

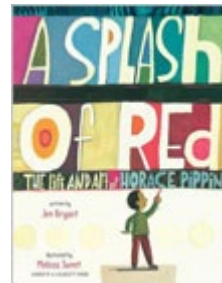
# NCTE ORBIS PICTUS AWARD®

## OUTSTANDING NONFICTION FOR CHILDREN

### PAST WINNERS 2010-2014

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.

**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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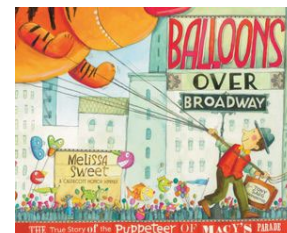
- *Citizen Scientists: Be a Part of Scientific Discovery from Your Own Backyard* by Loree Griffin Burns, photos by Ellen Harasimowicz (Henry Holt & Company)
- *Electric Ben: The Amazing Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin* by Robert Byrd (Dial Books for Young Readers)
- *The Mighty Mars Rovers: The Incredible 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)



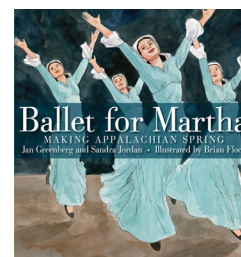
Honor Books:

- *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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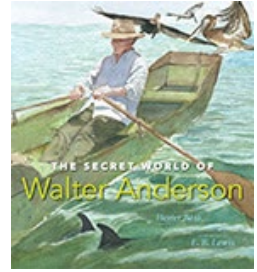
- *Birmingham Sunday* by Larry Dane Brimner (Calkins Creek)
- *Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift's "Chocolate Pilot"* by Michael O. Tunnell (Charlesbridge)
- *If Stones Could Speak: Unlocking the Secrets of Stonehenge* by Mark Aronson (National Geographic)
- *Journey into the Deep: Discovering 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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