

2022 FINALISTS



Best Picture Book Dream Team

- **Julie Awerkamp, Holly Andreason, and Jesi Yap**, creators of *Madeline the Mermaid* (Lawley Publishing)
- **Andrea Beaty and David Roberts**, creators of *Aaron Slater, Illustrator* (ABRAMS Books)
- **Nikki Grimes and Elizabeth Zunon**, creators of *Off to See the Sea* (Sourcebooks)
- **Matt de la Peña and Christian Robinson**, creators of *Milo Imagines the World* (Penguin Young Readers)
- **Michelle Robinson and Rosalind Beardshaw**, creators of *1, 2, 3 Do the Shark* (Kane Miller, A Division of EDC Publishing)
- **Andrew Root and Erin Kraan**, creators of *Nerdycorn* (Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing)

Favorite Illustrated Character

- **Corey from *The Boy in the Orange Cape***, by Adam Ciccio; illus. Emmanuel Volant (Clavis Publishing)
- **Misty from *Misty the Cloud: A Very Stormy Day***, by Dylan Dreyer; illus. Rosie Butcher (Random House Children's Books)
- **Ambitious Girl from *Ambitious Girl***, by Meena Harris; illus. Marissa Valdez (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers)
- **Chi Chi from *Chi Chi the Rescue Dog: Never Give Up***, by Elizabeth Howell; illus. Blayne Fox (Brown Books Kids)
- **Neverwoof from *Neverwoof***, written and illustrated by Gabe Jensen (Familius, LLC)
- **Barbara from *Barbara Throws a Wobbler***, written and illustrated by Nadia Shireen (Kane Miller)

Best Book of the Year: K - 2ND Grade

- ***We All Play: kimêtawânaw***, written and illustrated by Julie Flett (Greystone Books)
- ***Over the Shop***, by Jonarno Lawson; illus. By Qin Long (Candlewick Press)
- ***The Big Bath House***, by Kyo Maclear; illus. Gracey Zhang (Random House Children's Books)
- ***Nina: A Story of Nina Simone***, by Traci N. Todd; illus. Christian Robinson (Penguin Young Readers)
- ***Mel Fell***, written and illustrated by Corey R. Tabor (HarperCollins Children's Books)
- ***Watercress***, by Andrea Wang; illus. Jason Chin (Holiday House)

Favorite World Changer

- **Amari from Amari and the Night Brothers**, by B.B. Alston (HarperCollins Children's Books)
- **Queen Bee from One Bee Too Many**, by Andrés Pi Andreu; illus. Kim Amate (Mango Publishing Group)
- **Link, Dana, and Michael from Linked**, by Gordon Korman (Scholastic)
- **The Heroes from The Hero Handbook**, by Matt Langdon (Magination Press)
- **Ben Shahn from The People's Painter**, by Cynthia Levinson; illus. Evan Turk (ABRAMS Books)
- **Characters from Black Boy Joy**, by Kwame Mbalia (Random House Children's Books)

Best Info Meets Graphic

- **Big Brain Book: How It Works and All Its Quirks**, by Leanne Boucher Gill (Magination Press)
- **Look Up to See What the Weather Will Be**, by Guy Brown; illus. Mario Lugo (Science Naturally)
- **Timelines from Black History: Leaders, Legends, Legacies**, by DK (DK Publishing)
- **Animated Science: Periodic Table**, by John Farndon; illus. Shiho Pate (Scholastic)
- **Legacy: Women Poets of the Harlem Renaissance**, by Nikki Grimes (Bloomsbury Children's Books)
- **MinuteEarth Explains - How Did Whales Get So Big?**, by MinuteEarth (Mango Publishing)

Best Book of the Year: 3RD - 5TH Grade

- **The Beatryce Prophecy**, by Kate DiCamillo; illus. By Sophie Blackall (Candlewick Press)
- **The 1619 Project: Born on the Water**, by Nikole Hannah-Jones and Renée Watson; illus. Nikkolas Smith (Penguin Young Readers)
- **Stuntboy, in the Meantime**, by Jason Reynolds; illus. Raúl the Third (Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing)
- **Hello, Earth!: Poems to Our Planet**, by Joyce Sidman; illus. Miren Asiain Lora (Eerdmans Books for Young Readers)
- **We Are Still Here!: Native American Truths Everyone Should Know**, by Traci Sorell; illus. Frané Lessac (Charlesbridge Publishing)
- **Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre**, by Carole Boston Weatherford; illus. Floyd Cooper (Lerner Publishing)

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Favorite Book Cover

- **Ace of Spades**, by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé (Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group)
- **Beasts and Beauty: Dangerous Tales**, by Soman Chainani — cover by Julia Iredale (HarperCollins Children’s Books)
- **All the Feelings Under the Sun: How to Deal With Climate Change**, by Leslie Davenport — cover by Jessica Smith (Magination Press)
- **All Of Us Villains**, by Amanda Foody and Christine Lynn Herman (TOR Teen)
- **Adventure Kingdom**, by Steve Foxe — cover by Pedro Rodríguez and Dan Nordskog (Andrews McMeel Publishing)
- **Chandu and the Super Set of Parents**, by Roopa Raveendran-Menon — cover by C. B. Royal (Regal House Publishing)

Best Non-Prose Book

- **The Magical Imperfect**, by Chris Baron (Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group)
- **This Book is Feminist**, by Jamia Wilson; illus. Aurélia Durand (Quarto Children’s Group USA)
- **Call Us What We Carry**, by Amanda Gorman (Penguin Young Readers)
- **The Girl from the Sea**, written and illustrated by Molly Knox Ostertag (Scholastic)
- **BFF or NRF (Not Really Friends)**, by Jessica Speer; illus. Elowyn Dickerson (Familius, LLC)
- **Jo & Rus OGN SC**, written and illustrated by Audra Winslow (BOOM! Studios)

Best Book of the Year: 6TH - 8TH Grade

- **The Sea-Ringed World: Sacred Stories of the Americas**, by Maria Garcia Esperón; tr. David Bowles; illus. Amanda Mijangos (Levine Querido)
- **The Last Cuentista**, by Donna Barba Higuera (Levine Querido)
- **Playing the Cards You’re Dealt**, by Varian Johnson (Scholastic)
- **Borders**, by Thomas King; illus. Natasha Donovan (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers)
- **Revolution in Our Time: The Black Panther Party’s Promise to the People**, by Kekla Magoon (Candlewick Press)
- **Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Shutdown**, by Steve Sheinkin (Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group)

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Favorite Character Crush

- **Avery Grambs** from **The Hawthorne Legacy**, by Jennifer Lynn Barnes (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers)
- **Daunis** from **Firekeeper's Daughter**, by Angeline Boulley (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group)
- **Harley** from **The Heartbreak Bakery**, by A.R. Capetta (Candlewick Press)
- **Charlie Spring** from **Heartstopper #3**, written and illustrated by Alice Oseman (Scholastic)
- **Maverick Carter** from **Concrete Rose**, by Angie Thomas (HarperCollins Children's Books)
- **X** from **Instructions for Dancing**, by Nicola Yoon (Random House Children's Books)

Best Stellar Storyteller

- **Jennifer Lynn Barnes**, creator of *The Hawthorne Legacy* (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers)
- **Angeline Boulley**, creator of *Firekeeper's Daughter* (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group)
- **Dhonielle Clayton, Tiffany D. Jackson, Nic Stone, Angie Thomas, Ashley Woodfolk, and Nicola Yoon**, creators of *Blackout* (HarperCollins Children's Books)
- **Ayana Gray**, creator of *Beasts of Prey* (Penguin Young Readers)
- **Alice Oseman**, creator of *Heartstopper #3* (Scholastic)
- **Colby Cedar Smith**, creator of *Call Me Athena: Girl from Detroit* (Andrews McMeel Publishing)

Best Book of the Year: Teen

- **Himawari House**, by Harmony Becker (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group)
- **The Other Talk Reckoning with Our White Privilege**, by Brendan Kiely (Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing)
- **Last Night at the Telegraph Club**, by Malinda Lo (Penguin Young Readers)
- **The Hazards of Love: Bright World**, by Stan Stanley (Oni-Lion Forge Publishing Group)
- **A Sitting in St. James**, by Rita Williams-Garcia (HarperCollins Children's Books)
- **Disability Visibility (Adapted for Young Adults): 17 First-Person Stories for Today**, ed. Alice Wong (Random House Children's Books)

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