



Read Alouds for Preschool and Elementary 2024

2024 Award Winners (Selected)

Big written and illustrated by Vashti Harrison

- Caldecott Award Winner
- Coretta Scott King Author Honor
- Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor
- Preschool to Grade 3, ages 4 to 8

The Truth About Dragons written by Julie Leung and Hanna Cha

- Caldecott Award Honor
- Asian Pacific American Picture Book Winner
- Grades K to 3, ages 5 to 8

In Every Life written and illustrated by Marla Frazee

- Caldecott Award Honor
- Preschool to Grade 1, ages 3 to 6

There Was a Party for Langston written by Jason Reynolds and illustrated by Jerome Pumphrey and Jarrett Pumphrey

- Caldecott Award Honor
- Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award Honor
- Preschool to Grade 3, ages 4 to 8

Jovita Wore Pants: The Story of a Mexican Freedom Fighter written by Aida Salazar and illustrated by Molly Mendoza

- Caldecott Award Honor
- Grades 1 to 5, ages 6 to 10

Finding Papa written by Angela Pham Krans and illustrated by Thi Bui

- Asian Pacific American Award Picture Book Honor
- Preschool to Grade 3, ages 4 to 8

Remember written by Joy Harjo and illustrated by Michaela Goade

- American Indian Youth Literature Picture Book Honor
- Preschool to Grade 3, ages 4 to 8

Rock Your Mocs written by Laurel Goodluck and illustrated by Madelyn Goodnight

- American Indian Youth Literature Picture Book Honor
- Preschool to Grade 2, ages 4 to 7
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Contenders: Two Native Baseball Players, One World Series

- American Indian Youth Literature Picture Book Honor
- Grades 1 to 5, ages 7 to 10

Papá's Magical Water-Jug Clock written by Jesús Trejo and illustrated by Eliza Kinka

- Pura Belpré Illustrator Honor

- Pura Belpré Author Honor
- Grades K to 3, ages 5 to 8

***An American Story* written by Kwame Alexander and illustrated by Dare Coulter**

- Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award
- Grades 2 to 6, ages 7 to 11

***Finding Her Own: The Exceptional Life of Jackie Ormes* written by Traci N. Todd and illustrated by Shannon Wright**

- Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor
- Grades 2 to 5, ages 7 to 10

***How Do You Spell Unfair? MacNolia Cox and the National Spelling Bee* written by Carole Boston Weatherford and illustrated by Frank Morrison**

- Coretta Scott King Author Honor
- Grades 1 to 5, ages 6 to 10

***Hidden Hope: How a Toy and a Hero Saved Lives During the Holocaust* written by Elisa Boxer and illustrated by Amy June Bates**

- Sidney Taylor Award Silver Medal - Picture Book
- Grades 2 to 6, ages 7 to 11

***Jumper: A Day in the Life of a Backyard Jumping Spider* written and illustrated by Jessica Lanan**

- Sibert Informational Book Award Honor
- Preschool to Grade 3, ages 4 to 8

***The Book of Turtles* written by Sy Montgomery and illustrated by Matt Patterson**

- Sibert Informational Book Award Honor
- Grades K to 4, ages 5 to 9

***What Happened to You?* written by James Catchpole and illustrated by Karen George**

- Schneider Family Book Award Honor
- Preschool to Grade 3, ages 4 to 8

Other Read Aloud Favorites - Fiction

***The Boo-Boos of Bluebell Elementary* written by Chelsea Lin Wallace and illustrated by Alison Farrell**
Grades K to 3, ages 5 to 8

***How to Get Your Octopus to School* written by Becky Scharnhorst and illustrated by Jacyn Sinquett**
Preschool to Grade 2 and ages 4 to 7

***Mr. S* written and illustrated by Monica Araldo**
Preschool to Grade 3, ages 4 to 8

***Hurry, Little Tortoise, Time for School!* written by Carrie Finison and illustrated by Erin Kraan**

Preschool to Grade 2, ages 4 to 7

Back to School, Backpack! written by Simon Rich and illustrated by Tom Toro
Preschool to Grade 2, ages 4 to 7

This Field Trip Stinks written by Becky Scharnhorst and illustrated by Julia Patton
Preschool to Grade 1, ages 4 to 6

How Dinosaurs Went Extinct: A Safety Guide written by Ame Dckman and illustrated by Jennifer Harney
Preschool to Grade 3, ages 4 to 8

Have You Seen My Invisible Dinosaur written and illustrated by Helen Yoon
Preschool to Grade 2, ages 4 to 7

Fish and Crab written and illustrated by Marianna Coppo
Preschool to Grade 2, ages 4 to 7

A Human for Kingsley written and illustrated by Gabriel Evans
Preschool to Grade 2, ages 3 to 7

I Want 100 Dogs written by Stacy McNulty and illustrated by Claire Keane
Preschool to Grade 2, ages 4 to 7

Seals are Jerks written and illustrated by Jared Chapman
Preschool to Grade 4, ages 4 to 9

Scaredy Cats written and illustrated by Jeff Mack
Preschool to Grade 2, ages 3 to 7

B is For Bananas written by Carrie Tillotson with pictures by Estrela Lourenco
Preschool to Grade 1, ages 3 to 6

Very Good Hats written by Emma Straub and illustrated by Blanca Gómez
Preschool to Grade 2, ages 3 to 7

City Feet written and illustrated by Aixa Pérez-Prado
Preschool to Grade 1, ages 3 to 6

Mama Shamsi at the Bazaar written by Mojdeh Hassani and Samira Iravani and illustrated by Maya Fidawai
Preschool to Grade 3, ages 4 to 8

Stranded! A Mostly True Story from Iceland written by Ævar Þór Benediktsson and illustrated by Anne Wilson
Grades 1 to 5, ages 6 to 10

My Piano written by Jen Fier Jasinski and illustrated by Anita Bagdi
Grades K to 3, ages 5 to 8

Just Snow Already! written and illustrated by Howard McWilliam
Preschool to Grade 2, ages 3 to 8

Hair to Share written and illustrated by Sylvia Walker
Preschool to Grade 2, ages 3 to 7

A Day with No Words written by Tiffany Hammond and illustrated by Kate Cosgrove
Preschool to Grade 3, ages 4 to 8

The Together Tree written by Aisha Saeed and illustrated by LeUyen Pham
Preschool to Grade 2, ages 4 to 7

Nell Plants a Tree written by Anne Wynter and Illustrated by Daniel Miyares
Grades K to 3, ages 5 to 8

The Care and Keeping of Grandmas written by Jennifer Mook-Sang and illustrated by Yong Long Kang
Preschool to Grade 3, ages 4 to 7

The Imaginary Alphabet written and illustrated by Sylvie Daigneault
Grades K to 5, ages 5 to 10

Let's Read Animal Words written and illustrated by Ji Lee
Preschool to Grade 2, ages 4 to 7

Invisible Things written by Andy J Pizza and Sophie Miller and illustrated by Andy J Pizza
Grades K to 3, ages 5 to 8

A Book About Bupkes written by Leslie Kimmelman and illustrated by Roxana
Preschool to Grade 3, ages 4 to 8

Kitty & Cat Opposites Attract written and illustrated to Mirka Hokkanen
Preschool to Kindergarten, ages 2 to 5

Other Read Aloud Favorites – NonFiction

Bears Are Best written by Joan Holub and illustrated by Laurie Keller
Preschool to Grade 4, ages 4 to 9

The Indestructible Tom Crean: Heroic Explorer of the Antarctic written and illustrated by Jennifer Thermes
Grades 2 to 5, ages 7 to 10

Narwhal The Arctic Unicorn written by Justin Anderson and illustrated by Jo Weaver
Grades K to 4, ages 5 to 9

Titles recommended for adults

Absolution by Alice McDermott

The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters

The Talk by Darrin Bell

Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese

Someone Else's Shoes by Jojo Moyes

Did You Hear About Kitty Karr? by Crystal Smith Paul

Hang the Moon by Jeannette Walls

Happiness Falls by Angie Kim

North Woods by Daniel Mason

Loot by Tania James

The Rachel Incident by Caroline O'Donoghue

How to Sell a Haunted House by Grady Hendrix

Poverty, By America by Matthew Desmond – Non-fiction

It. Goes. So. Fast. The Year of No-Do-Overs by Mary Louise Kelly – Non-fiction