings**

- 1983 Author Winner:** *Sweet Whispers, Brother Rush* by Virginia Hamilton
 Author Honor Books: *This Strange New Feeling* by Julius Lester
- Illustrator Winner:** *Black Child* by Peter Magubane
 Illustrator Honor Books: *All the Colors of the Race* by Arnold Adoff, illustrated by John Steptoe
I'm Going to Sing: Black American Spirituals by Ashley Bryan
Just Us Women by Jeanette Caines, illustrated by Pat Cummings
- 1982 Author Winner:** *Let the Circle Be Unbroken* by Mildred D. Taylor
 Author Honor Books: *Rainbow Jordan* by Alice Childress
Lou in the Limelight by Kristin Hunter
Mary: An Autobiography by Mary E. Mebane
- Illustrator Winner:** *Mother Crocodile: An Uncle Amadou Tale from Senegal* by Rosa Guy, illustrated by John Steptoe
 Illustrator Honor Book: *Daydreamers* by Eloise Greenfield, illustrated by Tom Feelings
- 1981 Author Winner:** *This Life* by Sidney Poitier
 Author Honor Book: *Don't Explain: A Song of Billie Holiday* by Alexis De Veaux
- Illustrator Winner:** *Beat the Story Drum, Pum-Pum* by Ashley Bryan
 Illustrator Honor Books: *Grandmama's Joy* by Eloise Greenfield, illustrated by Carole Byard
Count on Your Fingers African Style by Claudia Zaslavsky, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney
- 1980 Author Winner:** *The Young Landlords* by Walter Dean Myers
 Author Honor Books: *Movin' Up* by Berry Gordy
Childtimes: A Three-Generation Memoir by Eloise Greenfield and Lessie Jones Little
Andrew Young: Young Man with a Mission by James Haskins
James Van Der Zee: The Picture Takin' Man by James Haskins
Let the Lion Eat Straw by Ellease Southerland
- 1979 Author Winner:** *Escape to Freedom* by Ossie Davis
 Author Honor Books: *Benjamin Banneker* by Lillie Patterson
I Have a Sister, My Sister is Deaf by Jeanne W. Peterson
Justice and Her Brothers by Virginia Hamilton
Skates of Uncle Richard by Carol Fenner
- Illustrator Winner:** *Something on My Mind* by Nikki Grimes, illustrated by Tom Feelings
- 1978 Author Winner:** *Africa Dream* by Eloise Greenfield
 Author Honor Books: *The Days When the Animals Talked: Black Folk Tales and How They Came to Be* by William J. Faulkner
Marvin and Tige by Frankcina Glass
Mary McCleod Bethune by Eloise Greenfield

Barbara Jordan by James Haskins
Coretta Scott King by Lillie Patterson
Portia: The Life of Portia Washington Pittman, the Daughter of Booker T. Washington by Ruth Ann Stewart

- 1977 Author Winner:** ***The Story of Stevie Wonder* by James Haskins**
Author Honor Books:
Everett Anderson's Friend by Lucille Clifton
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor
Quick Book on Black America by Clarence N. Blake and Donald F. Martin
- 1976 Author Winner:** ***Duey's Tale* by Pearl Bailey**
Author Honor Books:
Julius K. Nyerere: Teacher of Africa by Shirley Graham
Paul Robeson by Eloise Greenfield
Fast Sam, Cool Clyde and Stuff by Walter Dean Myers
Song of the Trees by Mildred D. Taylor
- 1975 Author Winner:** ***The Legend of Africana* by Dorothy Robinson**
- 1974 Author Winner:** ***Ray Charles* by Sharon Bell Mathis**
Author Honor Books:
A Hero Ain't Nothin' but a Sandwich by Alice Childress
Do You Remember by Lucille Clifton
Ms. Africa: Profiles of Modern African Women by Louise Crane
Guest in the Promised Land by Kristin Hunter
Mukasa by John Nagenda
- 1973 Author Winner:** ***I Never Had it Made: The Autobiography of Jackie Robinson* by Jackie Robinson and Alfred Duckett**
- 1972 Author Winner:** ***17 Black Artists* by Elton C. Fax**
- 1971 Author Winner:** ***Black Troubador: Langston Hughes* by Charlemae Rollins**
Author Honor Books:
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
Unbought and Unbossed by Shirley Chisholm
I Am a Black Woman by Mari Evans
Every Man Heart Lay Down by Lorenz Graham
The Voice of the Children by June Jordan and Terri Bush
Black Means by Gladys Groom and Bonnie Grossman
Ebony Book of Black Achievement by Margaret W. Peters
Mary Jo's Grandmother by Janice May Udry
- 1970 Author Winner:** ***Martin Luther King, Jr.: Man of Peace* by Lillie Patterson**