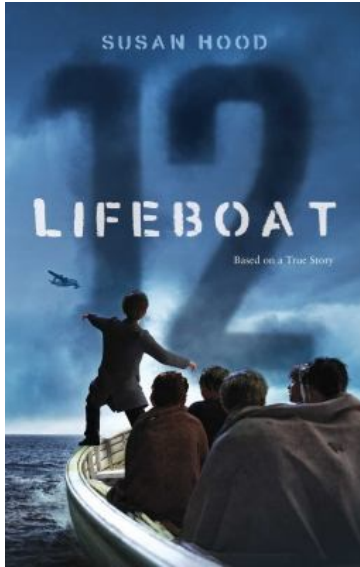




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2020-2021 **Lifeboat 12** by Susan Hood
Honor: **Dear Sister** by Alison McGhee
Saving Winslow by Sharon Creech

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

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 Andrew Clements

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



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Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award Winners

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| 1997-1998 The 13th Floor: A Ghost Honor: <i>The Private Notebook of Katie Roberts, Age 11</i> by Amy Hest | 1987-1988 <i>Sarah, Plain and Tall</i> by Patricia MacLachlan | 1973-1974 <i>The Runt of Rogers School</i> by Harold Keith |
| 1996-1997 <i>The Best School Year Ever</i> by Barbara Robinson
Honor: <i>Time for Andrew: A Ghost Story</i> by Mary Hahn | 1986-1987 <i>The Computer Nut</i> by Betsy Byars | 1972-1973 <i>Runaway Ralph</i> by Beverly Cleary |
| 1995-1996 <i>The Secret Funeral of Slim Jim the Snake</i> by Elvira Woodruff
Honor: <i>Uncle Jed's Barbershop</i> by Margaree King Mitchell | 1985-1986 <i>My Horrible Secret</i> by Stephen Roos | 1971-1972 <i>Big Ben</i> by David Harry Walker |
| 1994-1995 <i>Attaboy, Sam!</i> By Lois Lowry
Honor: <i>Keep Ms. Sugarman in the Fourth Grade</i> by Elizabeth Levy | 1984-1985 <i>Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days</i> by Stephen Manes | 1970-1971 <i>Striped Ice Cream</i> by Joan Lexau |
| 1993-1994 <i>Shiloh</i> by Phyllis Naylor
Honor: <i>The Night the Whole Class Slept Over</i> by Stella Pevsner | 1983-1984 <i>Ramona Quimby, Age 8</i> by Beverly Cleary | |
| 1992-1993 <i>The Ghost Inside the Monitor</i> by Margaret J. Anderson
Honor: <i>Maniac Magee</i> by Jerry Spinelli | 1982-1983 <i>Do Bananas Chew Gum?</i> by Jamie Gilson | |
| 1991-1992 <i>Number the Stars</i> by Lois Lowry | 1981-1982 <i>All the Money in the World</i> by Bill Brittain | |
| 1990-1991 <i>All About Sam</i> by Lois Lowry | 1980-1981 <i>Banana Twist</i> by Florence Parry Heide | |
| 1989-1990 <i>There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom</i> by Louis Sachar | 1979-1980 <i>The Pinballs</i> by Betsy Byars | |
| 1988-1989 <i>The Whipping Boy</i> by Sid Fleischman | 1978-1979 <i>Alvin's Swap Shop</i> by Clifford Hicks | |
| | 1977-1978 <i>Shoeshine Girl</i> by Clyde Robert Bulla | |
| | 1976-1977 <i>The Ghost on Saturday Night</i> by Sid Fleischman | |
| | 1975-1976 <i>Big Foot</i> by Hal Everts | |
| | 1974-1975 <i>The Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing</i> by Judy Blume | |

