ALA Award Winners!

Every year the American Library Association gives awards to some outstanding Adult, Young Adult, and Youth books. The intent is to recognize authors and illustrators, honor people for whom the awards are named, and recommend books that are definitely worth reading. Below is a list of awards we in the MS Library are particularly interested in, along with some information about the award, this year’s winners, and some books that received honors. We have many of the books already in our collection, and others are on order and arriving soon.

**John Newbery Medal**
Given for the most outstanding contribution to children’s literature.

**2018 Winner**
*Hello, Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly

**2018 Honor Books**
*Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut*, by Derrick Barnes
*Long Way Down*, by Jason Reynolds
*Piecing Me Together*, by Renée Watson

**Coretta Scott King Book Awards**
Given to recognize African American authors and illustrators of outstanding books for children and young adults.

**2018 Author Winner**
*Piecing Me Together*, by Renée Watson

**2018 Author Honor Books**
*Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut*, by Derrick Barnes
*Long Way Down*, by Jason Reynolds
*The Hate U Give*, by Angie Thomas

**2018 Illustrator Winner**
*Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets*, illustrated by Ekua Holmes
Written by Kwame Alexander

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**2018 Illustrator Honor Books**
*Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut*, illustrated by Gordon C. James
Written by Derrick Barnes
*Before She Was Harriet: The Story of Harriet Tubman*, illustrated by James E. Ransome
Written by Lesa Cline-Ransome
Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Award

2018 Author Winner
*The Stars Beneath Our Feet*, by David Barclay Moore

2018 Illustrator Winner
*Mama Africa! How Miriam Makeba Spread Hope with Her Song*
Illustrated by Charly Palmer, written by Kathryn Erskine

Coretta Scott King–Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement
This award pays tribute to the quality and magnitude of beloved children’s author Virginia Hamilton.

2018 Winner
Eloise Greenfield

Michael L. Printz Award
This award is given for excellence in literature written for young adults.

2018 Winner
*We Are Okay*, by Nina LaCour

2018 Honor Books
*The Hate U Give*, by Angie Thomas
*Long Way Down*, by Jason Reynolds
*Strange the Dreamer*, by Laini Taylor
*Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers*, by Deborah Heiligman

Schneider Family Book Award
Given for books that embody an artistic expression of the disability experience.

2018 Winner
*Macy McMillan and the Rainbow Goddess*, by Shari Green

2018 Honor Book
*You’re Welcome, Universe*, by Whitney Gardner

Laura Ingalls Wilder Award
This award honors an author or illustrator whose books, published in the United States, have made, over a period of years, a substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children.

2018 Winner
Jacqueline Woodson
Margaret A. Edwards Award
This is given to recognize a lifetime of achievement in writing for young adults.

2018 Winner
Angela Johnson

Mildred L. Batchelder Award
Given for an outstanding children’s book originally published in a language other than English in a country other than the United States, and subsequently translated into English for publication in the United States.

2018 Winner
*The Murderer’s Ape*  
NEW FIC WEGELIUS  
originally published in Sweden as *Mördarens Apa*, written by Jakob Wegelius  
translated by Peter Graves

2018 Honor Books
*Malala: Activist for Girls’ Education*, by Raphaële Frier, translated by Julie Cormier  
*When a Wolf is Hungry*, by Christine Naumann-Villemín,  
translated by Eerdmans Books for Young Readers  
*You Can’t Be Too Careful*, by Roger Mello, translated by Daniel Hahn

Odyssey Award
This is given for best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults, available in English in the United States.

2018 Winner
*The Hate U Give*, by Angie Thomas, narrated by Bahni Turpin

2018 Honor Books
*The Book of Dust: La Belle Sauvage*, by Philip Pullman, narrated by Michael Sheen  
*A Boy Called Christmas*, by Matt Haig, narrated by Stephen Fry  
*Long Way Down*, written and narrated by Jason Reynolds  
*Trombone Shorty*, by Troy “Trombone Shorty” Andrews, narrated by Dion Graham  
*The Wizards of Once*, by Cressida Cowell, narrated by David Tennant
Pura Belpré Awards
These awards honor Latino writers and illustrators whose children’s books best portray, affirm and celebrate the Latino cultural experience.

2018 Author Winner
*Lucky Broken Girl*, by Ruth Behar

2018 Author Honor Books
*The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora*, by Pablo Cartaya
*The First Rule of Punk*, by Celia C. Pérez

2018 Illustrator Winner
*La Princesa and the Pea*, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal
Written by Susan Middleton Elya

2018 Illustrator Honor Books
*All Around Us*, illustrated by Adriana M. Garcia
Written by Xelena González
*Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos*, illustrated by John Parra
Written by Monica Brown

Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award
As the name implies, this is given for a “most distinguished informational book for children.”

2018 Winner
*Twelve Days in May: Freedom Ride 1961*, by Larry Dane Brimner

2018 Honor Books
*Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix*, by Jacqueline Briggs Martin and June Jo Lee
*Grand Canyon*, by Jason Chin
*Not So Different: What You Really Want to Ask about Having a Disability*, by Shane Burcaw
*Sea Otter Heroes: The Predators That Saved an Ecosystem*, by Patricia Newman

Stonewall Book Award
This honor is given to English-language children’s and young adult books of exceptional merit relating to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender experience.

2018 Winners
*Little & Lion*, by Brandy Colbert
*The 57 Bus*, by Dashka Slater

2018 Honor Books
*As the Crow Flies*, by Melanie Gillman
*The Gentleman’s Guide to Vice and Virtue*, by Mackenzi Lee
**William C. Morris Award**
Given for a debut book published by a first-time author writing for teens.

**2018 Winner**
*The Hate U Give*, by Angie Thomas

**2018 Finalist Books**
*Dear Martin*, by Nic Stone
*Devils Within*, by S. F. Henson
* Saints and Misfits*, by S. K. Ali
* Starfish*, by Akemi Dawn Bowman

**YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults**

**2018 Winner**
*Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers*, by Deborah Heiligman

**2018 Finalist Books**
* #NotYourPrincess: Voices of Native American Women, edited by Mary Beth Leatherdale and Lisa Charleyboy
* Eyes of the World: Robert Capa, Gerda Taro, and the Invention of Modern Photojournalism*, by Marc Aronson and Marina Budhos
* The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives*, by Dashka Slater
* The Whydah: A Pirate Ship Feared, Wrecked, and Found*, by Martin W. Sandler

**Alex Awards**
These are given for the ten best adult books that appeal to teen audiences.

**2018 Winners**
*All Systems Red*, by Martha Wells
*The Clockwork Dynasty*, by Daniel H. Wilson
*Down Among the Sticks and Bones*, by Seanan McGuire
*Electric Arches*, by Eve L. Ewing
*A Hope More Powerful Than the Sea*, by Melissa Fleming
*Malagash*, by Joey Comeau
*Roughneck*, by Jeff Lemire
*She Rides Shotgun*, by Jordan Harper
*Things We Have in Common*, by Tasha Kavanagh
*An Unkindness of Magicians*, by Kat Howard