

Oregon Spirit Book Award Archive of Winners

2021

Picture Books:

Winner: *Castle Gesundheit*, by **Mark Fearing**

Honor: *The Smart Cookie*, by Jory John and Pete Oswald (Illustrator)

Honor: *I Do Not Like Yolanda*, by Zoey Abbott

Middle Grade:

Winner: *Deepest, Darkest (book 3)*, by **William Ritter**

Honor: *Candidly Cline*, by Kathryn Ormsbee

Young Adult:

Winner: *Playing with Fire*, by **April Henry**

Honor: *Lost in the Never Woods*, by Aiden Thomas

Graphic:

Winner: *Earth Boy*, by **Paul Tobin and Ron Chan (illustrator)**

Nonfiction/Informational Text:

Winner: *Maker Comics: Survive in the Outdoors!*, by **Mike Lawrence**

Honor: *We Must Not Forget: Holocaust Stories of Survival and Resistance*, by Deborah Hopkinson

Honor: *The Illustrated Encyclopedia of the Elements: The Powers, Uses, and Histories of Every Atom in the Universe*, by Lisa Congdon

Debut:

Winner: *While I Was Away*, by **Waka T. Brown**

2020

Picture Books:

Winner: *Ten Ways to Hear Snow*, by Cathy Camper (illustrator--Kenard Pak)

Honor: *Butterflies Belong Here: A Story of One Idea, Thirty Kids, and a World of Butterflies*, by Deborah Hopkinson

Honor: *The Couch Potato*, by Jory John (illustrator--Pete Oswald)

Middle Reader:

Winner: *A Game of Fox & Squirrels*, by Jenn Reese

Honor: *Beginners Welcome*, by Cindy Baldwin

Honor: *Josie Bloom and the Emergency of Life*, by Susan Hill Long

Young Adult:

Winner: *This is My America*, by Kim Johnson

Honor: *The Girl in the White Van*, by April Henry

Honor: *Miss Meteor*, by Tehlor Kay Mejia, Anna-Marie McLemore

Graphic:

Winner: *So Embarrassing: Awkward Moments and How to Get Through Them*, by Charise Mericle Harper

Honor: *Trespassers: A Graphic Novel*, by Breena Bard

Nonfiction:

Winner: *The Big One: The Cascadia Earthquakes and the Science of Saving Lives*, by Elizabeth Rusch

Honor: *Eleanor Makes Her Mark*, by Barbara Kerley

Debut:

Winner: *A Many Feathered Thing*, by Lisa Gerlits

2019

Picture Books:

Winner – Kurt Cyrus, *Fix That Clock*

Honor – No honor this year

Middle Readers:

Winner –Rosanne Parry, *Last of the Name*

Honor – Graham Salisbury, *Banjo*

Honor- William Ritter, *The Oddmire, Changeling*

Young Adult:

Winner –April Henry, *Run, Hide, Fight Back*

Honor – Shea Ernshaw, *Winterwood*

Graphic Novels:

Winner – Dylan Meconis, *Queen of the Sea*

Honor – Graham Annable, *Peter & Ernesto: The Lost Sloths*

Non-fiction:

Winner – Elizabeth Rusch, *Mario and the Hole in the Sky: How a Chemist Saved our Planet*

Honor – Deborah Hopkinson, *Carter Reads the Newspaper*

Debut:

Winner – Tehlor Kay Mejia, *We Set the Dark on Fire*

2018

Picture Books:

Winner –Jory John, *Giraffe Problems*

Honor – Kate Berube, *Mae's First Day of School*

Honor – Eric A. Kimmel (author), Josh Cleland (illustrator); *I Want a Real Bike in Oregon*

Middle Readers:

Winner – Emily Whitman, *The Turning*

Honor – Barbara Kerley, *Following Baxter*

Honor – Cindy Baldwin, *Where the Watermelon Grows*

Young Adult:

Winner – Carolyn O'Doherty, *Rewind*

Honor – Arwen Elys Dayton, *Stronger, Faster, and More Beautiful*

Honor – Virginia Boecker, *The Assassin's Guide to Love and Treason*

Graphic Novels:

Winner - Vera Brosgol, *Be Prepared*

Honor – Graham Annable, *Peter & Ernesto: A Tale of Two Sloths*

Honor – Aron Nels Steinke, *Mr. Wolf's Class*

Non-fiction:

Winner – Jane Kurtz, *What Do They Do with All That Poo?*

Honor – Elizabeth Rusch, *Avalanche Dog Heroes: Piper and Friends Learn to Search the Snow*

Debut:

Winner – Connie King Leonard, *Sleeping in My Jeans*

2017

Picture Books:

Winner: Mark Fearing - *Giant Pants*

Honor: Barbara Herkert - *A Boy, a Mouse, and a Spider* (Lauren Castillo, illustrator)

Honor: Judy Sierra - *Imagine That!: How Dr. Seuss Wrote The Cat in the Hat* (Kevin Hawkes, illustrator)

Middle Reader:

Winner: Emily Winfield Martin - *Snow & Rose*

Young Adult:

Winner: Emily Suvada - *This Mortal Coil*

Honor: Laini Taylor - *Strange the Dreamer*

Honor: Fonda Lee - *Exo*

Graphic Novels:

Winner: Mike Lawrence - *Star Scouts*

Debut:

Winner: Patricia Bailey - *The Tragically True Adventures of Kit Donovan*

2016

Picture Books:

Winner: Vera Brosgol – *Leave Me Alone!*

Honor: Jory John – *Quit Calling Me a Monster!*

Honor: Kurt Cyrus – *Billions of Bricks*

Middle Readers:

Winner: Rosanne Parry – *The Turn of the Tide*

Honor: Melissa Hart – *Avenging the Owl*

Young Adult:

Winner: April Henry – *The Girl I Used to Be*

Honor: Cat Winters – *The Steep and Thorny Way*

Graphic Novel:

Winner: Victoria Jamieson – *The Great Pet Escape*

Honor: Cathy Camper – *Lowriders to the Center of the Earth*

Non-fiction:

Winner: Barbara Kerley – *Brave Like Me*

Honor: Deborah Hopkinson – *Dive! World War II Stories of Sailors & Submarines in the Pacific*

Anthology:

Winner: Smart (Start Making a Reader Today) – *Oregon Reads Aloud: A Collection of 25 Children's Stories by Oregon Authors and Illustrators*

2015

Picture Books:

Winner - Barbara Kerley - *With a Friend by Your Side*

Honor - Karl Newsom Edwards - *Fly!*

Middle Readers:

Winner - Bryn Fleming - *Jasper and Willie: Wildfire*

Honor - Roland Smith - *Beneath*

Young Adult

Winner - Fonda Lee - *Zeroboxer*

Honor - Teri Brown - *Velvet Undercover*

Honor - Tina Connolly - *Seriously Wicked*

Graphic Novels

Winner - Victoria Jamieson - *Roller Girl*

Honor - Matt Holm - *Sunny Side Up*

Non-fiction

Winner - Deborah Hopkinson - *Courage & Defiance: Stories of Spies, Saboteurs and Survivors in World War II Denmark*

Honor - Barbara Herkert - *Mary Cassatt*

2014

Picture Books:

Winner: *The Orchestra Pit*, by Johanna Wright

Honor: *The Twelve Days of Christmas in Oregon*, by Susan Blackaby

Honor: *Simon and the Bear: A Hanukkah Tale*, by Eric A. Kimmel

Middle Readers:

Winner: *Absolutely Truly*, by Heather Vogel Frederick

Honor: *Hope Is a Ferris Wheel*, by Robin Herrera

Honor: *Hook's Revenge*, by Heidi Schulz

YA:

Winner: *Hunt for the Bamboo Rat*, by Graham Salisbury

Honor: *The Body in the Woods*, by April Henry

Graphic Novels:

Winner: *Muddy Max: The Mystery of Marsh Creek*, by Elizabeth Rusch

Honor: *Lowriders in Space*, by Cathy Camper

Non-Fiction:

Winner: *A Home for Mr. Emerson*, by Barbara Kerley

Honor: *The Next Wave: The Quest to Harness the Power of the Oceans*, by Elizabeth Rusch

Honor: *Gifts from the Enemy*, by Trudy Ludwig

Oregon Illustrator Honors:

Muddy Max: The Mystery of Marsh Creek, by Elizabeth Rusch, **Mike Lawrence, Illustrator**

The 12 Days of Christmas in Oregon, by Susan Blackaby, **Carolyn Conahan, Illustrator**

2013

Picture Books

Winner: *Knit Your Bit: A World War I Story*, by Deborah Hopkinson

Honor: *Little Red Hot*, by Eric Kimmel

Middle Reader

Winner: *The Great Trouble: A Mystery of London, the Blue Death, and a Boy Called Eel*, by Deborah Hopkinson

Honor: *Falcon in the Glass*, by Susan Fletcher

Young Adult

Winner: *In the Shadow of Blackbirds*, by Cat Winters

Honor: *The Girl Who Was Supposed to Die*, by April Henry

Honor: *Poison*, by Bridget Zinn

Non-Fiction

Winner: *Electrical Wizard: How Nikola Tesla Lit Up the World*, by Elizabeth Rusch

Honor: *The Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree-Loving Woman Changed a City Forever*,
by H. Joseph Hopkins

Graphic Novels

Winner: *SMASH: Trial by Fire*, by Chris A. Bolton

2012

Picture Books

Winner: *Auntie Yang's Great Soybean Picnic*, by Ginnie Lo

Honor: *Wild About You!* by Judy Sierra

Middle Reader

Winner: *The Secret Chicken Society*, by Judy Cox

Young Adult

Winner: *The Raft*, by S. A. Bodeen

Honor: *The Night She Disappeared*, by April Henry

Non-Fiction

Winner: *The Mighty Mars Rovers*, by Elizabeth Rusch

Honor: *Titanic: Voices from the Disaster*, by Deborah Hopkinson

Honor: *Those Rebels, John & Tom*, by Barbara Kerley

Graphic Novels

Winner: ***Earthling!*** by Mark Fearing

Honor: *Hereville: How Mirka Met a Meteorite*, by Barry Deutsch

Honor: *Squish: The Power of the Parasite*, by Jennifer L. and Matthew Holm

2011

Picture Books

Winner: ***Big Wish***, by Carolyn Conahan

Honors: *The Voyage of Turtle Rex*, by Kurt Cyrus

Charlotte Jane Battles, Bedtime by Myra Wolfe

Middle Reader

Winner: ***Second Fiddle***, by Rosanne Parry

Honors: *Storm Runners*, by Roland Smith

Vanishing Acts, by Phillip Margolin and Ami Margolin Rome

Young Adult

Winner: ***Daughter of Smoke and Bone***, by Laini Taylor

Honor: *Amplified*, by Tara Kelly

Non-Fiction

Winner: ***Drawing from Memory***, by Allen Say

Honor: *For the Love of Music*, by Liz Rusch

2010

Picture Book: *Joha Makes a Wish: A Middle Eastern Tale*, by Eric A. Kimmel

Middle Reader: *Calvin Coconut: Dog Heaven*, by Graham Salisbury

Young Adult: *Harmonic Feedback*, by Tara Kelly

Nonfiction: *The Extraordinary Mark Twain (According To Susy)*, by Barbara Kerley

2009

Picture Book: *Erika-san*, by Allen Say (Author and Illustrator)

Middle Reader: *Heart of a Shepherd*, by Rosanne Parry

Young Adult: *Academy 7*, by Anne Osterlund

2008

Picture Book: *The Rain Stomper*, by Addie Boswell (Author), Eric Velasquez (Illustrator)

Middle Reader: *Listening for Crickets*, by David Gifaldi

Young Adult: *A Tugging String: A Novel About Growing Up During the Civil Rights Era*,
by David Greenberg

2007

Picture Book: *The Great Texas Hamster Drive*, by Eric Kimmel

Young Adult: *Elephant Run*, by Roland Smith

2006

Alphabet of Dreams, by Susan Fletcher

2005

Luba: The Angel of Bergen-Belsen, by Michelle R. McCann