

# Coretta Scott King Awards

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2021 Author – Before the Ever After **FIC WOOD YA**

2021 Illustrator – R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul **ML 3930 .F68 W43 2020 Children's**

2021 John Steptoe Award for New Talent – Legendborn **FIC DEON YA**

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2020 Author – Jerry Craft, New Kid **FIC CRAF Children's**

2020 Illustrator – Kadir Nelson, The Undefeated **PS 3601 .L35388 U53 2019 Children's**

2020 John Steptoe Award for New Talent – April Hiarris (illustrator), What is Given from the Heart **FIC MCKI Children's**

2020 John Steptoe Award for New Talent – Alicia Williams (author), Genesis Begins Again **FIC WILL YA**

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2019 Author – Claire Hartfield, A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919 **F 548.9 .N3 H37 2018 YA**

2019 Illustrator – Ekoa Holmes, The Stuff of Stars **QB 983 .B38 2018 Children's**

2019 John Steptoe Award for New Talent – Tiffany D. Jackson, Monday's Not Coming **FIC JACK YA**

2019 John Steptoe Award for New Talent – Oge Mora, Thank You, Omu **FIC MORA Children's**

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2018 Author – Renee Watson, Piecing Me Together **FIC WATS**

2018 Illustrator – Ekoa Holmes, Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets **PS 3601 .L35388 O98 2017**

2018 John Steptoe Award for New Talent – Charly Palmer, Mama Africa! How Miriam Makeba Spread Hope with Her Song  
**ML 3930 .M29 E77 2017**

2018 John Steptoe Award for New Talent – David Barclay Moore, The Stars Beneath Our Feet **FIC MOOR**

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2017 Illustrator – Javaka Steptoe, Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat **N 6537 .B233 S84 2016**

2017 Author – John Lewis and Andrew Aydin, March: Book Three **E 840.8 .L43 A3 2013**

2017 John Steptoe Award for New Talent – Nicola Yoon, The Sun is Also a Star **FIC YOON YA**

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2016 Author – Rita Williams-Garcia, Gone Crazy in Alabama **FIC WILL Children's**

2016 Illustrator – Bryan Collier, Trombone Shorty **ML 3930 .A53 A3 2015 Children's**

2016 John Steptoe Award for New Talent – Ronald L. Smith, Hoodoo **FIC SMIT Children's**

2016 John Steptoe Award for New Talent – Ekoa Holmes, Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Spirit of the Civil Rights  
Movement **E 185.97 .H35 W43 2015 Children's**

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2015 Author – Jacqueline Woodson, Brown Girl Dreaming **PS 3573 .O64524 Z46 2014 Children's**

2015 Illustrator – Christopher Myers, Firebird

2015 John Steptoe Award for New Talent – Jason Reynolds, When I Was the Greatest **FIC REYN YA**

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2014 Author - Rita Williams-Garcia, P.S. Be Eleven **FIC WILL Children's**

2014 Illustrator - Bryan Collier, "Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream for Me **FIC BEAT Children's**

2014 John Steptoe Award for New Talent - Theodore Taylor III, Illustrator "When the Beat was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the  
Creation of Hip Hop **ML 3930 .K68 H55 2013 Children's**

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2013 Author – Andrea Davis Pinkney, Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America

2013 Illustrator - Bryan Collier, I, Too, Am America **PS 3515 .U274 I3 2012 Children's**

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2012 Author – Kadir Nelson, Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans **PS 3515 .U274 I3 2012 Children's**

2012 Illustrator – Shane W. Evans, Underground: Finding the Light to Freedom **E 450 .E94 2011 Children's**

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2011 Author - Rita Williams-Garcia, One Crazy Summer **FIC WILL Children's**

2011 Illustrator - Bryan Collier, Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave **NK 4210 .D247 H55 2010 Children's**

2011 John Steptoe Award for New Talent - Victoria Bond and T. R. Simon, Zora and Me **FIC BOND Children's**

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2010 Author - Vaunda Micheaux Nelson, Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal

**F 697 .R44 N45 2009 Children's**

2010 Illustrator - Charles R. Smith, Jr., My People, text by Langston Hughes **PS 3515 .U274 M9 2009 Children's**

2010 John Steptoe Award for New Talent - Kekla Magoon, The Rock and the River **FIC MAGO YA**

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2009 Author - Kadir Nelson, We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball Illustrator **GV 875 .A1 N45 2008 Children's**

2009 Illustrator - Floyd Cooper, The Blacker the Berry **PS 3570 .H565 B53 2008 Children's**

2009 John Steptoe Award for New Talent - Shadra Strickland, Bird **FIC ELLI Children's**

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2008 Author - Christopher Paul Curtis, author of Elijah of Buxton **FIC CURT Children's**

2008 Illustrator - Ashley Bryan, Let it Shine **BV 353 .L48 2007 Children's**

2008 John Steptoe Award for New Talent - Sundee T. Frazier, Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything in It **FIC FRAZ Children's**

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2007 Author - Sharon Draper, Copper Sun **FIC DRAP YA**

2007 Illustrator - Kadir Nelson, Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom **E 444 .T82 W43 2006 Children's**

John Steptoe Award for New Talent - Traci L. Jones, Standing Against the Wind **FIC JONE YA**

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2006 Author - Julius Lester, Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue **FIC LEST YA**

2006 Illustrator - Bryan Collier, Rosa **E 185.97 .P3 G56 2005 Children's**

2006 John Steptoe Award for New Talent - Jaime Adoff, author of Jimi & Me **FIC ADOF YA**

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2005 Author - Toni Morrison, Remember: The Journey to School Integration **LC 214.2 .M67 2004 Children's**

2005 Illustrator - Kadir A. Nelson, Ellington Was Not a Street **PS 3569 .H3324 E45 2004 Children's**

2005 John Steptoe Award for New Talent - Barbara Hathaway, Missy Violet and Me

2005 John Steptoe award for New Talent - Frank Morrison, Jazzy Miz Mozetta

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2004 Author - Angela Johnson, The First Part Last **FIC JOHN YA**

2004 Illustrator - Ashley Bryan, Beautiful Blackbird **PZ 8.1 .B838 B43 2003 Children's**

2004 John Steptoe Award for New Talent - Hope Anita Smith, The Way a Door Closes

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2003 Author - Nikki Grimes, Bronx Masquerade **FIC GRIM YA**

2003 Illustrator - E. B. Lewis, Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman **TL 540 .C546 G75 2002 Children's**

2003 John Steptoe Award for New Talent - Janet McDonald, Chill Wind

2003 Randy DuBurke, The Moon Ring

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2002 Author - Mildred Taylor, The Land **FIC TAYL YA**

2002 Illustrator - Jerry Pinkney, Goin' Someplace Special **FIC MCKI Children's**

2002 John Steptoe Award for New Talent - Jerome Lagarrigue, Freedom Summer

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2001 Author - Jacqueline Woodson, Miracle's Boys **FIC WOOD YA**

2001 Illustrator - Bryan Collier, Uptown **FIC COLL Children's**

2001 John Steptoe Award for New Talent - No award presented.

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2000 Author - Christopher Paul Curtis, Not Buddy **FIC CURT Children's**

2000 Illustrator - Brian Pinkney, In the Time of the Drums **FIC SIEG Children's**

2000 John Steptoe Award for New Talent - No award presented.

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1999 Author - Angela Johnson, Heaven **FIC JOHN YA**

1999 Illustrator - Michele Wood, I See the Rhythm

1999 John Steptoe Award for New Talent - Sharon Flake, The Skin I'm In

1999 Eric Velasquez, The Piano Man

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1998 Author - Sharon M. Draper, Forged by Fire **FIC DRAP YA**

1998 Illustrator - Javaka Steptoe, In Daddy's Arms I am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers **PS 591 .N4 I5 1997 Children's**

1998 John Steptoe Award for New Talent - No award presented.

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1997 Author - Walter Dean Myers, Slam! **FIC MYER YA**

1997 Illustrator - Jerry Pinkney, Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman **E 444 .T82 S37 1996 Children's**

1997 John Steptoe Award for New Talent - Martha Southgate, Another Way to Dance

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1996 Author - Virginia Hamilton, Her Stories **GR 111 .A47 H35 1995 Children's**

1996 Illustrator - Tom Feelings, The Middle Passage: White Ships Black Cargo **ND 237 .F32 A4 1995 General**

1996 John Steptoe Award for New Talent - No award presented.

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1995 Author - Patricia C. & Fredrick L. McKissack, Christmas in the Big House, Christmas in the Quarters **F 213 .M36 1994 Children's**

1995 Illustrator - James Ransome, The Creation **PS 3519 .O2625 C73 1994 Children's**

1995 John Steptoe Award for New Talent (inaugural year) - Sharon Draper, Tears of a Tiger **FIC DRAP YA**

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1994 Author - Angela Johnson, Toning the Sweep **FIC JOHN YA**

1994 Illustrator - Tom Feelings, Soul Looks Back in Wonder **PS 591 .N4 S58 1994 Children's**

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1993 Author - Patricia C. McKissack, The Dark-Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural **FIC MCKI Children's**

1993 Illustrator - Kathleen Atkins Wilson, The Origin of Life on Earth: An African Creation Myth

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1992 Author - Walter Dean Myers, Now is Your Time: The African American Struggle for Freedom **E 185 .M96 1991 YA**

1992 Illustrator - Faith Ringgold, Tar Beach **FIC RING Children's**

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1991 Author - Mildred D. Taylor, The Road to Memphis **FIC TAYL Children's**

1991 Illustrator - Leo and Diane Dillon, Aida **ML 3930 .V4 P7 1997 Children's**

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1990 Author - Patricia C. & Fredrick L. McKissack, A Long Hard Journey: The Story of the Pullman Porter **HD 8039 .R37 U46 1989 YA**

1990 Illustrator - Jan Spivey Gilchrist, Nathaniel Talking **PS 3557 .R39416 N38 1988 Children's**

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1989 Author - Walter Dean Myers, Fallen Angels **FIC MYER YA**

1989 Illustrator - Jerry Pinkney, Mirandy and Brother Wind **FIC MCKI Children's**

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1988 Author - Mildred L. Taylor, The Friendship **FIC TAYL Children's**

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1988 Illustrator - John Steptoe, Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale **PZ 8 .S585 M84 1987 Children's**

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1987 Author - Mildred Pitts Walter, Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World **FIC WALT Children's**

1987 Illustrator - Jerry Pinkney, Half a Moon and One Whole Star **FIC DRAG Children's**

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1986 Author - Virginia Hamilton, The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales **PZ 8.1 .H154 P46 1993 Children's**

1986 Illustrator - Jerry Pinkney, The Patchwork Quilt **FIC FLOU Children's**

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1985 Author - Walter Dean Myers, Motown and Didi **FIC MYER YA**

1985 Illustrator - No award presented.

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1984 Author - Lucille Clifton, Everett Anderson's Goodbye **FIC CLIF Children's**

1984 Illustrator - Pat Cummings, My Mama Needs Me **FIC WALT Children's**

Special Citation - The Words of Martin Luther King, Jr., compiled by Coretta Scott King

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1983 Author - Virginia Hamilton, Sweet Whispers, Brother Rush **FIC HAMI YA**

1983 Illustrator - Peter Magubane, Black Child

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1982 Author - Mildred D. Taylor, Let the Circle Be Unbroken **FIC TAYL Children's**

1985 Illustrator - John Steptoe, Mother Crocodile: An Uncle Amadou Tale from Senegal

1985 Illustrator - Tom Feelings, Daydreamers

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1981 Author - Sidney Poitier, This Life **PN 2287 .P57 A37 1980 General**

1981 Illustrator - Ashley Bryan, Beat the Story Drum, Pum-Pum **PZ 8.1 .B75 B43 1980 Children's**

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1980 Author - Walter Dean Myers, The Young Landlords **FIC MYER YA**

1980 Illustrator - Carole Byard, Cornrows **FIC YARB Children's**

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1979 Author - Ossie Davis, Escape to Freedom **PS 3507 .A7444 E84 1990 Children's**

1979 Illustrator - Tom Feelings, Something on My Mind

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1978 Author - Eloise Greenfield, Africa Dream **FIC GREE Children's**

1978 Illustrator - Carole Bayard, Africa Dream **FIC GREE Children's**

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1977 Author - James Haskins, *The Story of Stevie Wonder*

1977 Illustrator - No award presented.

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1976 Author - Pearl Bailey, *Duey's Tale*

1976 Illustrator - No award presented.

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1975 Author - Dorothy Robinson, *The Legend of Africana*

1975 Illustrator - No award presented.

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1974 Author - Sharon Bell Mathis, *Ray Charles*

1974 Illustrator (inaugural year) - George Ford, *Ray Charles*

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1973 Author - Jackie Robinson and Alfred Duckett, *I Never Had it Made: The Autobiography of Jackie Robinson* **GV 865 .R6 A3**  
**1995 General**

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1972 Author - Elton C. Fax, *17 Black Artists*

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1971 Author - Charlemae Rollins, *Black Troubador: Langston Hughes*

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1970 Author - Lillie Patterson, *Martin Luther King, Jr.: Man of Peace*