

# Coretta Scott King Book Awards & John Steptoe New Talent Awards

The Coretta Scott King Book Awards is designed to commemorate the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to honor Mrs. Coretta Scott King for her courage and determination to continue the work for peace, the Coretta Scott King Book Awards annually recognize outstanding books for young adults and children by African American authors and illustrators that reflect the African American experience.

Established in 1995, the John Steptoe New Talent Award is established to affirm new talent and to offer visibility to excellence in writing and/or illustration which otherwise might be formally unacknowledged within a given year within the structure of the two awards given annually by the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee.



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1970	<i>Martin Luther King, Jr.: Man of Peace</i>	Patterson (A)
1971	<i>Black Troubadour: Langston Hughes</i>	Rollins (A)
1972	<i>17 Black Artists</i>	Fax (A)
1973	<i>I Never Had it Made: The Autobiography of Jackie Robinson</i>	Robinson & Duckett (A)
1974	<i>Ray Charles</i> <i>Ray Charles</i>	Mathis (A) Ford (I)
1975	<i>The Legend of Africana</i>	Robinson (A)
1976	<i>Duey's Tale</i>	Bailey (A)
1977	<i>The Story of Stevie Wonder</i>	Haskins (A)
1978	<i>Africa Dream</i> <i>Africa Dream</i>	Greenfield (A) Byard (I)
1979	<i>Escape to Freedom</i> <i>Something on My Mind</i>	Davis (A) Feelings (I)
1980	<i>The Young Landlords</i> <i>Cornrows</i>	Myers (A) Byard (I)
1981	<i>This Life</i> <i>Beat the Story Drum, Pum-Pum</i>	Poitier (A) Bryan (I)



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1982	<i>Let the Circle Be Unbroken</i> <i>Mother Crocodile</i>	Taylor (A) Steptoe (I)
1983	<i>Sweet Whispers, Brother Rush</i> <i>Black Child</i>	Hamilton (A) Magubane (I)
1984	<i>Everett Anderson's Goodbye</i> <i>My Mama Needs Me</i>	Clifton (A) Cummings (I)
1985	<i>Motown and Didi</i>	Myers (A)
1986	<i>The People Could Fly</i> <i>The Patchwork Quilt</i>	Hamilton (A) Pinkney (I)
1987	<i>Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World</i> <i>Half a Moon and One Whole Star</i>	Walter (A) Pinkney (I)
1988	<i>The Friendship</i> <i>Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters</i>	Taylor (A) Steptoe (I)
1989	<i>Fallen Angels</i> <i>Mirandy and Brother Wind</i>	Myers (A) Pinkney (I)
1990	<i>A Long Hard Journey</i> <i>Nathaniel Talking</i>	McKissack (A) Gilchrist (I)
1991	<i>The Road to Memphis</i> <i>Aida</i>	Taylor (A) Dillon (I)
1992	<i>Now is Your Time</i> <i>Tar Beach</i>	Myers (A) Ringgold (I)
1993	<i>The Dark-Thirty</i> <i>The Origin of Life on Earth</i>	McKissack (A) Wilson (I)
1994	<i>Toning the Sweep</i> <i>Soul Looks Back in Wonder</i>	Johnson (A) Feelings (I)
1995	<i>Christmas in the Big House, Christmas in the Quarters</i> <i>The Creation</i> <i>Tears of a Tiger</i>	McKissack (A) Ransome (I) Draper (NA)

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1996	<i>Her Stories</i> <i>The Middle Passage</i>	Hamilton (A) Feelings (I)
1997	<i>Slam</i> <i>Minty: Young Harriet Tubman</i> <i>Another Way to Dance</i>	Myers (A) Pinkney (I) Southgate (NA)
1998	<i>Forged by Fire</i> <i>In Daddy's Arms I Am Tall</i>	Draper (A) Steptoe (I)
1999	<i>Heaven</i> <i>I See the Rhythm</i> <i>The Skin I'm In</i> <i>The Piano Man</i>	Johnson (A) Wood (I) Flake (NA) Velasquez (NI)
2000	<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i> <i>In the Time of the Drums</i>	Curtis (A) Pinkney (I)
2001	<i>Miracle's Boys</i> <i>Uptown</i>	Woodson (A) Collier (I)
2002	<i>The Land</i> <i>Goin' Someplace Special</i> <i>Freedom Summer</i>	Taylor (A) Pinkney (I) Lagarrigue (NI)
2003	<i>Bronx Masquerade</i> <i>Talkin' About Bessie</i> <i>Chill Wind</i> <i>The Moon Ring</i>	Grimes (A) Lewis (I) McDonald (NA) DuBurke (NI)
2004	<i>The First Part Last</i> <i>Beautiful Blackbird</i> <i>The Way a Door Closes</i> <i>My Family Plays Music</i>	Johnson (A) Bryan (I) Smith (NA) Brown (NI)
2005	<i>Remember: The Journey to School Integration</i> <i>Ellington Was Not a Street</i> <i>Missy Violet and Me</i> <i>Jazzy Miz Mozetta</i>	Morrison (A) Nelson (I) Hathaway (NA) Morrison (NI)
2006	<i>Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue</i> <i>Rosa</i> <i>Jimi &amp; Me</i>	Lester (A) Collier (I) Adoff (NA)

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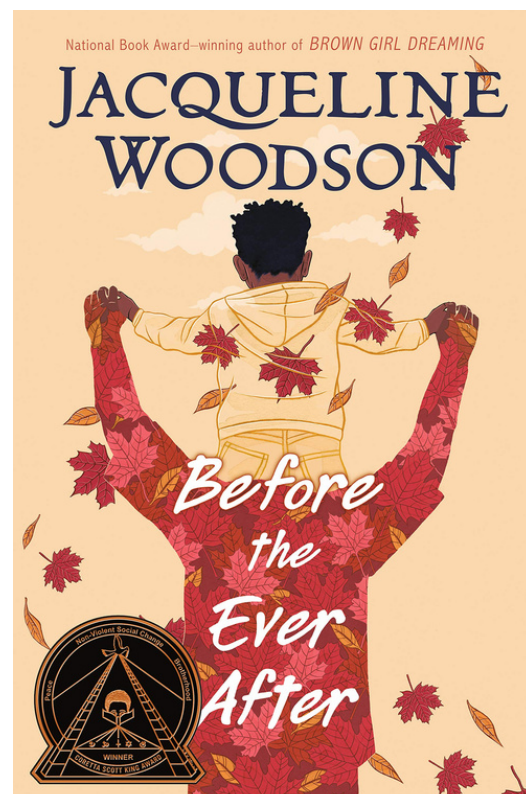
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2007	<i>Copper Sun</i> <i>Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom</i> <i>Standing Against the Wind</i>	Draper (A) Nelson (I) Jones (NA)
2008	<i>Elijah of Buxton</i> <i>Let it Shine</i> <i>Brandan Buckley's Universe and Everything In It</i>	Curtis (A) Bryan (I) Frazier (NA)
2009	<i>We Are the Ship</i> <i>The Blacker the Berry</i> <i>Bird</i>	Nelson (A) Cooper (I) Strickland (NA)
2010	<i>Bad News for Outlaws</i> <i>My People</i> <i>The Rock and the River</i>	Nelson (A) Smith (I) Magoon (NA)
2011	<i>One Crazy Summer</i> <i>Dave the Potter</i> <i>Zora and Me</i>	Williams-Garcia (A) Collier (I) Bond & Simon (NA)
2012	<i>Heart and Soul</i> <i>Underground</i>	Nelson (A) Evans (I)
2013	<i>Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America</i> <i>I, Too, Am America</i>	Pinkney (A) Collier (I)
2014	<i>P.S. Be Eleven</i> <i>Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream For Me</i> <i>When the Beat was Born...</i>	Williams-Garcia (A) Collier (I) Taylor (NI)
2015	<i>brown girl dreaming</i> <i>Firebird</i> <i>When I Was the Greatest</i>	Woodson (A) Myers (I) Reynolds (NA)
2016	<i>Gone Crazy in Alabama</i> <i>Trombone Shorty</i> <i>Hoodoo</i> <i>Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement</i>	Williams-Garcia (A) Collier (I) Smith (NA) Holmes (NI)
2017	<i>March: Book Three</i> <i>Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat</i> <i>The Sun Is Also a Star</i>	Lewis & Aydin (A) Steptoe (I) Yoon (NA)

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2018	<i>Piecing Me Together</i>	Watson (A)
	<i>Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets</i>	Holmes (I)
	<i>The Stars Beneath Our Feet</i>	Moore (NA)
	<i>Mama Africa! How Makeba Spread Hope With Her Song</i>	Palmer (NI)
2019	<i>A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919</i>	Hartfield (A)
	<i>The Stuff of Stars</i>	Holmes (I)
	<i>Monday's Not Coming</i>	Jackson (NA)
	<i>Thank You, Omu</i>	Mora (NI)
2020	<i>New Kid</i>	Craft (A)
	<i>The Undefeated</i>	Nelson (I)
	<i>Fenesis Begins Again</i>	Williams (NA)
	<i>What is Given From the Heart</i>	Harrison (NI)
2021	<i>Before the Ever After</i>	Woodson (A)
	<i>R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Aretha Franklin, The Queen of Soul</i>	Morrison (I)
	<i>Legendborn</i>	Deonn (NA)



## 2021 Winners

*Before the Ever After*. Written by Jacqueline Woodson

*R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Aretha Franklin, The Queen of Soul*. Illustrated by Frank Morrison

*Legendborn*. Written by Tracy Deonn

## 2021 Honor Books

*All the Days Past, All the Days to Come*. Written by Mildred D. Taylor

*King and the Dragonflies*. Written by Kacen Callender

*Lifting as We Climb: Black Women's Battle for the Ballot Box*. Written by Evette Dionne

*Magnificent Homespun Brown: A Celebration*. Illustrated by Kaylani Juanita

*Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks*. Illustrated by Cozbi A. Cabrera

*Me & Mama*. Illustrated by Cozbi A. Cabrera