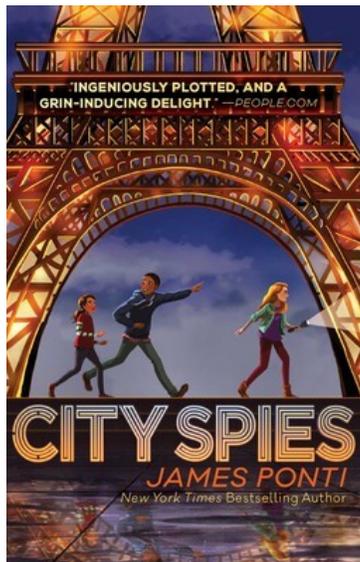




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2022-2023 **City Spies** by James Ponti
Honor: **A Bowl Full of Peace: A True Story** by Caren Stelson
When Stars are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

2021-2022 **New Kid** by Jerry Craft
Honor: **The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise** by Dan Gemeinhart
Lizzie Flying Solo by Nancy Turner Steveson

2020-2021 **Lifeboat 12** by Susan Hood
Honor: **Dear Sister** by Alison McGhee
Saving Winslow by Sharon Creech

2019-2020 **Restart** by Gordon Korman
Honor: **Hideout** by Watt Key
The Losers Club by Andrew Clements

2018-2019 **Wish** by Barbara O'Connor
Honor: **Soar** by Joan Bauer
All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook by Leslie Connor

2017-2018 **The War That Saved My Life** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Honor: **Fuzzy Mud** by Louis Sachar

2016-2017 **The Crossover** by Kwame Alexander
Honor: **El Deafo** by Cece Bell

2015-2016 **The Boy on the Porch** by Sharon Creech
Honor: **Prisoner 88** by Leah Pileggi

2014-2015 **Wonder** by R.J. Palacio
Honor: **The One and Only Ivan** by Katherine Applegate (Newbery Award Books)

2013-2014 **Eight Keys** by Suzanne LaFleur
Honor: **Troublemaker** by Andrew Clements

2012-2013 **Theodore Boone, Kid Lawyer** by John Grisham
Honor: **Mockingbird** by Kathryn Erskine

2011-2012 **Zoobreak** by Gordon Korman
Honor: **Mudshark** by Gary Paulsen

2010-2011 **Swindle** by Gordon Korman
Honor: **Lost and Found** by Andrew Clements

2009-2010 **No Talking** by Andrew Clements
Honor: **Lawn Boy** by Gary Paulsen

2008-2009 **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane** by Kate DiCamillo
Honor: **One-Handed Catch** by Mary Jane Auch

2007-2008 **A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray** by Ann M. Martin
Honor: **Lunch Money** by Andrew Clements

2006-2007 **The Report Card** by Andrew Clements
Honor: **Worth** by A. LaFaye

2005-2006 **Tale of Despereaux** by Kate DiCamillo
Honor: **The City of Ember** by Jean DuPrau

2004-2005 **Loser** by Jerry Spinelli
Honor: **Becoming Joe Dimaggio** by Maria Testa

2003-2004 **Skeleton Man** by Joseph Bruchac
Honor: **The Tiger Rising** by Kate DiCamillo



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Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award Winners

2002-2003 **Because of Winn Dixie**
by Kate DiCamillo
Honor: **A Year Down Yonder** by
Richard Peck

2001-2002 **Ramona's World** by
Beverly Cleary
Honor: **The Landry News** by An-
drew Clements

2000-2001 **Flying Solo** by Ralph
Fletcher
Honor: **Riding Freedom** by Pam
Munoz Ryan

1999-2000 **Saving Shiloh** by Phyllis
Reynolds Naylor
Honor: **Joshua T. Bates in Trouble
Again** by Susan Shreve

1998-1999 **Frindle** by Andrew
Clements
Honor: **Tornado** by Betsy Byars

1997-1998 **The 13th Floor: A Ghost**
Honor: **The Private Notebook of
Katie Roberts, Age 11** by Amy Hest

1996-1997 **The Best School Year
Ever** by Barbara Robinson
Honor: **Time for Andrew: A Ghost
Story** by Mary Hahn

1995-1996 **The Secret Funeral of
Slim Jim the Snake** by Elvira
Woodruff
Honor: **Uncle Jed's Barbershop** by
Margaree King Mitchell

1994-1995 **Attaboy, Sam!** By Lois
Lowry
Honor: **Keep Ms. Sugarman in the
Fourth Grade** by Elizabeth Levy

1993-1994 **Shiloh** by Phyllis Naylor
Honor: **The Night the Whole Class
Slept Over** by Stella Pevsner

1992-1993 **The Ghost Inside the
Monitor** by Margaret J. Anderson
Honor: **Maniac Magee** by Jerry Spi-
nelli

1991-1992 **Number the Stars** by
Lois Lowry

1990-1991 **All About Sam** by Lois
Lowry

1989-1990 **There's a Boy in the
Girl's Bathroom** by Louis Sachar

1988-1989 **The Whipping Boy** by
Sid Fleischman
1987-1988 **Sarah, Plain and Tall** by
Patricia MacLachlan

1986-1987 **The Computer Nut** by
Betsy Byars

1985-1986 **My Horrible Secret** by
Stephen Roos

1984-1985 **Be a Perfect Person in
Just Three Days** by Stephen Manes

1983-1984 **Ramona Quimby, Age 8**
by Beverly Cleary

1982-1983 **Do Bananas Chew
Gum?** by Jamie Gilson
1981-1982 **All the Money in the
World** by Bill Brittain

1980-1981 **Banana Twist** by
Florence Parry Heide

1979-1980 **The Pinballs** by Betsy
Byars

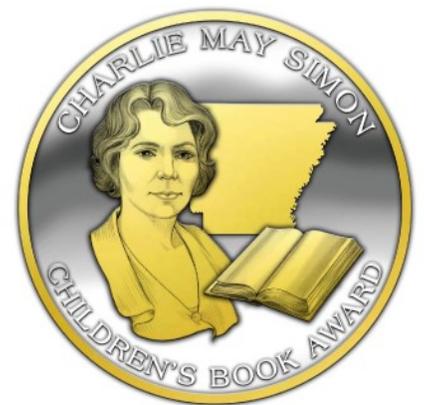
1978-1979 **Alvin's Swap Shop** by
Clifford Hicks

1977-1978 **Shoeshine Girl** by Clyde
Robert Bulla

1976-1977 **The Ghost on Saturday
Night** by Sid Fleischman

1975-1976 **Big Foot** by Hal Evarts

1974-1975 **The Tales of a Fourth
Grade Nothing** by Judy Blume





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1973-1974 **The Runt of Rogers
School** by Harold Keith

1972-1973 **Runaway Ralph** by
Beverly Cleary

1971-1972 **Big Ben** by David Harry
Walker

1970-1971 **Striped Ice Cream** by
Joan Lexau