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Picture Books
Suggested grade level for all entries: PS–2

*Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut* by Derrick Barnes; illus. by Gordon C. James (Millner/Bolden/Agate)
2018 Newbery Honor, Caldecott Honor, Coretta Scott King Author and Illustrator Honors, Ezra Jack Keats New Writer Award, Ezra Jack Keats New Illustrator Honor

*Windows* by Julia Denos; illus. by E. B. Goodale (Candlewick)
2018 Ezra Jack Keats New Illustrator Honor

*How Are You? / ¿Cómo estás?* by Angela Dominguez (Holt)

*A Round of Robins* by Katie Hesterman; illus. by Sergio Ruzzier (Paulsen/Penguin)

*Pie Is for Sharing* by Stephanie Parsley Ledyard; illus. by Jason Chin (Porter/Roaring Brook)

*Julián Is a Mermaid* by Jessica Love (Candlewick)

*The Little Red Cat Who Ran Away and Learned His ABC’s (the Hard Way)* by Patrick McDonnell (Little, Brown)

*Cricket in the Thicket: Poems About Bugs* by Carol Murray; illus. by Melissa Sweet (Ottaviano/Holt)

*The Field* by Baptiste Paul; illus. by Jacqueline Alcántara (NorthSouth)

*Strong as Sandow: How Eugen Sandow Became the Strongest Man on Earth* by Don Tate (Charlesbridge)

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Easy Readers and Primary

Suggested grade level for all entries: 1–3

*It's Shoe Time!* [Elephant & Piggie Like Reading!] by Bryan Collier with additional illustrations by Mo Willems (Hyperion)

*The Truth About Bears; The Truth About Dolphins;* and *The Truth About Hippos* by Maxwell Eaton III (Porter/Roaring Brook)

*A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars* by Seth Fishman; illus. by Isabel Greenberg (Greenwillow)

*I'm Just No Good at Rhyming: And Other Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-Ups* by Chris Harris; illus. by Lane Smith (Little, Brown)

*Where's Halmoni?* by Julie Kim (Little Bigfoot/Sasquatch)

*Barkus* by Patricia MacLachlan; illus. by Marc Boutavant (Chronicle)

*A Different Pond* by Bao Phi; illus. by Thi Bui (Capstone)

2018 Caldecott Honor, Ezra Jack Keats New Writer and New Illustrator Honors

*How to Be an Elephant: Growing Up in the African Wild* by Katherine Roy (Macaulay/ Roaring Brook)

*Baby Monkey, Private Eye* by Brian Selznick and David Serlin; illus. by Brian Selznick (Scholastic)

*Charlie & Mouse* (2018 Geisel Award) and *Charlie & Mouse & Grumpy* by Laurel Snyder; illus. by Emily Hughes (Chronicle)

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Intermeiodate
Suggested grade level for all entries: 4–6

Rise of the Jumbies by Tracey Baptiste (Algonquin)

Tumble & Blue by Cassie Beasley (Dial)

The Penderwicks at Last by Jeanne Birdsall (Knopf)

Be Prepared by Vera Brosgol; color by Alec Longstreth (First Second/Roaring Brook)

Older than Dirt: A Wild but True History of Earth by Don Brown and Mike Perfit; illus. by Don Brown (Houghton)

Writing Radar: Using Your Journal to Snoop Out and Craft Great Stories
by Jack Gantos (Farrar)

Mighty Jack and the Goblin King by Ben Hatke; color by Alex Campbell and Hilary Sycamore (First Second/Roaring Brook)

Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly (Greenwillow)
2018 Newbery Medal

The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Pérez (Viking)
2018 Pura Belpré Author Honor

The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian’s Art Changed Science by Joyce Sidman (Houghton)
Middle School
Suggested grade level for all entries: 6–8

*Hurricane Child* by Kheryn Callender (Scholastic)

*The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora* by Pablo Cartaya (Viking)

*2018 Pura Belpre Author Honor*

*Votes for Women!: American Suffragists and the Battle for the Ballot* by Winifred Conkling (Algonquin)

*The Journey of Little Charlie* by Christopher Paul Curtis (Scholastic)

*All’s Faire in Middle School* by Victoria Jamieson (Dial)

*The Parker Inheritance* by Varian Johnson (Levine/Scholastic)

*The Magician and the Spirits: Harry Houdini and the Curious Pastime of Communicating with the Dead* by Deborah Noyes (Viking)

*Miles Morales: Spider-Man* by Jason Reynolds (Marvel/Disney)

*Ascent* by Roland Smith (Houghton)

*Piecing Me Together* by Renée Watson (Bloomsbury)

2018 Coretta Scott King Author Award, Newbery Honor

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**High School**
Suggested grade level for all entries: 9 and up

*Becoming Kareem: Growing Up On and Off the Court* by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Raymond Obstfeld (Little, Brown)

*Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi (Holt)

*Landscape with Invisible Hand* by M. T. Anderson (Candlewick)

*The Belles* by Dhonielle Clayton (Freeform/Disney)

*I Have Lost My Way* by Gayle Forman (Viking)

*Give Me Some Truth* by Eric Gansworth (Levine/Scholastic)

*Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green (Dutton)

*The Fashion Committee* by Susan Juby (Viking)

*Strangers* by David A. Robertson (HighWater)

*The Prince and the Dressmaker* by Jen Wang (First Second/Roaring Brook)
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