



Robert F. Sibert Award

2001-2024

The Sibert Award honors the most distinguished informational book published in English for its significant contribution to children's literature.

2024: *The Mona Lisa Vanishes: A Legendary Painter, a Shocking Heist, and the Birth of a Global Celebrity*

written by Nicholas Day and illustrated by Brett Helquist (J 364.16 Day)

Honor Books

The Book of Turtles written by Sy Montgomery and illustrated by Matt Patterson (J 597.92 Mon)

Holding Her Own: The Exceptional Life of Jackie Ormes written by Traci N. Todd and illustrated by Shannon Wright

Jumper: A Day in the Life of the Backyard Jumping Spider written and illustrated by Jessica Lanan (J 595.4 Lan)

Shipwrecked!: Diving for Hidden Time Capsules on the Ocean Floor written by Martin W. Sandler (J 910.452 San)

2023: *Seen and Unseen: What Dorothea Lange, Toyo Miyatake, and Ansel Adams's Photographs Reveal About the Japanese American Incarceration* written by Elizabeth Partridge and illustrated by Lauren Tamaki (YA 940.53 Par)

Honor Books

Choosing Brave: How Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till Sparked the Civil Rights Movement written by Angela Joy and illustrated by Janelle Washington (J Till-Mobley)

A Seed Grows written and illustrated by Antoinette Portis (J 575.68 Por)

Sweet Justice: Georgia Gilmore and the Montgomery Bus Boycott written by Mara Rockliff and illustrated by R. Gregory Christie (JB Gilmore)

The Tower of Life: How Yaffa Eliach Rebuilt Her Town in Stories and Photographs written by Chana Stiefel and illustrated by Susan Gal

2022: *The People's Painter: How Ben Shahn Fought for Justice with Art* written by Cynthia Levinson and illustrated by Evan Turk (JB Shahn)

Honor Books

The Great Stink: How Joseph Bazalgette Solved London's Poop Pollution Problem written by Colleen Paeff and illustrated by Nancy Carpenter (J 628.2092 Pae)

Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown written by Steve Sheinkin (JB Brooks)

We Are Still Here!: Native American Truths Everyone Should Know written by Traci Sorell and illustrated by Frané Lessac

Summertime Sleepers: Animals that Estivate written by Melissa Stewart and illustrated by Sarah S. Brannen (J 571.786 Ste)

Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre written by Carole Boston Weatherford and illustrated by Floyd Cooper (J 976.6 Wea)

2021: *Honeybee: The busy Life of Apis Mellifera* written by Candace Fleming and illustrated by Eric Rohmann (J 599.79 Fle)

Honor Books

How We Got to the Moon: The People, Technology, and Daring Feats of Science Behind Humanity's Greatest Adventure written and illustrated by John Rocco (J 629.454 Roc)

Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks written by Suzanne Slade and illustrated by Cozbi A. Cabrera (JB Brooks)

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team written by Christina Soontornvat (J 796.525 Soo)

2020: **Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story** written by Kevin Noble Maillard and illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal

Honor Books

All in a Drop: How Antony van Leeuwenhoek Discovered an Invisible World written by Lori Alexander and illustrated by Vivien Mildenerger (JB Leeuwenhoek)

This Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality written by Jo Ann Allen Boyce and Debbie Levy (J 379.2 Boy)

Ordinary Hazards: A Memoir written by Nikki Grimes (YA 811.54 Gri)

Hey, Water! written and illustrated by Antoinette Portis (J 553.7 Por)

2019: **The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science** written by Joyce Sidman (JB Merian)

Honor Books

Camp Panda: Helping Cubs Return to the Wild written by Catherine Thimmesh (J 599.789 Thi)

Spooked! How a Radio Broadcast and The War of the Worlds Sparked the 1938 Invasion of America written by Gail Jarrow

The Unwanted: Stories of the Syrian Refugees written and illustrated by Don Brown (YA GRAPHIC NOVEL Brown)

We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga written by Traci Sorell and illustrated by Frané Lessac (J 394.2 Sor)

When Angels Sing: The Story of Rock Legend Carlos Santana written by Michael Mahin and illustrated by Jose Ramirez (JB Santana)

2018: **Twelve Days in May: Freedom Ride 1961** written by Larry Dane Brimmer (J 323.1196 Bri)

Honor Books

Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix written by Jacqueline Briggs Martin and June Jo Lee and illustrated by Man One (JB Choi)

Grand Canyon written and illustrated by Jason Chin (J 557.9132 Chi)

Not So Different: What You Really Want to Ask about Having a Disability written by Shane Burcaw and illustrated by Matt Carr (J 362.4 Bur)

Sea Otter Heroes: The Predators That Saved an Ecosystem written by Patricia Newman (J 599.769 New)

2017: **March: Book Three** written by John Lewis (YA Graphic Novel Lewis)

Honor Books

Giant Squid written by Candace Fleming and illustrated by Eric Rohmann (J 594.58 Fle)

Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story written by Caren Stelson (YA B Sachiko)

Uprooted: The Japanese American Experience During World War II written by Albert Marrin (YA 940.53 Mar)

We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement That Defied Adolf Hitler written by Russell Freedman

2016: **Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras** written and illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh (JB Posada)

Honor Books

Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans written and illustrated by Don Brown (J GN Brown)

The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club written by Phillip Hoose (YA 940.53 Hoo)

Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March written by Lynda Blackmon Lowery and illustrated by PJ Loughran (YA 323.1196 Low)

Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement written by Carole Boston Weatherford and illustrated by Ekua Holmes (JB Hamer)

- 2015: **The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus** written by Jen Bryant and illustrated by Melissa Sweet (J 409.2 Bry)
Honor Books
Brown Girl Dreaming written by Jacqueline Woodson (JB Woodson)
The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion & the Fall of Imperial Russia
 written by Candace Fleming (YA 947.08 Fle)
Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker written by Patricia Hruby Powell and
 illustrated by Christian Robinson (JB Baker)
Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands
 written and illustrated by Katherine Roy (J 597.3 Roy)
Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation
 written and illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh (J 379.263 Ton)
- 2014: **Parrots over Puerto Rico** written by Susan L. Roth and Cindy Trumbore. Illustrated by Susan L. Roth
Honor Books
A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin written by Jen Bryant and illustrated by Melissa Sweet
Look Up! Bird-Watching in Your Own Backyard written by Annette LeBlanc Cate (J 598.072 Cat)
Locomotive written and illustrated by Brian Floca (J 385.0973 Flo)
The Mad Potter: George E. Ohr, Eccentric Genius written by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan
- 2013: **Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon**
 written by Steve Sheinkin (J 623.4 She)
Honor Books
Electric Ben: The Amazing Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin written by Robert Byrd (JB Franklin)
Moonbird: A Year on the Wind with the Great Survivor B95 written by Phillip M. Hoose (J 598.072 Hoo)
Titanic: Voices from the Disaster written by Deborah Hopkinson (YA 910.9163 Hop)
- 2012: **Balloons over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade**
 written by Melissa Sweet (JB Sarg)
Honor Books
Black & White: The Confrontation between Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth and Eugene "Bull" Connor
 written by Larry Dane Brimner
Drawing from Memory written and illustrated by Allen Say (JB Say)
The Elephant Scientist written by Caitlin O'Connell and Donna M. Jackson and photographs by Caitlin O'Connell
 and Timothy Rodwelland
Witches!: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem written and illustrated by Rosalyn Schanzer (YA 133.4 Sch)
- 2011: **Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's strangest Parrot** written by Sy Montgomery (J 639.9 Mon)
Honor Books
Ballet for Martha: Making Appalachian Spring written by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan and
 illustrated by Brian Floca (J 792.8 Gre)
Lafayette and the American Revolution written by Russell Freedman (JB Lafayette)
- 2010: **Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream** written by Tanya Lee Stone (YA 629.45 Sto)
Honor Books
The Day-Glo Brothers: The True Story of Bob and Joe Switzer's Bright Ideas and Brand-New Colors written by
 Chris Barton and illustrated by Tony Persiani (J 535.352 Bar)
Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11 by Brian Floca (J 629.454 Flo)
Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Phillip Hoose (YA B Colvin)
- 2009: **We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball** written by Kadir Nelson (J 796.357 Nel)
Honor Books
Bodies from the Ice: Melting Glaciers and the Recovery of the Past written by James M. Deem (J 599.9 Dee)
*What to Do About Alice?: How Alice Roosevelt Broke the Rules, Charmed the World, and Drove Her
 Father Teddy Crazy!* written by Barbara Kerley and illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham (JB Longworth)

- 2008: **The Wall: Growing Up behind the Iron Curtain** written by Peter Sís (JB Sís)
Honor Books
Lightship written and illustrated by Brian Floca (JE Floca)
Nic Bishop Spiders written and photographed by Nic Bishop (J 595.44 Bis)
- 2007: **Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon** written by Catherine Thimmesh (J 629.45 Thi)
Honor Books
Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the Front Lines of the Civil Rights Movement by Ann Bausum (J 323.092 Bau)
Quest for the Tree Kangaroo: An Expedition to the Cloud Forest of New Guinea written by Sy Montgomery and photographs by Nic Bishop (J 599.2 Mon)
To Dance: A Ballerina's Graphic Novel written by Siena Cherson Siegel and artwork by Mark Siegel (J GN Siegel)
- 2006: **Secrets of a Civil War Submarine: Solving the Mysteries of the H.L. Hunley**
 written by Sally M. Walker (YA 973.757 Wal)
Honor Books
Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow written by Susan Campbell Bartoletti (YA 943.086 Bar)
- 2005: **The Voice that Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson & the Struggle for Equal Rights**
 written by Russell Freedman (J 782.1092 Fre)
Honor Books
Walt Whitman: Words for America written by Barbara Kerley and illustrated by Brian Selznick (JB Whitman)
The Tarantula Scientist written by Sy Montgomery and photographs by Nic Bishop (J 595.44 Mon)
Sequoyah: The Cherokee Man Who Gave His People Writing written by James Rumford and translated by Anna Sixkiller Huckaby (JB Sequoyah)
- 2004: **An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793**
 written by Jim Murphy (J 614.541 Mur)
Honor Books
I Face the Wind written by Vicki Cobb and illustrated by Julia Gorton (551.518 Cob)
- 2003: **The Life and Death of Adolf Hitler** written by James Cross Giblin (YA B Hitler)
Honor Books
Six Days in October: The Stock Market Crash of 1929 written by Karen Blumenthal (J 332.64 Blu)
Hole in My Life written by Jack Gantos (YA B Gantos)
Action Jackson written by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan and illustrated by Robert Andrew Parker (JB Pollock)
When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson written by Pam Munoz Ryan and illustrated by Brian Selznick (J 782.1 Rya)
- 2002: **Black Potatoes: The Story of the Great Irish Famine, 1845-1850** written by Susan Campbell Bartoletti (J 941.5081 Bar)
Honor Books
Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps written by Andrea Warren (JB Mandelbaum)
Vincent van Gogh written by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan (JB Van Gogh)
Brooklyn Bridge written by Lynn Curlee (J 624.5 Cur)
- 2001: **Sir Walter Raleigh and the Quest for El Dorado** written by Marc Aronson (YA B Raleigh)
Honor Books
The Longitude Prize written by Joan Dash and illustrated by Dusan Petricic (J 681.1 Das)
Blizzard! The Storm That Changed America written by Jim Murphy (J 974.7 Mur)
My Season with Penguins: An Antarctic Journal written by Sophie Webb (J 598.47 Web)
Pedro and Me: Friendship, Loss, and What I Learned written by Judd Winick (YA Graphic Novel Winick)