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

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**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*

**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

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