



Ezra Jack Keats Award Criteria



The Award is given annually to a new writer and a new illustrator for a picture book that:

- Highlights the **universal qualities** of childhood and the strength of the family
 - **Reflects** the multicultural nature of our world
 - Has an **original text** and **original story** (no folktales)
 - **Unifies** illustrations and text
 - **Avoids stereotypes**
 - Is **respectful** of the reader's intelligence, sensitivity, curiosity, and love of learning
 - **Demonstrates** excellent command of the chosen medium
 - Displays **freshness** and **originality** of language and literary/artistic expression
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Ezra Jack Keats Award 35th Anniversary Upcoming Events



Tuesday, April 13
at the Kaigler Children's Book Festival

Monday, May 24
Livestream



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35th EJK Silent Auction Co-Hosted by the R. Michelson Gallery

Special guest commentary by
Chieri Uegaki, Pat Cummings
& Paul O. Zelinsky



35th EJK Award Ceremony



Documentary Premiere

The Ezra Jack Keats Award's
impact on the evolution
of diversity in American
children's literature