The award was established in 2014 to promote and recognize excellence in the writing of fiction for children that has the potential to transform their lives by inviting compassion, imagination, and wonder. The award commemorates the work of educator Charlotte Huck and her focus on the importance of bringing books and children together in significant ways.

**2020** Room on Our Rock
by Kate & Jol Temple, Illustrated by Terri Rose Baynton (Kane Miller)

**Honor Books:**
- When Aidan Became a Brother by Kyle Lukoff, illustrated by Kaylani Juanita (Lee & Low Books)
- Between Us and Abuela: A Family Story from the Border by Mitali Perkins, illustrated by Sara Palacios (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
- New Kid by Jerry Craft (HarperCollins)
- I Can Make This Promise by Christine Day (HarperCollins)
- Other Words for Home by Jazmine Warga (Balzer & Bray)

**Recommended Books:**
- For Black Girls Like Me by Mariama J. Lockington (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
- The Moon Within by Aida Salazar (Arthur A. Levine Books)
- Planet Earth Is Blue by Nicole Panteleakos (Wendy Lamb Books)
- The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family by Ibtihaj Muhammad, illustrated by Hatem Aly, with S. K. Ali (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers)
- Roll With It by Jamie Sumner (Atheneum)
- Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story by Kevin Noble Maillard, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal (Roaring Book Press)
- Lubna and Pebble by Wendy Meddour, illustrated by Daniel Egnéus (Dial Books)
- Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia (Rick Riordan Presents/Disney-Hyperion)

**2019** Sweep: The Story of a Girl and her Monster
by Jonathan Auxier (Amulet)

**Honor Books:**
- Can I Touch Your Hair?: Poems of Race, Mistakes, and Friendship by Irene Latham, Charles Waters, Sean Qualls, Selina Alko (Carolrhoda Books)
- Everything Else in the Universe by Tracy Holczer (G.P. Putnam)
- Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes (Little, Brown and Company)
- Merci Suárez Changes Gear by Meg Medina (Candlewick Press)
- The Day War Came by Nicola Davies, illustrated by Rebecca Cobb (Candlewick Press)

**Recommended Books:**
- Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Martinez-Neal (Candlewick Press)
- Drawn Together by Minh Lê, illustrated by Dan Santat (Disney-Hyperion)
- Ivy Aberdeen’s Letter to the World by Ashley Herring Blake (Little, Brown and Company)
- I Walk with Vanessa: A Story About a Simple Act of Kindness by Kerascoët (Schwartz & Wade Books)
2018  *After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again*  
by Dan Santat (Roaring Brook Press)

**Honor Books:**
- *Forever or a Long Long Time* by Caela Carter (HarperCollins Children's Books)
- *Little Fox in the Forest* by Stephanie Graegin (Schwartz & Wade Books)
- *Refugee* by Alan Gratz (Scholastic Press)
- *The End of the Wild* by Nicole Lea Helget (Little, Brown and Company)
- *The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet* by Carmen Agra Deedy, illustrated by Eugene Yelchin (Scholastic Press)

**Recommended Books:**
- *All's Faire in Middle School* by Victoria Jamieson (Dial Books for Young Readers)
- *Amina's Voice* by Hena Khan (Salaam Reads/Simon & Schuster)
- *Big Cat, Little Cat* by Elisha Cooper (Roaring Brook Press)
- *Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut* by Derrick D Barnes, illus by Gordon C. James (Agate Bolden Publishing)
- *Saving Marty* by Paul Griffin (Dial Books for Young Readers)
- *Shelter* by Celine Clair, illustrated by Quin Leng (Kids Can Press)
- *Stef Soto, The Taco Queen* by Jennifer Torres (Little Brown and Company)
- *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate, illustrated by Charles Santoso (Feiwel & Friends)

2017  *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds (Atheneum Books for Young Readers)

**Honor Books:**
- *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill (Algonquin Young Readers)
- *Ms. Bixby's Last Day* by John David Anderson (Walden Pond Press)
- *The Night Gardener* by Eric and Terry Fan (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)
- *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers)
- *Worm Loves Worm* by J.J. Austrian, Illustrated by Mike Curato (Baltzer & Bray)

**Recommended Books:**
- *A Bandit's Tale: The Muddled Misadventures of a Pickpocket* by Deborah Hopkinson (Knopf Books for Young Readers)
- *Hoot and Peep* by Lita Judge (Dial Books)
- *Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog* by Adam Gidwitz, illustrated by Hatem Aly (Dutton Books for Young Readers)
- *Luis Paints the World* by Terry Farish, Illustrated by Oliver Dominguez (Carolrhoda Books)
- *One Half from the East* by Nadia Hashimi (Harper Collins)
- *The Princess and the Warrior: A Tale of Two Volcanoes* by Duncan Tonatiuh (Harry N. Abrams)
- *The Seventh Wish* by Kate Messner (Bloomsbury)
- *Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk (Dutton Books for Young Readers)
2016  **Stella by Starlight** by Sharon M. Draper  
(Atheneum Books for Young Readers)

Honor Books:
- *Little Tree* by Loren Long (Philomel Books)  
- *New Shoes* by Susan Lynn Meyer, illustrated by Eric Velasquez (Holiday House)  
- *Paper Things* by Jennifer Richard Jacobson (Candlewick)  
- *Strictly No Elephants* by Lisa Mantchev, illustrated by Taeeun Yoo (Simon & Schuster)  
- *Tiger Boy* by Mitali Perkins, illustrated by Jamie Hogan (Charlesbridge)

Recommended Books:
- *Circus Mirandus* by Cassie Beasley (Dial Books for Young Readers)  
- *Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate (Feiwel & Friends)  
- *Francine Poulet Meets the Ghost Raccoon: Tales from Deckawoo Drive, Volume Two* by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Chris Van Dusen (Candlewick)  
- *George* by Alex Gino (Scholastic Press)  
- *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson (G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers)  
- *Little Elliot, Big Family* by Mike Curato (Henry Holt and Company)  
- *Sidewalk Flowers* by JonArno Lawson, illustrated by Sydney Smith (Groundwood Books)  
- *Two White Rabbits* by Jairo Buitrago, illustrated by Rafael Yockteng, translated by Elisa Amado (Groundwood Books)

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2015  **Rain Reign** by Ann M. Martin (Feiwel and Friends)

Honor Books:
- *Absolutely Almost* by Lisa Graff (Philomel)  
- *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)  
- *El Deafo* by Cece Bell (Harry N. Abrams)  
- *The Farmer and the Clown* by Marla Frazee (Beach Lane)  
- *Revolution* by Deborah Wiles (Scholastic)

Recommended Books:
- *A Snicker of Magic* by Natalie Lloyd (Scholastic)  
- *Draw* by Raul Colon (Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books)  
- *The Madman of Piney Woods* by Christopher Paul Curtis (Scholastic)  
- *The Meaning of Maggie* by Megan Jean Sovern (Chronicle Books)  
- *The Most Magnificent Thing* by Ashley Spires (Kids Can Press)  
- *Otis and the Scarecrow* by Loren Long (Penguin Group)  
- *The Secret Hum of a Daisy* by Tracy Holczer (Putnam)  
- *The Turtle of Oman* by Naomi Shihab Nye (Greenwillow Books)