MLA Mitten Award

2022 Mitten Award Winner

Honor Books:

2021 Mitten Award Winner
If You Come to Earth, written and illustrated by Sophie Blackall and published by Chronicle Books.

Honor Books:

2020 Mitten Award Winner
The VERY Impatient Caterpillar, written and illustrated by Ross Burach and published by Scholastic Press.

Honor Books:
- Who Wet My Pants, by Bob Shea, illustrated by Zachariah Ohora
- Fly! written and illustrated by Mark Teague
- Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story by Kevin Noble Maillard, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal
- The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family by Ibtihaj Muhammad & S.K. Ali, illustrated by Hatem Aly

2019 Mitten Award Winner
The Rabbit Listened, written and illustrated by Cori Doerrfeld and published by Dial Books for Young Readers.

Honor Books:
- Lovely Beasts: The Surprising Truth, by Kate Gardner, illustrated by Heidi Smith
- The Honeybee by Kristin Hall, illustrated by Isabelle Arsenault
- We Don’t Eat Our Classmates! written and illustrated by Ryan T. Higgins
- I am a Cat written and illustrated by Galia Bernstein

2018 Mitten Award Winner
The Wolf, the Duck & the Mouse by Mac Barnett and illustrated by Jon Klassen,

Honor Books:
- After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again written and illustrated by Dan Santat
Bob, not Bob! (To Be Read as if You Have the Worst Cold Ever) by Elizabeth Garton Scanlon and Audrey Vernick, illustrated by Matthew Cordell

Sergeant Reckless: The True Story of the Little Horse Who Became a Hero by Patricia McCormick, illustrated by Iacopo Bruno

Town Is by the Sea by Joanne Schwartz, illustrated by Sydney Smith

2017 Mitten Award Winner
A Dark, Dark Cave by Eric Hoffman and illustrated by Corey R. Tabor, published 2016 by Viking Books for Young Readers

Honor Books:
- Maybe Something Beautiful by Isabel Campoy, Theresa Howell, illustrated by Rafael López
- They All Saw a Cat written and illustrated by Brendan Wenzel
- The Snurtch by Sean Ferrell, illustrated by Charles Santoso
- A Family is a Family is a Family by Sara O'Leary, illustrated by Qin Leng

2016 Mitten Award Winner
Sidewalk Flowers by JonArno Lawson, illustrated by Sydney Smith

Honor Books:
- Wolfie the Bunny by Ame Dyckman
- Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music by Margarita Engle
- Toys Meet Snow by Emily Jenkins
- Oskar and the Eight Blessings by Tanya Simon

2015 Mitten Award Winner
Maple by Lori Nichols

Honor Books:
- Tuesday Tucks Me In: The Loyal Bond Between a Soldier and His Service Dog by Luis Carols Montalvàn and Bret Witter
- Maddi's Fridge by Lois Brandt
- Nest by Jorey Hurley
- 100 Things That Make Me Happy by Amy Schwartz

2014 Mitten Award Winner
Mr. Tiger Goes Wild by Peter Brown

Honor Books:
- Flora and the Flamingo by Molly Idle
• Xander’s Panda Party by Linda Sue Park
• Rufus Goes to School by Kim T. Griswell
• Deep in the Sahara by Kelly Cunnane

2013 Mitten Award Winner
Dogs on Duty: Soldiers’ Best Friends on the Battlefield and Beyond by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent
Honor Books:
• Snakes by Nic Bishop
• Liar And Spy by Rebecca Stead
• Cavendish Home for Boys and Girls by Claire Legrand

2012 Mitten Award Winner
Breaking Stalin’s Nose by Eugene Yelchin
Honor Books:
• Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick
• The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
• Balloons Over Broadway by Melissa Sweet
• Wonder by R.J. Palacio

2011 Mitten Award Winner
City Dog, Country Frog by Mo Willems
Honor Books:
• Because of Mr. Terrupt by Rob Buyea
• What the Ladybug Heard by Julia Donaldson
• Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper
• Guyku by Bob Raczka
• Candy Bomber by Michael Tunnell

2009 and 2010 (combined year) Mitten Award Winner
The (Mostly) True Adventures of Homer P. Figg by Rodman Philbrick
Honor Books:
• Operation YES by Sara Lewis Holmes
• Birds by Kevin Henkes
• Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin
• The Story of Snow: The Science of Winter’s Wonder by Mark Cassino
2008 Mitten Award Winner
Diamond Willow by Helen Frost
Honor Books:
- The Gollywhopper Games by Jody Feldman
- Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes by Mem Fox
- Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls and Other Scary Things by Lenore Look
- Knucklehead by Jon Scieszka

2007 Mitten Award Winner
A Crooked Kind of Perfect by Linda Urban
Honor Books:
- No Talking by Andrew Clements
- Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos by R.L. LaFevers
- The Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt
- The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick

2006 Mitten Award Winner
Rules by Cynthia Lord
Honor Books:
- The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo
- Clementine by Sara Pennypacker
- Counting on Grace by Elizabeth Winthrop

2005 Mitten Award Winner
I Ain't Gonna Paint No More by Karen Beaumont
Honor Books:
- Willow Run by Patricia Reilly Giff
- The Liberation of Gabriel King by K.L. Going

2004 Mitten Award Winner
Ida B...And Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World by Katherine Hannigan.
Honor Books:
- The Young Man and the Sea by Rodman Philbrick
- Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems.
2003 Mitten Award Winner
Old Cricket by Lisa Wheeler

Honor Books:
- Sahara Special by EsmeRajiCodell
- The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
- G is for Goat by Patricia Polacco

2002 Mitten Award Winner
When My Name Was Keoko by Linda Sue Park

Honor Books:
- Ruby Holler by Sharon Creech
- Same Stuff as Stars by Katherine Paterson
- When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson by Pam Munoz Ryan

2001 Mitten Award Winner
Love That Dog by Sharon Creech

Honor Books:
- Grandma's Records by Eric Velasquez
- The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson
- A Poke in the I: A Collection of Concrete Poems selected by Paul B. Janeczko

2000 Mitten Award Winner
Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Honor Books:
- Olivia by Ian Falconer
- One Lighthouse, One Moon by Anita Lobel
- So You Want to Be President by Judith St. George

1999 Mitten Award Winner
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Honor Books:
- Come On Rain by Karen Hesse
- The Hatseller & the Monkeys by Baba WagueDiakite
- Red-Eyed Tree Frog by Joy Cowley