

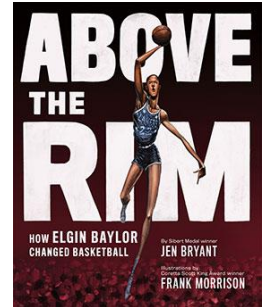
NCTE ORBIS PICTUS AWARD®

OUTSTANDING NONFICTION FOR CHILDREN

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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.

2021 *Above the Rim: How Elgin Baylor Changed Basketball* by Jen Bryant, illustrated by Frank Morrison (Harry N. Abrams)



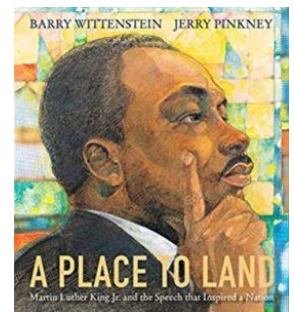
Honor Books:

- *Lifting as We Climb: Black Women's Battle for the Ballot Box* by Evette Dionne
- *The Teachers March! How Selma's Teachers Changed History* by Sandra Neil Wallace & Rich Wallace, illustrated by Charly Palmer
- *All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team* by Christina Soontornvat
- *Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera* by Candace Fleming, illustrated by Eric Rohmann
- *If You Take Away the Otter* by Susannah Buhrman-Deever, illustrated by Matthew Trueman

Recommended Books:

- *Drawing on Walls* by Matthew Burgess, illustrated by Josh Cochran
- *We Had to Be Brave: Escaping the Nazis on the Kindertransport* by Deborah Hopkinson
- *All of a Sudden and Forever* by Chris Baron, illustrated by Nicole Xu
- *How we Got to The Moon: The People, Technology, and Daring Feats of Science Behind Humanity's Greatest Adventure* by John Rocco
- *Jumbo: The Making of the Boeing 747* by Chris Gall
- *The Lion Queens of India* by Jan Reynolds
- *Blood and Germs: The Civil War Battle Against Wounds and Disease* by Gail Jarrow
- *Dream Builder: The Story of Architect Philip Freelon* by Kelly Starling Lyons, illustrated by Laura Freeman

2020 *A Place to Land: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Speech that Inspired a Nation* by Barry Wittenstein, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney (Holiday House)



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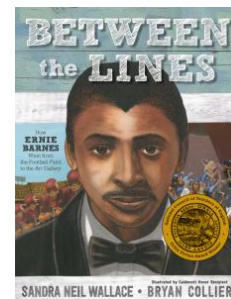
- *Manhattan: Mapping the Story of an Island* by Jennifer Thermes (Abrams)
- *Soldier for Equality: José de la Luz Sáenz and the Great War* by Duncan Tonatiuh (Harry N. Abrams)
- *1919: The Year that Changed America* by Martin W. Sandler (Bloomsbury)
- *The Poison Eaters: Fighting Danger and Fraud in Our Food and Drugs* by Gail Jarrow (Calkins Creek)
- *Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré* by Aneka Aldamuy Denise, illustrated by Paola Escobar (HarperCollins)

Recommended Books:

- *The First Dinosaurs: How Science Solved the Greatest Mystery on Earth* by Ian Lendler, illustrated by C. M. Butzer (Margaret K. McElderry Books/S&S)
- *Beware of Crocodile* by Martin Jenkins, illustrated by Satoshi Kitamura (Candlewick Press)
- *Let 'Er Buck: George Fletcher, the People's Champion* by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson, illustrated by Gordon C. James (Carolrhoda Books)

- *Todos Iguales / All Equal: Un corrido de Lemon Grove / A Ballad of Lemon Grove* by Christy Hale (Lee & Low)
- *It Began with a Page: How Gyo Fujikawa Drew the Way* by Kyo Maclear, illustrated by Julie Morstad (HarperCollins)
- *Crossing on Time: Steam Engines, Fast Ships, and a Journey to the New World* by David Macaulay (Roaring Brook Press)
- *Queen of Physics: How Wu Chien Shiung Helped Unlock the Secrets of the Atom* by Teresa Robeson, illustrated by Rebecca Huang (Sterling)
- *Humanimal: Incredible Ways Animals Are Just Like Us!* by Christopher Lloyd, illustrated by Mark Ruffle (What on Earth Books)

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)



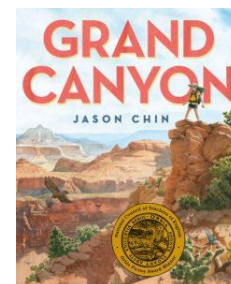
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- *Champion: The Comeback Tale of the American Chestnut Tree* by Sally M. Walker (Henry Holt and Company)
- *Pass Go and Collect \$200: The Story of How Monopoly was Invented* by Tanya Lee Stone, illustrated by Stephen Salerno (Henry Holt and Company)
- *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 Ekua Holmes (Beach Lane Books)

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



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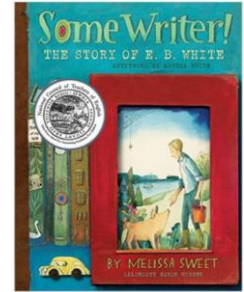
- *Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin and June Jo Lee, illustrated by Man One (Readers to Eaters)
- *Dazzle Ships: World War I and the Art of Confusion* by Chris Barton, illustrated by Victo Ngai (Millbrook Press)
- *Her Right Foot* by Dave Eggers, illustrated by Shawn 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)

2017 *Some Writer!: The Story of E.B. White*
by Melissa Sweet (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers)



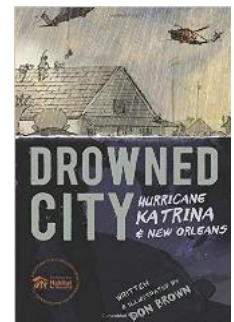
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- *Animals by the Numbers: A Book of Animal Infographics* by Steve Jenkins (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers)
- *The First Step: How One Girl Put Segregation on Trial* written by Susan E. Goodman, illustrated by E. B. Lewis (Bloomsbury)
- *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)

2016 *Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina & New Orleans*
by Don Brown (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers)



Honor Books:

- *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)

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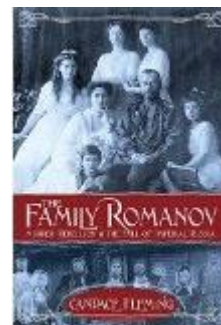
- *Courage & Defiance: Stories of Spies, Saboteurs, and Survivors in World War II Denmark* by Deborah Hopkinson (Scholastic Press)

- *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)



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