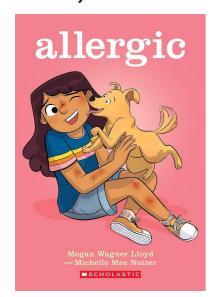


Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award Winners

The Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award for children's literature has been presented annually since 1971 to an author whose book has been selected through a vote taken by Arkansas school children in grades four, five and six. The purpose of the award is to promote better reading for children and to recognize Mrs. John Gould Fletcher, an outstanding Arkansas author who wrote under the pen name Charlie May Simon.



2023-2024

Allergic by Megan Wagner Lloyd Honor: Wild River by Rodman Philbrick

Twenty-One Steps: Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Jeff Gottesfeld

2022-2023 City Spies by James Ponti Honor: A Bowl Full of Peace: A True Story by Caren Stelson When Stars are Scattered by Victoria Honor: Prisoner 88 by Leah Pileggi Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

2021-2022 New Kid by Jerry Craft Honor: The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart Lizzie Flying Solo by Nancy Turner Steveson

2020-2021 Lifeboat 12 by Susan Hood Honor: Dear Sister by Alison McGhee Saving Winslow by Sharon Creech

2019-2020 Restart by Gordon Korman Honor: Hideout by Watt Key The Losers Club by Andrew Clements

2018-2019 Wish by Barbara O'Connor Honor: Soar by Joan Bauer All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook by Leslie Connor

2017-2018 The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley Honor: Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar

2016-2017 The Crossover by Kwame Jane Auch Alexander Honor: El Deafo by Cece Bell

2015-2016 The Boy on the Porch by Sharon Creech

2014-2015 Wonder by R.J. Palacio Honor: The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate (Newbery Award Books)

2013-2014 Eight Keys by Suzanne LaFleur Honor: Troublemaker by Andrew Clements

2012-2013 Theodore Boone, Kid Lawyer by John Grisham Honor: Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine

2011-2012 Zoobreak by Gordon Korman Honor: Mudshark by Gary Paulsen

2010-2011 Swindle by Gordon Korman Honor: Lost and Found by Andrew Clements

2009-2010 **No Talking** by Andrew Clements Honor: Lawn Boy by Gary Paulsen

2008-2009 The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo Honor: One-Handed Catch by Mary

2007-2008 A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray by Ann M. Martin Honor: Lunch Money by Andrew Clements

2006-2007 The Report Card by Andrew Clements Honor: Worth by A. LaFaye

2005-2006 Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo Honor: The City of Ember by Jean DuPrau



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2004-2005 **Loser** by Jerry Spinelli Honor: **Becoming Joe Dimaggio** by Maria Testa

2003-2004 **Skeleton Man** by Joseph Bruchac Honor: **The Tiger Rising** by Kate DiCamillo

2002-2003 Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo Honor: A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck

2001-2002 **Ramona's World** by Beverly Cleary Honor: **The Landry News** by Andrew Clements

2000-2001 Flying Solo by Ralph Fletcher Honor: Riding Freedom by Pam Munoz Ryan

1999-2000 Saving Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor Honor: Joshua T. Bates in Trouble Again by Susan Shreve

1998-1999 **Frindle** by Andrew Clements Honor: **Tornado** by Betsy Byars

1997-1998 The 13th Floor: A Ghost Honor: The Private Notebook of Katie Roberts, Age 11 by Amy Hest

1996-1997 The Best School Year Ever by Barbara Robinson Honor: Time for Andrew: A Ghost Story by Mary Hahn

1995-1996 The Secret Funeral of Slim Jim the Snake by Elvira Woodruff Honor: Uncle Jed's Barbershop by Margaree King Mitchell

1994-1995 Attaboy, Sam! By Lois Lowry Honor: Keep Ms. Sugarman in the Fourth Grade by Elizabeth Levy

1993-1994 Shiloh by Phyllis Naylor Honor: The Night the Whole Class Slept Over by Stella Pevsner

1992-1993 The Ghost Inside the Monitor by Margaret J. Anderson Honor: Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

1991-1992 **Number the Stars** by Lois Lowry

1990-1991 All About Sam by Lois Lowry

1989-1990 There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom by Louis Sachar

1988-1989 **The Whipping Boy** by Sid Fleischman 1987-1988 **Sarah, Plain and Tall** by Patricia MacLachlan 1986-1987 **The Computer Nut** by Betsy Byars

1985-1986 **My Horrible Secret** by Stephen Roos

1984-1985 Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days by Stephen Manes

1983-1984 Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary

1982-1983 Do Bananas Chew Gum? by Jamie Gilson 1981-1982 All the Money in the World by Bill Brittain

1980-1981 **Banana Twist** by Florence Parry Heide

1979-1980 The Pinballs by Betsy Byars





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1978-1979 **Alvin's Swap Shop** by Clifford Hicks

1977-1978 **Shoeshine Girl** by Clyde Robert Bulla

1976-1977 The Ghost on Saturday Night by Sid Fleischman

1975-1976 Big Foot by Hal Evarts

1974-1975 The Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

1973-1974 The Runt of Rogers School by Harold Keith

1972-1973 **Runaway Ralph** by Beverly Cleary

1971-1972 **Big Ben** by David Harry Walker

1970-1971 **Striped Ice Cream** by Joan Lexau