



Award-Winning Books

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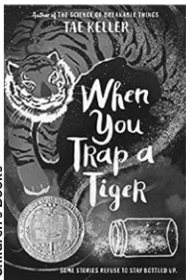
National Library Week is April 4-10. Explore your local library!

Tae Keller

The 2021 winner of the John Newbery Medal, awarded to an author for the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children, is “When You Trap a Tiger” by Tae Keller.

Keller grew up in Hawaii, where her Korean **halmoni**, or grandmother, told her and her younger sister stories based on ancient tales. As an adult, Keller read the traditional stories, but they seemed different to her. So she decided to write her own.

After she received the medal, Keller told Publishers Weekly in an interview that she researched her Korean family’s history before writing the book. “I hope that biracial kid readers will ... know that they’re part of something bigger,” she said.



Tae Keller

Michaela Goade

The 2021 Randolph Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children was awarded to Michaela Goade for “We Are Water Protectors.” The book was written by Carole Lindstrom.

Goade is a member of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. She lives in Sitka, Alaska. Her Tlingit name is Sheit.een.

Goade says being an artist has let her reconnect with her culture. “I love to say my favorite color is the ocean, because it’s ever-changing,” she said.

“We Are Water Protectors” was inspired by Indigenous people who are fighting to protect Earth’s fresh water by protesting oil pipelines.



Michaela Goade

Coretta Scott King awards

The Coretta Scott King Author Book Award went to “Before the Ever After,” by Jacqueline Woodson.

The King Illustrator Book Award was won by “R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul,” illustrated by Frank Morrison and written by Carole Boston Weatherford.



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Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of award-winning books are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

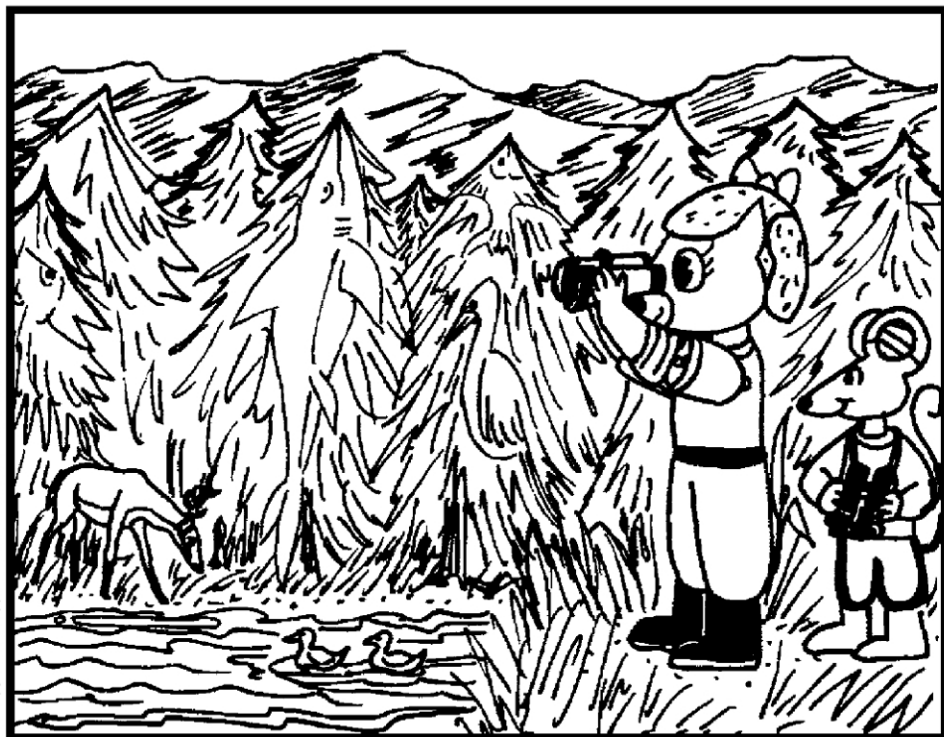


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K E R U T A R E T I L G O R A
S I T Z K N E R D L I H C G C
T P N C A L D E C O T T O P A
O S F G L I B R A R Y A I Q G
R E T I R W Y I L A D E M Y W
Y L R E N N I W N E W B E R Y
T L F K O O B U R O H T U A I
F D R A W A P I C T U R E C K

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- funny face
- bell
- fish
- letter C
- word MINI
- snake
- bird
- number 3
- peanut
- shark
- number 7

Honor books

Five Newbery Honor Books were named this year. There are four Caldecott Honor Books.

Caldecott Honor Books

• “A Place Inside of Me: A Poem to Heal the Heart,” illustrated by Noa Denmon and written by Zetta Elliott

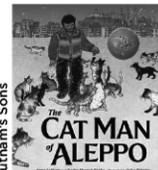


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• “The Cat Man of Aleppo,” illustrated by Yuko Shimizu and written by Irene Latham and Karim Shamsi-Basha

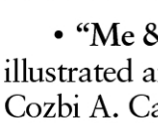


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• “Me & Mama,” illustrated and written by Cozbi A. Cabrera



• “Outside In,” illustrated by Cindy Derby and written by Deborah Underwood

Newbery Honor Books

• “All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys’ Soccer Team,” written by Christina Soontornvat

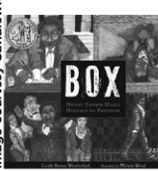


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• “BOX: Henry Brown Mails Himself to Freedom,” by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Michele Wood

• “Fighting Words,” by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

• “We Dream of Space,” written by Erin Entrada Kelly, illustrated by Kelly and Celia Krampien



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• “A Wish in the Dark,” by Christina Soontornvat



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Mini Jokes



Billy: What does a book do in the winter?

Betty: It puts on a book jacket!

Eco Note



Did you know? Wombats poop in cubes! Researchers say they have finally solved the mystery of why the poop of Australia’s iconic marsupials comes out in cubes rather than in rounded forms. A team from the U.S. and Australia found the cubes are formed within the last section of the extremely long wombat colon. The animals use the cubes, which won’t roll away, to mark territory, scientists say.



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