



# The Coretta Scott King Award

is presented annually by the Coretta Scott King Task Force of the American Library Association's Social Responsibilities Round Table. This award commemorates the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and honors his widow Coretta Scott King for her courage and determination in continuing the work for peace and world brotherhood. Award books are chosen by a seven-member national award jury. Recipients are authors and illustrators of African descent whose distinguished books promote an understanding and appreciation of the "American Dream."

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## CORETTA SCOTT KING AUTHOR AWARD

- 2020** *New Kid* by Jerry Craft • J GN Craf
- 2019** *A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919* by Claire Hartfield • J305.896 Har
- 2018** *Piecing Me Together* by Renée Watson • YA Wats
- 2017** *March: Book Three* by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin • 741.5973 Lew
- 2016** *Gone Crazy in Alabama* by Rita Williams-Garcia • J Will
- 2015** *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson • J811.54 Woo
- 2014** *P. S. Be Eleven* by Rita Williams-Garcia • J Will
- 2013** *Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America* by Andrea Davis Pinkney • J973.0496 Pin
- 2012** *Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans* by Kadir Nelson • J 323.19 Nel
- 2011** *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia • J Will
- 2010** *Bad News for Outlaws: the Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal* by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson • J978 Nel
- 2009** *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball* by Kadir Nelson • J796.357 Nel
- 2008** *Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis • J Curt
- 2007** *Copper Sun* by Sharon Draper • YA Drap
- 2006** *Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue* by Julius Lester • YA Lest
- 2005** *Remember: The Journey to School Integration* by Toni Morrison • J 379.2 Mor
- 2004** *The First Last Part* by Angela Johnson • YA John
- 2003** *Bronx Masquerade* by Nikki Grimes • YA Grim
- 2002** *The Land* by Mildred Taylor • YA Tayl
- 2001** *Miracle's Boys* by Jacqueline Woodson • YA Wood
- 2000** *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis • J Curt
- 1999** *Heaven* by Angela Johnson • YA John

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- 1998** *Forged by Fire* by Sharon M. Draper • YA Drap
- 1997** *Slam* by Walter Dean Myers • \*
- 1996** *Her Stories* by Virginia Hamilton • J 398.208 Ham
- 1995** *Christmas in the Big House, Christmas in the Quarters* by Patricia & Frederick McKissack • J 975.03 McK
- 1994** *Toning the Sweep* by Angela Johnson • YA John
- 1993** *Dark Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural* by Patricia McKissack • YA MacKi
- 1992** *Now is Your Time: the African American Struggle for Freedom* by Walter Dean Myers • \*
- 1991** *The Road to Memphis* by Mildred D. Taylor • YA Tay
- 1990** *A Long Hard Journey: the Story of the Pullman Porter* by Patricia & Frederick McKissack • J 331.88 McK
- 1989** *Fallen Angels* by Walter Dean Myers • YA Mye
- 1988** *The Friendship* by Mildred L. Taylor • J Tay
- 1987** *Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World* by Mildred Pitts Walter • J Wal
- 1986** *The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales* by Virginia Hamilton • J 398.2089 Ham
- 1985** *Motown and Didi* by Walter Dean Myers • YA Mye
- 1984** *Everett Anderson's Goodbye* by Lucille Clifton • E Cli
- 1983** *Sweet Whispers, Brother Rush* by Virginia Hamilton • YA Hami
- 1982** *Let the Circle Be Unbroken* by Mildred D. Taylor • YA Tay
- 1981** *This Life* by Sidney Poitier • B Poitier
- 1980** *The Young Landlords* by Walter Dean Myers • \*
- 1979** *Escape to Freedom* by Ossie Davis • \*
- 1978** *Africa Dream* by Eloise Greenfield • \*
- 1977** *The Story of Stevie Wonder* by James Haskins • JB Wonder, Stevie
- 1976** *Duey's Tale* by Pearl Bailey • \*
- 1975** *The Legend of Africana* by Dorothy Robinson • \*
- 1974** *Ray Charles* by Sharon Bell Mathis • JB Charles, Ray
- 1973** *I Never Had It Made: the Autobiography of Jackie Robinson* by Jackie Robinson • B Robinson, Jackie
- 1972** *17 Black Artists* by Elton C. Fax • \*
- 1971** *Black Troubador: Langston Hughes* by Charlemae Rollins • \*
- 1970** *Martin Luther King, Jr.: Man of Peace* by Lillie Patterson • \*
- \* Title not available, may be requested by Inter-Library Loan.

## CORETTA SCOTT KING ILLUSTRATOR AWARD

- 2020** *The Undefeated* illus. by Kadir Nelson; by Kwame Alexander • J 811 Ale
- 2019** *The Stuff of Stars* illus. by Ekua Holmes; by Marion Dane Bauer • E Bau
- 2018** *Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets* illus. by Ekua Holmes; by Kwame Alexander • J811 Ale
- 2017** *Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat* by Javaka Steptoe • JB Basquiat
- 2016** *Trombone Shorty* illus. by Bryan Collier; by Troy Andrews and Bill Taylor • E And
- 2015** *Firebird* illus. by Christopher Myers; by Misty Copeland • E Cop
- 2014** *Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream for Me* illus. by Bryan Collier; by Daniel Beaty • E Bea
- 2013** *I, too, am America* illus. by Bryan Collier • J811.52 Hug
- 2012** *Underground: Finding the Light to Freedom* by Shane W. Evans • E Eva
- 2011** *Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave* illus. by Bryan Collier; Laban Carrick Hill • J 738 Hil
- 2010** *My People* Illus. by Charles R. Smith, Jr.; by Langston Hughes. • J811 Hug
- 2009** *The Blacker the Berry* illus. by Floyd Cooper; by Joyce Carol Thomas • J811 Co
- 2008** *Let it Shine: Three Favorite Spirituals* illus. by Ashley Bryan • E Let
- 2007** *Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom* illus. by Kadir A. Nelson; by Carole Boston Weatherford • JB Tubman, Harriet
- 2006** *Rosa* illus. by Bryan Collier; by Nikki Giovanni • JB Parks, Rosa
- 2005** *Ellington Was Not a Street* illus. by Kadir A. Nelson; by Ntozake Shange • J 811 Sha
- 2004** *Beautiful Blackbird* by Ashley Bryan • J 398.296 Bry
- 2003** *Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman* illus. by E.B. Lewis; by Nikki Grimes • JB Coleman, Bessie
- 2002** *Goin' Someplace Special* illus. by Jerry Pinkney; by Patricia McKissack • E McK
- 2001** *Uptown* by Bryan Collier • E Col
- 2000** *In the Time of the Drums* illus. by Brian Pinkney; by Kim L. Siegelson • not available, may be requested by Inter-Library Loan
- 1999** *i see the rhythm* illus. by Michele Wood; by Toyomi Igus • J 781.65 Igu
- 1998** *In Daddy's Arms I am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers* illus. by Javaka Steptoe; by Alan Schroeder • not available, may be requested by Inter-Library Loan
- 1997** *Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman* illus. by Jerry Pinkney; by Alan Schroeder • not available, may be requested by Inter-Library Loan
- 1996** *The Middle Passage: White Ships, Black Cargo* by Tom Feelings • 759.13 Fee
- 1995** *The Creation* illus. by James Ransome • J 811 Cre

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- 1994** *Soul Looks Back in Wonder* illus. by Tom Feelings • not available, may be requested by ILL
- 1993** *The Origin of Life on Earth: an African Creation Myth* illus. by Kathleen Atkins Wilson;  
retold by David A. Anderson • J 398.296 And
- 1992** *Tar Beach* by Faith Ringgold • E Rin
- 1991** *Aïda* illus. by Leo and Diane Dillon; by Leontyne Price • J 782.1 Pri
- 1990** *Nathaniel Talking* illus. by Jan Spivey Gilchrist; by Eloise Greenfield • E Gre
- 1989** *Mirandy and Brother Wind* illus. by Jerry Pinkney; by Patricia McKissack • E McK
- 1988** *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: an African Tale* by John Steptoe • E Ste
- 1987** *Half a Moon and One Whole Star* illus. by Jerry Pinkney; by Crescent Dragonwagon • E Dra
- 1986** *The Patchwork Quilt* illus. by Jerry Pinkney; by Valerie Flournoy • E Flo
- 1985 no illustrator award given
- 1984** *My Mama Needs Me* illus. by Pat Cummings; by Mildred Pitts Walter • E Wal
- 1983** *Black Child* by Peter Mugabane • not available, may be requested by Inter-Library Loan (ILL)
- 1982** *Maman Caiman/Mother Crocodile: an Uncle Amadou Tale from Senegal* illus. by John Steptoe;  
by Birago Diop • E Dio
- 1981** *Beat the Story Drum, Pum-Pum* by Ashley Bryan • not available, may be requested by Inter-Library Loan
- 1980** *Cornrows* illus. by Carole Byard; by Camille Yarbrough • E Yar
- 1979** *Something on My Mind* illus. by Tom Feelings; by Nikki Grimes • not available, may be requested by ILL
- 1978** *Africa Dream* illus. by Carole Bayard; by Eloise Greenfield • not available, may be requested by ILL
- 1977 no illustrator award given
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- 1975 no illustrator award given
- 1974** *Ray Charles* illus. by George Ford; by Sharon Bell Mathis • JB Charles, Ray
- (Prior to 1974, the Coretta Scott King Award was only given to authors.)

