THE
2021
NEWBERY CALDECOTT LEGACY AWARDS
Sunday, June 27th
7:00PM CST
Award Winners

THE RANDOLPH CALDECOTT MEDAL

MICHAELA GOADE

We Are Water Protectors

Roaring Brook Press, a division of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group

THE JOHN NEWBERY MEDAL

TAE KELLER

When You Trap a Tiger

Random House Books For Young Readers, an Imprint of Random House Children's Books, a division of Penguin Random House

“This beautiful book reminds us that the most powerful magic of storytelling is the story we decide to tell about ourselves.” — Ray Veldman, author of The Truth About Twinkle Pie

Author of THE SCIENCE OF BREAKABLE THINGS

TAE KELLER

When You Trap a Tiger

SOME STORIES REFUSE TO STAY BOTTLED UP.
The 2021 Caldecott Honor Book Illustrators

**COZBI A. CABRERA**

*Me & Mama*

Denene Millner Books/Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Simon & Schuster

**NOA DENMON**

*A Place Inside of Me: A Poem to Heal the Heart* by Zetta Elliott

Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group

**CINDY DERBY**

*Outside In*

by Deborah Underwood

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

**YUKO SHIMIZU**

*The Cat Man of Aleppo* by Irene Latham and Karim Shamsi-Basha

G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers, a division of Penguin Random House
The 2021 Newbery Honor Book Authors

CAROLE BOSTON WEATHERFORD

BOX: Henry Brown Mails Himself to Freedom illustrated by Michele Wood
Candlewick Press

KIMBERLY BRUBAKER BRADLEY

Fighting Words
Dial Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers, a division of Penguin Random House

ERIN ENTRADA KELLY

We Dream of Space illustrated by Erin Entrada Kelly and Celia Krampien
Greenwillow Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Children’s Books

CHRISTINA SOONTORNVAT

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys’ Soccer Team
A Wish in the Dark
Candlewick Press
The Children's Literature Legacy Award

MILDRED D. TAYLOR

Mildred Taylor was born in Mississippi, grew up in Ohio, and now lives in Colorado. A childhood of listening to family stories told by her father and uncles at the Mississippi family homestead guided her journey to becoming a writer. Winning the competition of the Council of Interracial Books for Children meant having her first book published. Weaving elements from her family history, Taylor's lifelong work has been the telling of the Logan family saga.

Taylor’s award-winning works include “Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry”, which won the 1977 Newbery Medal and the Coretta Scott King Honor Award; “The Friendship,” “Road to Memphis,” “Let the Circle be Unbroken,” and “The Land”, all recipients of the Coretta Scott King Award. In addition to numerous awards for individual books, Mildred Taylor is the 2020 recipient of the Coretta Scott King – Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement.

The Logan family saga is told across 10 books that span generations. Grounded in family loyalty and love, each generation faces seemingly unsurmountable challenges yet meets them with resilience. Powerful stories tell the impact of racism and are presented in the details of day-to-day bullying and injustices such as the denial of human rights, legalized segregation, civil rights, and more. Taylor’s stories are important for readers today so that we may understand how the past influences our present and can influence the future. But most importantly, themes of family, love, friendships, and perseverance prevail. Mildred Taylor has influenced decades of readers. 2018 ALSC Legacy Award winner Jacqueline Woodson states that she is a writer because she read Mildred Taylor’s books.
2021 Randolph Caldecott Medal Selection Committee
Annisha Jeffries, Chair • Carmen Lynette Boston
Christine D. Caputo • Edith Irene Ching
Alec B. Chunn • Dr. Brenda Dales
Melissa Zymboly Depper • Shannan Hicks
Gaye Hinchliff • Hanna Lee
Erin Ford Nguyen • Sarah Okner
Sarah Rodriguez • Mary Schreiber
Catherine Sorensen

2021 John Newbery Medal Selection Committee
Dr. Jonda C. McNair, Chair
Elizabeth A. Burns • Timothy D. Capehart
Arika J. Dickens • Joanna K. Fabicon
Hyunjin Han • Susan Dove Lempke
Maren C. Ostergard • Dr. Linda M. Pavonetti
David C. Saia • Lisa Thomas
Sarah Bean Thompson
Alicia S.Q. Yao

2021 Children’s Literature Legacy Award Selection Committee
Dr. Junko Yokota, Chair • Betsy Ramsey Bird
Chelsea Couillard-Smith • Celia Dillon
Jonathan Hunt

Event Schedule
INTRODUCTION
KIRBY MCCURTIS,
President, Association for Library Services to Children

PRESENTATION OF 2021 AWARDS AND HONORS

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CONCLUDING REMARKS