



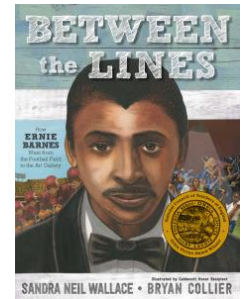
# NCTE ORBIS PICTUS AWARD®

## OUTSTANDING NONFICTION FOR CHILDREN

### PAST WINNERS 2010-PRESENT

The award was established in 1989 to promote and recognize excellence in the writing of nonfiction for children. The name Orbis Pictus commemorates the work of Johannes Amos Comenius, *Orbis Pictus—The World in Pictures* (1658), considered to be the first book actually planned for children.

#### **2019** *Between the Lines: How Ernie Barnes Went from the Football Field to the Art Gallery* by Sandra Neil Wallace, illustrated by Bryan Collier (Simon & Schuster)



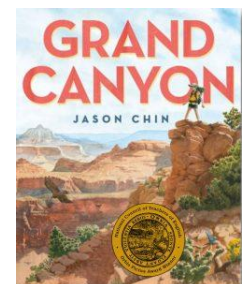
#### Honor Books:

- *Champion: The Comeback Tale of the American Chestnut Tree* by Sally M. Walker (Henry Holt and Company)
- *Pass Go and Collect \$200: The Story of How Monopoly was Invented* by Tanya Lee Stone, illustrated by Steven Salerno (Henry Holt and Company)
- *The Secret Kingdom: Nek Chand, a Changing India, and a Hidden World of Art* by Barb Rosenstock, illustrated by Claire A. Nivola (Candlewick Press)
- *Thirty Minutes Over Oregon: A Japanese Pilot's World War II Story* by Marc Tyler Nobleman, illustrated by Melissa Iwai (Clarion Books)
- *We are Grateful: Otsaliheliga* by Traci Sorrel, illustrated by Frané Lessac (Charlesbridge Publishing)

#### Recommended Books

- *Boots on the Ground: America's War in Vietnam* by Elizabeth Partridge (Viking)
- *Facing Frederick: The Life of Frederick Douglass, a Monumental Man* by Tonya Bolden (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- *Game Changers: The Story of Venus and Serena Williams* by Lesa Cline-Ransome, illustrated by James E. Ransome (Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books)
- *Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor: The Woman Who Loved Reptiles* by Patricia Valdez, illustrated by Felicita Sala (Alfred A. Knopf)
- *Nothing Stopped Sophie: The Story of the Unshakable Mathematician Sophie Germain* by Cheryl Bardoe, illustrated by Barbara McClintock (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers)
- *Otis and Will Discover the Deep: The Record-Setting Dive of the Bathysphere* by Barb Rosenstock, illustrated by Katherine Roy (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers)
- *Something Rotten: A Fresh Look at Roadkill* by Heather L. Montgomery, illustrated by Kevin O'Malley (Bloomsbury Children's Books)
- *What Do You Do with a Voice Like That?: The Story of Extraordinary Congresswoman Barbara Jordan* by Chris Barton, illustrated by Ekoa Holmes (Beach Lane Books)

#### **2018** *Grand Canyon* by Jason Chin (Roaring Brook Press)



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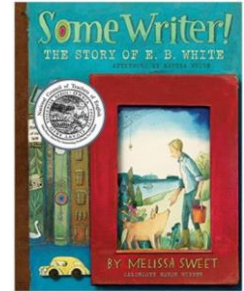
- *Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin and June Jo Lee, illustrated by Man One (Readers to Eaters)
- *Dazzle Ships: World War I and the Art of Confusion* by Chris Barton, illustrated by Victo Ngai (Millbrook Press)
- *Her Right Foot* by Dave Eggers, illustrated by Shawn Harris (Chronicle Books)
- *The Quilts of Gee's Bend* by Susan Goldman Rubin (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- *The World is Not a Rectangle: A Portrait of Architect Zaha Hadid* by Jeanette Winter (Beach Lane Books)

## Recommended Books:

- Danza! Amalia Hernández and El Ballet Folklórico de México by Duncan Tonatiuh (Dreamscape Media)
  - Fault Lines in the Constitution by Cynthia Levinson and Sanford Levinson (Peachtree Publishers)
  - If Sharks Disappeared by Lily Williams (Roaring Brook Press)
  - Isaac the Alchemist: Secrets of Isaac Newton, Revealed by Mary Losure (Candlewick Press)
  - Life on Surtsey: Iceland's Upstart Island by Loree Griffin Burns (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
  - Maya Lin: Thinking With Her Hands by Susan Goldman Rubin (Chronicle Books)
  - The Music of Life: Bartolomeo Cristofori & the Invention of the Piano by Elizabeth Rusch, illustrated by Marjorie Priceman (Atheneum Books for Young Readers)
  - The Whydah: A Pirate Ship Feared, Wrecked, and Found by Martin W. Sandler (Candlewick Press)
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## **2017 *Some Writer!: The Story of E.B. White***

by Melissa Sweet (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers)



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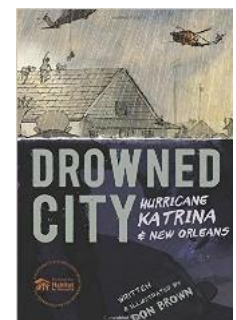
- Animals by the Numbers: A Book of Animal Infographics by Steve Jenkins (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers)
- The First Step: How One Girl Put Segregation on Trial written by Susan E. Goodman, illustrated by E. B. Lewis (Bloomsbury)
- Giant Squid by Candace Fleming, illustrated by Eric Rohmann (Roaring Brook Press)
- I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark by Debbie Levy, illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)
- ¡Olinguito, de la A a la Z!: Descubriendo el bosque nublado / Olinguito, from A to Z: Unveiling the Cloud Forest by Lulu Delacre (Children's Book Press)

## Recommended Books:

- Ada Lovelace, Poet of Science: The First Computer Programmer by Diane Stanley, illustrated by Jessie Hartland (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)
  - Ada's Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay by Susan Hood, illustrated by Sally Wern Comport (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)
  - Comics Confidential: Thirteen Graphic Novelists Talk Story, Craft, and Life Outside the Box compiled and edited by Leonard Marcus (Candlewick Press)
  - Dive!: World War II Stories of Sailors & Submarines in the Pacific by Deborah Hopkinson (Scholastic)
  - How to Build a Museum: Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture by Tonya Bolden (Viking Books for Young Readers)
  - Miss Mary Reporting: The True Story of Sportswriter Mary Garber by Sue Macy, illustrated by C. F. Payne (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)
  - Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story by Caren Stelson (Carolrhoda)
  - Step Right Up: How Doc and Jim Key Taught the World about Kindness by Donna Janell Bowman, illustrated by Daniel Minter (Lee & Low Books)
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## **2016 *Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina & New Orleans***

by Don Brown (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers)



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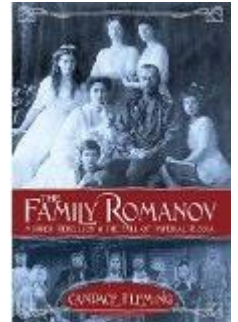
- Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras by Duncan Tonatiuh (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- Growing Up Pedro by Matt Tavares (Candlewick)
- Mesmerized: How Ben Franklin Solved a Mystery that Baffled All of France by Mara Rockliff, illustrated by Iacopo Bruno (Candlewick)
- Swan: The Life and Dance of Anna Pavlova by Laurel Snyder, illustrated by Julie Morstad (Chronicle Books)

- *Terrible Typhoid Mary: A True Story of the Deadliest Cook in America* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers)

Recommended Books:

- *Courage & Defiance: Stories of Spies, Saboteurs, and Survivors in World War II Denmark* by Deborah Hopkinson (Scholastic Press)
- *Game Changer: John McLendon and the Secret Game* by John Coy, illustrated by Randy DuBurke (Carolrhoda Books)
- *The House that Jane Built: A Story about Jane Addams* by Tanya Lee Stone, illustrated by Kathryn Brown (Henry Holt & Company)
- *Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War* by Steve Sheinkin (Roaring Brook Press)
- *My Story, My Dance: Robert Battle's Journey to Alvin Ailey* by Lesa Cline-Ransome, illustrated by James E. Ransome (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)
- *Raindrops Roll* by April Pulley Sayre (Beach Lane Books)
- *Trombone Shorty* by Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews, illustrated by Bryan Collier (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- *W Is for Webster: Noah Webster and His American Dictionary* by Tracey Fern, illustrated by Boris Kulikov (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

**2015 *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion & the Fall of Imperial Russia***  
by Candace Fleming (Schwartz & Wade)



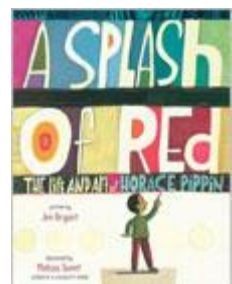
Honor Books:

- *A Home for Mr. Emerson* by Barbara Kerley illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham (Scholastic Press)
- *Mr. Ferris and His Wheel* by Kathryn Gibbs Davis illustrated by Gilbert Ford (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
- *The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus* by Jen Bryant, illustrated by Melissa Sweet (Eerdmans Books for Young Readers)
- *Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation* by Duncan Tonatiuh (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- *Star Stuff: Carl Sagan and the Mysteries of the Cosmos* by Stephanie Roth Sisson (Roaring Brook Press)

Recommended Books:

- *Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World* by Steve Jenkins (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
- *Chasing Cheetahs: The Race to Save Africa's Fastest Cats* by Sy Montgomery, photographs by Nic Bishop (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
- *The Girl from the Tar Paper School: Barbara Rose Johns and the Advent of the Civil Rights Movement* by Teri Kanefield (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- *Little Melba and Her Big Trombone* by Katheryn Russell-Brown, illustrated by Frank Morrison (Lee & Low Books)
- *Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands* by Katherine Roy (David Macaulay Studio/Roaring Brook Press)
- *The Scraps Book: Notes from a Colorful Life* by Lois Ehlert (Beach Lane)
- *The Streak: How Joe DiMaggio Became America's Hero* by Barb Rosenstock, illustrated by Terry Widener (Calkins Creek)
- *Strike!: The Farm Workers' Fight for Their Rights* by Larry Dane Brimner (Calkins Creek)

**2014 *A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin***  
by Jen Bryant, illustrated by Melissa Sweet (Alfred A. Knopf)



Honor Books:

- *Locomotive* by Brian Floca (Atheneum Books for Young Readers)
- *The Boy Who Loved Math: The Improbable Life of Paul Erdos* by Deborah Heiligman, illustrated by LeUyen Pham (Roaring Brook Press)

- *Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909* by Michelle Markel, illustrated by Melissa Sweet (Balzer + Bray)
- *Parrots Over Puerto Rico* by Susan L. Roth and Cindy Trumbore (Lee & Low Books Inc.)
- *Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles, America's First Black Paratroopers* by Tanya Lee Stone (Candlewick Press)

Recommended Books:

- *Emancipation Proclamation: Lincoln and the Dawn of Liberty* by Tonya Bolden (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- *Becoming Ben Franklin: How a Candle-Maker's Son Helped Light the Flame of Liberty* by Russell Freedman (Holiday House)
- *The Mad Potter: George E. Ohr Eccentric Genius* by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan (Roaring Brook Press)
- *Thomas Jefferson Builds a Library* by Barb Rosenstock, illustrated by John O'Brien (Calkins Creek)
- *Eruption! Volcanoes and the Science of Saving Lives* by Elizabeth Rusch, photographs by Tom Uhlman (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children)
- *Lifetime: The Amazing Numbers in Animal Lives* by Lola M. Schaefer, illustrated by Christopher Silas Neal (Chronicle Books)
- *Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors? The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell* by Tanya Lee Stone, illustrated by Marjorie Priceman (Henry Holt and Company)
- *Scaly, Spotted, Feathered, Frilled: How Do We Know What Dinosaurs Really Looked Like?* by Catherine Thimmesh (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children)

**2013 *Monsieur Marceau: Actor without Words***

by Leda Schubert, illustrated by Gérard DuBois (Roaring Brook Press)



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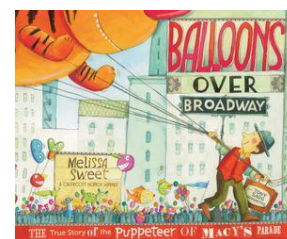
- *Citizen Scientists: Be a Part of Scientific Discovery from Your Own Backyard* by Loree Griffin Burns, photos by Ellen Harasimowicz (Henry Holt & Company)
- *Electric Ben: The Amazing Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin* by Robert Byrd (Dial Books for Young Readers)
- *The Mighty Mars Rovers: The Incredible Adventures of Spirit and Opportunity* by Elizabeth Rusch (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children)
- *Those Rebels, John & Tom* by Barbara Kerley, illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham (Scholastic)
- *We've Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March* by Cynthia Levinson (Peachtree Publishers)

Recommended Books:

- *A Black Hole is NOT a Hole* by Carolyn Cinami DeCristofano, illustrated by Michael Carroll (Charlesbridge Publishing)
- *Abraham Lincoln & Frederick Douglass: The Story Behind an American Friendship* by Russell Freedman (Clarion Books)
- *The Amazing Harry Kellar: Great American Magician* by Gail Jarrow (Calkins Creek)
- *Beyond Courage: The Untold Story of Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust* by Doreen Rappaport (Candlewick Press)
- *The Case of the Vanishing Golden Frogs: A Scientific Mystery* by Sandra Markle (Millbrook Press)
- *Chuck Close: Face Book* by Chuck Close (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- *Hands Around the Library: Protecting Egypt's Treasured Books* by Karen Leggett Abouraya, illustrated by Susan L. Roth (Dial Book for Young Readers)
- *Life in the Ocean: The Story of Oceanographer Sylvia Earle* by Claire A. Nivola (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

**2012 *Balloons over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade***

by Melissa Sweet (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children)



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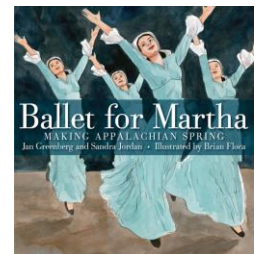
- *Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart* by Candace Fleming (Schwartz & Wade Books)
- *Father Abraham: Lincoln and His Sons* by Harold Holzer (Calkins Creek)
- *Pablo Neruda: Poet of the People* by Monica Brown illustrated by Julie Paschkis (Henry Holt and Company)
- *Terezin: Voices from the Holocaust* by Ruth Thomson (Candlewick Press)
- *The Mangrove Tree: Planting Trees to Feed Families* by Susan L. Roth & Cindy Trumbore (Lee & Low Books Inc.)

Recommended Books:

- *Billions of Years, Amazing Changes: The Story of Evolution* by Laurence Pringle, illustrated by Steve Jenkins (Boyd's Mills Press)
- *Far from Shore: Chronicles of an Open Ocean Voyage* by Sophie Webb (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children)
- *For the Birds: The Life of Roger Tory Peterson* by Peggy Thomas, illustrated by Laura Jacques (Calkins Creek)
- *Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans* by Kadir Nelson (Balzer + Bray)
- *Harry Houdini: The Legend of the World's Greatest Escape Artist* by Janice Weaver, illustrated by Chris Lane (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- *Inkblot* by Margaret Peot (Boyd's Mills Press)
- *Me...Jane* by Patrick McDonnell (Little, Brown and Company)
- *Thunder Birds: Nature's Flying Predators* by Jim Arnosky (Sterling)

**2011 *Ballet for Martha: Making Appalachian Spring***

by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan, illustrated by Brian Floca (Roaring Brook Press)



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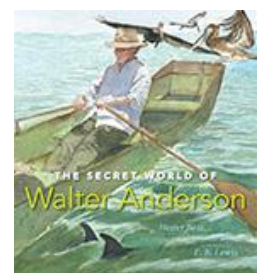
- *Birmingham Sunday* by Larry Dane Brimner (Calkins Creek)
- *Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift's "Chocolate Pilot"* by Michael O. Tunnell (Charlesbridge)
- *If Stones Could Speak: Unlocking the Secrets of Stonehenge* by Mark Aronson (National Geographic)
- *Journey into the Deep: Discovering New Ocean Creatures* by Rebecca L. Johnson (Millbrook Press)
- *Mammoths and Mastodons: Titans of the Ice Age* by Cheryl Bardoe (Abrams Books for Young Readers)

Recommended Books:

- *Black Elk's Vision: A Lakota Story* by S.D. Nelson (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- *Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave* by Laban Carrick Hill, illustrated by Bryan Collier (Little, Brown & Company)
- *The Extraordinary Mark Twain (According to Suzy)* by Barbara Kerley, illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham (Scholastic)
- *For Good Measure* by Ken Robbins (Roaring Brook Press)
- *Henry Aaron's Dream* by Matt Tavares (Candlewick Press)
- *Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's Strangest Parrot* by Sy Montgomery, photographs by Nic Bishop (Houghton Mifflin)
- *Polar Bears* by Mark Newman (Henry Holt and Company)
- *They Called Themselves the KKK: The Birth of an American Terrorist Group* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti (Houghton Mifflin)

**2010 *The Secret World of Walter Anderson***

by Hester Bass, illustrated by E.B. Lewis (Candlewick Press)



Honor Books:

- *Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream* by Tanya Lee Stone (Candlewick Press)

- Darwin: With Glimpses into His Private Journal and Letters by Alice B. McGinty (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children)
- The Frog Scientist by Pamela S. Turner (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children)
- How Many Baby Pandas? by Sandra Markle (Walker Books for Young Readers)
- Noah Webster: Weaver of Words by Pegi Deitz Shea (Calkins Creek Books)

Recommended Books:

- The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth by Kathleen Krull (Knopf Books for Young Readers)
- Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Phillip Hoose (Farrar Straus and Giroux)
- Eleanor, Quiet No More by Doreen Rappaport (Hyperion Books for Children)
- The Grand Mosque of Paris: A Story of How Muslims Rescued Jews during the Holocaust by Karen Gray Ruelle and Deborah Durland Desaix (Holiday House)
- Life in the Boreal Forest by Brenda Z. Guiberson (Henry Holt and Company)
- One Giant Leap by Robert Burleigh (Philomel Books)
- Truce by Jim Murphy (Scholastic)
- Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland by Sally M. Walker (Carolrhoda Books)



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