

# John Steptoe New Talent Award

The first John Steptoe Award was presented in 1995. The annual Award was established by the Coretta Scott King Task Force to affirm new talent and to offer visibility to excellence in writing and/or illustration.

## 2020 Award Winner

*Legendborn*

Written by: Tracy Deonn

2020 *Genesis Begins Again*, Alicia D. Williams

*What Is Given from the Heart*,  
April Harrison

2019 *Monday's Not Coming*, Tiffany D. Jackson

*Thank You, Omu!*, Oge Mora

2018 *The Stars Beneath Our Feet*,  
David Barclay Moore

*Mama Africa!*, Charly Palmer

2017 *The Sun Is Also a Star*, Nicola Yoon

2016 *Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer*,  
Ekua Holmes

*Hoodoo*, Ronald L. Smith

2015 *When I Was The Greatest*, Jason Reynolds

2014 *When The Beat Was Born*,  
Theodore Taylor III

2012 & 2013 No award presented.

- 2011 *Zora and Me*, Victoria Bond & T.R. Simon  
 2010 *The Rock and The River*, Kekla Magoon  
 2009 *Bird*, Shadra Strickland  
 2008 *Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything in It*, Sundee T. Frazier  
 2005 *Missy Violet and Me*, Barbara Hathaway  
*Jazzy Miz Mozetta*, Brenda C. Roberts  
 1999 *The Piano Man*, Debbie Chocolate  
*The Skin I'm In*, Sharon Flake  
 1998 No award presented.  
 1997 *Another Way to Dance*, Martha Southgate  
 1996 No award presented.  
 1995 *Tears of a Tiger*, Sharon Draper



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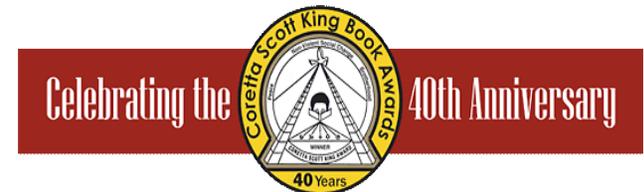
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# Coretta Scott King & John Steptoe New Talent Awards



The Coretta Scott King Award was first given in 1970, and is awarded annually to African American authors and illustrators for outstanding inspirational and educational contributions. These titles promote understanding and appreciation of the culture of all peoples and their contribution to the realization of the American dream of a pluralistic society.

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## 2021 Winners

### Author Award Winner

*Before the Ever After*

Written by Jacqueline Woodson

### Illustrator Award Winner

*R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Aretha Franklin*

Illustrator - Frank Morrison

### Author Honor Book

*All the Days Past, All the Days to Come*

By Mildred D. Taylor

*King and the Dragonflies*

By Kacen Callender

*Lifting as We Climb: Black Women's Battle  
for the Ballot Box*

By Evette Dionne

### Illustrator Honor Book

*Magnificent Homespun Brown*

Illus. Kaylani Juanita

*Exquisite: The Life of Gwendolyn Brooks*

Illus. Cozbi A. Cabrera

*Me and Mama*

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2020 *New Kid*, Jerry Craft

*The Undeclared*, illus. Kadir Nelson

2019 *A Few Red Drops*, Claire Hartfield

*The Stuff of Stars*, illus. Ekua Holmes

2018 *Piecing Me Together*, Renee Watson

*Out of Wonder*, illus. Ekua Holmes

2017 *March Book: Three*, John Lewis

*Radiant Child*, illus. Javaka Steptoe

2016 *Gone Crazy in Alabama*, Rita Williams-Garcia

*Trombone Shorty*, illus. Bryan Collier

2015 *Brown Girl Dreaming*, Jacqueline Woodson

*Firebird*, illus. Christopher Myers

2014 *P.S. Be Eleven*, Rita Williams-Garcia

*Knock Knock: my dad's dream for me*, illus.  
Bryan Collier

2013 *Hand in Hand*, Andrea D. Pinkney

*I, Too, Am America*, illus. Bryan Collier

2012 *Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African-  
Americans*, Kadir Nelson

*Underground: Finding the Light to Freedom*,  
illus. Shane W. Evans

2011 *One Crazy Summer*, Rita Williams-Garcia

*Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet Slave*, illus. Bryan  
Collier

2010 *Bad News for Outlaws*, Vaunda Micheaux Nelson

*My People*, illus. Charles R. Smith

2009 *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League  
Baseball*, Kadir Nelson

*The Blacker the Berry*, illus. Floyd Cooper

2008 *Elijah of Buxton*, Christopher Paul Curtis

*Let it Shine*, illus. Ashley Bryan

2007 *Copper Sun*, Sharon Draper

*Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to  
Freedom*, Carole Boston Weatherford

2006 *Day of Tears: A Novel*, Julius Lester

*Rosa*, Nikki Giovanni

2005 *Remember: The Journey to School Integration*,  
Toni Morrison

*Ellington Was Not a Street*, Ntozake Shange

2004 *The First Part Last*, Angela Johnson

2003 *Bronx Masquerade*, Nikki Grimes

2002 *The Land*, Mildred Taylor

*Goin' Someplace Special*, Patricia McKissack

2001 *Miracle's Boys*, Jacqueline Woodson

2000 *Bud, Not Buddy*, Christopher Paul Curtis

1999 *Heaven*, Angela Johnson

*I see the Rhythm*, Toyomi Igus

1998 *In Daddy's Arms I am Tall: African Americans  
Celebrating Fathers*, Alan Schroeder

1994 *Soul Looks Back in Wonder*, Phyllis Fogelman

1993 *Dark Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural*,  
Patricia A. McKissack

*The Origin of Life on Earth: An African Creation  
Myth*, David A. Anderson

1992 *Tar Beach*, Faith Ringgold

1991 *The Road to Memphis*, Mildred D. Taylor

*Aida*, Leontyne Price

1990 *Nathaniel Talking*, Eloise Greenfield

1989 *Fallen Angels*, Walter Dean Myers

*Mirandy and Brother Wind*, Patricia McKissack

1988 *The Friendship*, Mildred L. Taylor

*Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale*,  
John Steptoe

1986 *The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales*,  
Virginia Hamilton

*The Patchwork Quilt*, Valerie Flournoy

1982 *Let the Circle Be Unbroken*, Mildred D. Taylor

1981 *This Life*, Sidney Poitier

1974 *Ray Charles*, Sharon Bell Mathis

1973 *I Never Had it Made: The Autobiography of  
Jackie Robinson*, Jackie Robinson