

# MLA Mitten Award

## 2025 Mitten Award Winner

*We Are Definitely Human*, written and illustrated by X. Fang and published by Tundra Books.

### Honor Books:

- *Time to Make Art*, written and illustrated by Jeff Mack
- *Ursula Upside Down*, written and illustrated by Corey R. Tabor
- *Dog vs. Strawberry*, written by Nelly Buchet, illustrated by Andrea Zuill
- *I'm Sorry You Got Mad*, written by Kyle Lukoff, illustrated by Julie Kwon
- *The Dictionary Story*, written by Oliver Jeffers and Sam Winston
- *Frostfire*, written and illustrated by Elly MacKay
- *Eli and the Uncles* written by Jehan Madhani, illustrated by Rashin Kheiriyeh
- *If You Run Out of Words* written and illustrated by Felicita Sala
- *How to Pee Your Pants (The Right Way)* written and illustrated by Rachel Michelle Wilson

## 2024 Mitten Award Winner

*An American Story*, written by Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Dare Coulter and published by Little, Brown and Co.

### Honor Books:

- *How To Count to One: And Don't Even Think About Bigger Numbers!*, written by Caspar Salmon, illustrated by Matt Hunt
- *Big*, written and illustrated by Vashti Harrison
- *The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish*, written and illustrated by Chloe Savage
- *Mole is Not Alone*, written and illustrated by Maya Tatsukawa
- *Scroll*, written and illustrated by Hui Li
- *Stickler Loves the World*, written and illustrated by Lane Smith
- *Summer is for Cousins*, written by Rajani Larocca, illustrated by Abhi Alwar
- *The Red Jacket*, written and illustrated by Bob Holt
- *I'm Going to Build a Snowman*, written and illustrated by Jashar Awan

## 2023 Mitten Award Winner

*Sometimes I Grumblesquinch*, written by Rachel Vail, illustrated by Hyewon Yum and published by Orchard Books.

### Honor Books:

- *Lou*, written and illustrated by Breanna Carzoo
- *Mariana and Her Familia*, written by Mónica Mancillas, illustrated by Erika Meza
- *Mina*, written and illustrated by Matthew Forsythe
- *Berry Song*, written and illustrated by Michaela Goade
- *Every Dog in the Neighborhood*, written by Philip C. Stead, illustrated by Matthew Cordell
- *Big Truck, Little Island*, written and illustrated by Chris Van Dusen
- *Fire Chief Fran*, written by Linda Ashman, illustrated by Nancy Carpenter
- *The Sun Is Late and So Is the Farmer*, written by Philip C. Stead, illustrated by Erin Stead
- *My Fade Is Fresh*, written by Shauntay Grant, illustrated by Kitt Thomas
- *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*, written by Mac Barnett, illustrated by Jon Klassen

## 2022 Mitten Award Winner

*Milo Imagines the World*, written by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson, and published by Putnam Publishers.

### Honor Books:

- *Out of Nowhere*, written and illustrated by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros
- *Time for Bed, Old House*, written by Janet Costa Bates, illustrated by A.G. Ford
- *We All Play*, written and illustrated by Julie Flett
- *Best Day Ever!*, written by Marilyn Singer, illustrated by Leah Nixon
- *Dumplings for Lili*, written and illustrated by Melissa Iwai
- *Looking for a Jumbie*, written by Tracey Baptiste, illustrated by Amber Ren
- *Areli is a Dreamer: A True Story by Areli Morales*, written by Areli Morales, illustrated by Luisa Uribe
- *The Midnight Fair*, written by Gideon Sterer, illustrated by Mariachiara Di Giorgio
- *Dad Bakes*, written and illustrated by Katie Yamasaki

## 2021 Mitten Award Winner

*If You Come to Earth*, written and illustrated by Sophie Blackall and published by Chronicle Books.

### Honor Books:

- *The Barnabus Project*, written and illustrated by Eric Fan, Terry Fan, and Devin Fan
- *Bedtime for Sweet Creatures*, written by Nikki Grimes, illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon
- *Crossings*, written by Katy Duffield, illustrated by Mike Orodan
- *Hike*, written and illustrated by Pete Oswald
- *If You Come to Earth*, written and illustrated by Sophie Blackall
- *Lift*, written by Minh Lê, illustrated by Dan Santat
- *Salma the Syrian Chef*, written by Danny Ramadan, illustrated by Anna Bron
- *Snail Crossing*, written and illustrated by Corey R. Tabor
- *We Are Water Protectors*, written by Carole Lindstrom, illustrated by Michaela Goade
- *Welcoming Elijah: A Passover Tale with a Tail*, written by Lesléa Newman, illustrated by Susan Gal

## 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*, written 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)*, written by Elizabeth Garton Scanlon and Audrey Vernick, illustrated by Matthew Cordell
- *Sergeant Reckless: The True Story of the Little Horse Who Became a Hero*, written by Patricia McCormick, illustrated by Iacopo Bruno
- *Town Is by the Sea*, written by Joanne Schwartz, illustrated by Sydney Smith

## 2017 Mitten Award Winner

*A Dark, Dark Cave* written by Eric Hoffman and illustrated by Corey R. Tabor, published by Viking Books for Young Readers

### Honor Books:

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

## 2016 Mitten Award Winner

*Sidewalk Flowers*, written by JonArno Lawson, illustrated by Sydney Smith

### Honor Books:

- *Wolfie the Bunny*, written by Ame Dyckman
- *Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music*, written by Margarita Engle

- *Toys Meet Snow*, written by Emily Jenkins
- *Oskar and the Eight Blessings*, written by Tanya Simon

## **2015 Mitten Award Winner**

*Maple*, written by Lori Nichols

### **Honor Books:**

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

## **2014 Mitten Award Winner**

*Mr. Tiger Goes Wild*, written by Peter Brown

### **Honor Books:**

- *Flora and the Flamingo*, written by Molly Idle
- *Xander's Panda Party*, written by Linda Sue Park
- *Rufus Goes to School*, written by Kim T. Griswell
- *Deep in the Sahara*, written by Kelly Cunnane

## **2013 Mitten Award Winner**

*Dogs on Duty: Soldiers' Best Friends on the Battlefield and Beyond*, written by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent

### **Honor Books:**

- *Snakes*, written by Nic Bishop
- *Liar And Spy*, written by Rebecca Stead
- *Cavendish Home for Boys and Girls*, written by Claire Legrand

## **2012 Mitten Award Winner**

*Breaking Stalin's Nose*, written by Eugene Yelchin

### **Honor Books:**

- *Wonderstruck*, written by Brian Selznick
- *The One and Only Ivan*, written by Katherine Applegate
- *Balloons Over Broadway*, written by Melissa Sweet
- *Wonder*, written by R.J. Palacio

## **2011 Mitten Award Winner**

*City Dog, Country Frog*, written by Mo Willems

### **Honor Books:**

- *Because of Mr. Terrupt*, written by Rob Buyea
- *What the Ladybug Heard*, written by Julia Donaldson
- *Out of My Mind*, written by Sharon Draper
- *Guyku*, written by Bob Raczka
- *Candy Bomber*, written by Michael Tunnell

## **2009 and 2010 (combined year) Mitten Award Winner**

*The (Mostly) True Adventures of Homer P. Figg*, written by Rodman Philbrick

### **Honor Books:**

- *Operation YES*, written by Sara Lewis Holmes
- *Birds*, written by Kevin Henkes
- *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*, written by Grace Lin
- *The Story of Snow: The Science of Winter's Wonder*, written by Mark Cassino

## **2008 Mitten Award Winner**

*Diamond Willow*, written by Helen Frost

### **Honor Books:**

- *The Gollywhopper Games*, written by Jody Feldman
- *Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes*, written by Mem Fox
- *Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls and Other Scary Things*, written by Lenore Look
- *Knucklehead*, written by Jon Scieszka

## **2007 Mitten Award Winner**

*A Crooked Kind of Perfect*, written by Linda Urban

### **Honor Books:**

- *No Talking*, written by Andrew Clements
- *Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos*, written by R.L. LaFevers
- *The Wednesday Wars*, written by Gary Schmidt
- *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*, written by Brian Selznick

## **2006 Mitten Award Winner**

*Rules*, written by Cynthia Lord

### **Honor Books:**

- *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, written by Kate DiCamillo
- *Clementine*, written by Sara Pennypacker
- *Counting on Grace*, written by Elizabeth Winthrop

## **2005 Mitten Award Winner**

*I Ain't Gonna Paint No More*, written by Karen Beaumont

### **Honor Books:**

- *Willow Run*, written by Patricia Reilly Giff
- *The Liberation of Gabriel King*, written by K.L. Going

## **2004 Mitten Award Winner**

*Ida B...And Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World*, written by Katherine Hannigan

### **Honor Books:**

- *The Young Man and the Sea*, written by Rodman Philbrick
- *Knuffle Bunny*, written by Mo Willems.

## **2003 Mitten Award Winner**

*Old Cricket*, written by Lisa Wheeler

### **Honor Books:**

- *Sahara Special*, written by Esme Raji Codell
- *The Tale of Despereaux*, written by Kate DiCamillo
- *G is for Goat*, written by Patricia Polacco

## **2002 Mitten Award Winner**

*When My Name Was Keoko*, written by Linda Sue Park

### **Honor Books:**

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

## **2001 Mitten Award Winner**

*Love That Dog*, written by Sharon Creech

### **Honor Books:**

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

## **2000 Mitten Award Winner**

*Because of Winn-Dixie*, written by Kate DiCamillo

### **Honor Books:**

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



## **1999 Mitten Award Winner**

*Bud, Not Buddy*, written by Christopher Paul Curtis

### **Honor Books:**

- *Come On Rain*, written by Karen Hesse
- *The Hatseller & the Monkeys*, written by Baba Wague Diakite
- *Red-Eyed Tree Frog*, written by Joy Cowley