

## Lunar Boy

By Jessica Wibowo

J Graphic Lunar

Follow the coming-of-age story of a young boy from the moon who discovers a home in the most unlikely places.

Stonewall Book Award Winner 2025

## Mabuhay!

By Zachary Sterling

J Graphic Mabuhay

When Filipino siblings JJ and Althea's family is threatened by the creatures from Filipino folklore, will they be able to embrace who they are and save their family?

Asian/Pacific American Children's Literature Honor Book 2025

## Continental Drifter

By Kathy MacLeod

J Graphic MacLeod

With a Thai mother and an American father, Kathy spends most of the year in Bangkok, but loves the summers in Maine. But no matter how hard she tries, she struggles to fit in.

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## The Girl Who Sang

By Estelle Nadel

Teen Graphic Nadel

A graphic novel memoir about a young Jewish girl's fight for survival in Nazi occupied Poland that illustrates the power of a brother's love, the kindness of strangers, and finding hope.

Robert F. Sibert Honor Book 2025; Sydney Taylor Middle Grade Award Winner 2025

## AWARD DESCRIPTIONS:

**AMERICAN INDIAN YOUTH LITERATURE AWARD:** awarded to honor the best writing and illustrations by and about American Indians and Alaska Natives

**ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN AWARD FOR LITERATURE:** awarded based on literary and artistic merit to works that promote Asian/Pacific American culture and heritage.

**CORETTA SCOTT KING AWARD:** awarded to an African American author and illustrator of outstanding books for children and young adults

**NEWBERRY MEDAL:** awarded for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature

**PURA BELPRÉ AWARD:** awarded for works that best portray, affirm, and celebrate Latino cultural experiences

**ROBERT F. SIBERT INFORMATION BOOK AWARD:** awarded for the most distinguished informational book for children

**SCHNEIDER FAMILY BOOK AWARD:** awarded for books that embody an artistic expression of the disability experience

**STONEWALL BOOK AWARD:** awarded for works of exceptional merit for children or teens relating to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender experience

**SYDNEY TAYLOR BOOK AWARD:** awarded for outstanding books for children and teens that authentically portray the Jewish experience

## AWARD WINNING JUNIOR BOOKS 2025



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## Black Star

*By Kwame Alexander*

*J Fic Alexande*

Charley, who dreams of becoming the first professional female pitcher, must navigate adolescence during the turbulent segregation era and the beginning of the Great Migration.

**Coretta Scott King Author Honor Book 2025**

## Across So Many Seas

*By Ruth Behar*

*J Fic Behar*

Spanning over 500 years, follow the stories of four girls from different generations of a Jewish family, many of them forced to leave their country and start a new life.

**Newbery Honor Book 2025; Sydney Taylor Middle Grade Honor Book 2025**

## One Big Open Sky

*By Lesa Cline-Ransome*

*J Fic Cline-Ra*

In the 1870s, a Black family undertakes a perilous wagon journey westward for a tenuous shot at freedom in Nebraska.

**Newbery Honor Book 2025; Coretta Scott King Author Honor Book 2025**

## We Still Belong

*By Christine Day*

*J Fic Day*

Wesley's plans for Indigenous Peoples' Day go all wrong until she finds herself surrounded by the love of her family and community.

**American Indian Honor Book 2024**

## The Flicker

*By H. E. Edgmon*

*J Fic Edgmon*

With their parents dead and supplies running low after a solar flare scorched Earth, stepsisters Millie and Rose leave home with their infant brother and dog to search for Millie's grandma.

**Stonewall Honor Book 2025**

## Popcorn

*By Rob Harrell*

*J Fic Harrell*

Seventh grader Andrew tries to get through Picture Day where everything goes wrong while grappling with his anxiety and OCD.

**Schneider Family Book Award Winner 2025**

## Eagle Drums

*By Nasugraq Rainey Hopson*

*J Fic Hopson*

A skilled young hunter embarks on a journey where he encounters the fearsome eagle god Savik.

**American Indian Honor Book 2024**

## The First State of Being

*By Erin Entrada Kelly*

*J Fic Kelly*

When Ridge, a time-traveling teenager from the future, gets trapped in 1999, he befriends Michael, a lonely 12-year-old boy, changing the course of their lives forever.

**Newbery Medal Winner 2025**

## Finn and Ezra's Bar Mitzvah Time Loop

*By Joshua S. Levy*

*J Fic Levy*

Finn and Ezra are trapped in a bar mitzvah time loop, individually reliving their celebrations until they meet and realize that they are not alone.

**Sydney Taylor Middle Grade Honor Book 2025**

## Magnolia Wu Unfolds It All

*By Chanel Miller*

*J Fic Miller*

Magnolia Wu is a 10-year-old sock detective bent on returning all the lonely only socks left behind in her parents' NYC laundromat.

**Newbery Honor Book 2025**

## The Wrong Way Home

*By Kate O'Shaughnessy*

*J Fic O'Shaugh*

When 12-year-old Fern and her mother abruptly leave their isolated, off-the-grid community, Fern wants nothing more than to return, but things get murky as she learns truths about her old life.

**Newbery Honor Book 2025**

## Ultraviolet

*By Aida Salazar*

*J Fic Salazar*

Elio is struggling with "coming of age" and what it means to be a "man", a true friend, and an ally, as well as how to overcome a culture of toxic masculinity.

**Pura Belpré Author Honor Book 2025**

## Just Shy of Ordinary

*By A. J. Sass*

*J Fic Sass*

Shai, a 13-year-old nonbinary homeschooler, attempts to find a new normal post-pandemic as they start public school, meet new friends, and learn about their Jewish identity.

**Sydney Taylor Middle Grade Honor Book 2025**

## Lola

*By Karla Arenas Valenti*

*J Fic Valenti*

Determined to save her brother from the Darkness that plagues their home, 10-year-old Lola follows mythical chaneques into a secret world where she seeks help from the queen.

**Pura Belpré Author Award Winner 2025**

## Mascot

*By Charles Waters*

*J Fic Waters*

Six eighth graders outside Washington, DC, navigate through conflict focused on their school district's Native American mascot.

**American Indian Honor Book 2024**

## Call Me Roberto!

*By Nathalie Alonso*

*J Biograph Clemente*

Young Roberto loved baseball so much that he played with a tree branch and tin cans in Puerto Rico until he started playing for a Major League team, where he faced racism and segregation.

**Robert F. Sibert Honor Book 2025**

## The Enigma Girls

*By Candace Fleming*

*J History Military*

Learn of the fascinating story of the brave and dedicated young women who helped turn the tides of World War II for the Allies, with their work at Bletchley Park decoding messages.

**Robert F. Sibert Honor Book 2025**

## Everywhere Beauty is Harlem

*By Gary Golio*

*J History US*

Learn of Black photographer Roy DeCarava in 1940s Harlem as he documents the beauty in the lives of ordinary Black people.

**Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book 2025**