

# 2021 WINNERS

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## Best Book of the Year: K - 2nd Grade

- **We Are Water Protectors**, by Carole Lindstrom; illus. Michaela Goade (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group)

## Best Picture Book Duo

- Sarah Janco and Blayne Fox, creators of **The Merry Christmas Mittens** (Brown Books Kids)

## Best Picture Book Page

- **How to Spot an Artist**, by Danielle Krysa; illus. Danielle Krysa (Prestel Publishing)

## Favorite Early Reader Series

- **Billie B. Brown Series** by Sally Rippin; illus. Aki Fukuoka — **The Bully Buster** (Kane Miller, A Division of EDC Publishing)

## Favorite Illustrated Character

- **The Princess in Black** from **The Princess in Black and the Giant Problem**, by Shannon Hale, Dean Hale; illus. LeUyen Pham (Candlewick Press)

## Best Book of the Year: 3rd - 4th Grade

- **Ways to Make Sunshine**, by Renée Watson; illus. Nina Mata (Bloomsbury Children's Books)

## Best Book of the Year: 5th - 6th Grade

- **Efrén Divided**, by Ernesto Cisneros (HarperCollins Children's Books)

## Best Book of Facts

- **Hop To It: Poems to Get You Moving**, by Sylvia Vardell & Janet Wong; illus. Franzi Paetzold (Pomelo Books)

## Best Graphic Novel

- **When Stars Are Scattered**, by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed; illus. Victoria Jamieson and Iman Geddy (Penguin Young Readers)

## Favorite Author

- Dav Pilkey, author of **Cat Kid Comic Club** (Scholastic)

## Best Book Creator Digital Presence

- Nic Stone, creator of **Dear Justyce** (Random House Children's Books) — Tw @getnicced; IG @nicstone

## Best Fantasy World Builder

- Helena Dahlgren, author of **Soul Riders: Jorvik Calling** (Andrews McMeel Universal)

## Favorite Book Cover

- **Legendborn**, by Tracy Deonn (Simon & Schuster Books For Young Readers) — cover illus. Hillary Wilson

## Favorite True Story

- **This Is Your Time**, by Ruby Bridges (Random House Children's Books)

## Best Book of the Year: Teen

- **Stamped: Racism, Anti-Racism, and You: A Remix of the National Book Award-Winning 'Stamped from the Beginning'**, by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers)