

## **Best New Books 2007-2008**

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#### **BEST NEW PICTURE BOOKS**

*17 Things I'm Not Allowed to Do Anymore* by Jenny Offill, ill by Nancy Carpenter (2007)  
*Samsara Dog* by Helen Manos, ill by Julie Vivas (2007)  
*Ziba Came on a Boat* by Liz Lofthouse, ill by Robert Ingpen (2007)  
*The Sheep in Wolf's Clothing* by Helen Lester, ill by Lynn Munsinger (2007)  
*Kami and the Yaks* by Andrea Stenn Stryer, ill by Bert Dodson (2007)  
*Tippy-Tippy-Tippy, Hide* by Candace Flemming & G. Brian Karas (2007)  
*Zen Ties* by Jon Muth (2008)  
*Velma Gratch & the Way Cool Butterfly* by Alan Madison, ill by Kevin Hawkes (2007)  
*The Boy Who Was Raised by Librarians* by Carla Morris, ill by Brad Sneed (2007)  
*Tupelo Rides the Rails* by Melissa Sweet (2008)  
*A Visitor for Bear* by Bonny Becker, ill by Kady MacDonald Denton (2008)  
*Little Hoot* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal, ill. Jen Corace (2008)  
*The Retired Kid* by Jon Agee (2008)  
*A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever* by Marla Frazee (2008)  
*Twenty Heartbeats* by Dennis Hasleley, ill. By Ed Young (2008)  
*That Book Woman* by Heather Henson, ill by David Small (October, 2008)

#### **BEST FANTASY/SCIENCE FICTION**

*Peter and the Secret of Rundoon* (2007) by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson  
*Jack Plank Tells Tales* by Natalie Babbitt (2007)  
*Book of a Thousand Days* by Shannon Hale (2007)  
*Princess Ben* by Catherine Gilbert Murdock (2008)  
*Test* by William Sleator (2008)  
*Sun and Moon, Ice and Snow* by Jessica Day George (2008)  
*The Sky Inside* by Clare Dunkle  
*Eclipse* (2007) and *Breaking Dawn* (August 2, 2008) by Stephenie Meyer  
*Brisinger* by Christopher Paolini (September, 2008)  
*The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins (September, 2008)

#### **BEST NON FICTION**

*Owen and Mzee: Language of Friendship* by Isabella Hatkoff, Craig Hatkoff and Paula Kahumbu (2007)  
*Dogs and Cats* (2007) and *Living Color* by Steve Jenkins (2007)  
*The Snow Baby: The Artic Childhood of Admiral Robert E. Peary's Daring Daughter* by Katherine Kirkpatrick (2007)  
*Armando and the Blue Tarp School* by Edith Hope Fine & Judith P. Josephson, ill by Hernán Sosa (2007)  
*Show and Tell: Exploring the Fine Art of Children's Book*, ill by Dilys Evans (2008)  
*Spiders* (2007) and *Frogs* (2008) by Nic Bishop  
*Artist to Artist: 23 Major Illustrators Talk to Children about Their Art.* (2008)  
*Greater Estimations* by Bruce Goldstone (September, 2008)  
*The Lincolns: A Scrapbook Look at Abraham and Mary* by Candace Fleming (September 2008)

### **BEST NEW FICTION (NOVELS)**

*No Talking* (2007) and *Lost and Found* (2008) by Andrew Clements, ill by Mark Elliot  
*Way Down Deep* by Ruth White (2007)  
*Kimchi & Calamari* by Rose Kent (2007)  
*The Summerhouse Time* by Eileen Spinelli, illustrated by Joanne Lew-Vriethoff (2007)  
*Piper Reed: Navy Brat* by Kimberly Willis Holt (2007)  
*The Aurora County All-Stars* by Deborah Wiles (2007)  
*I Am Not Joey Pigza* by Jack Gantos (2007)  
*The Invention of Hugh Cabret* by Brian Selznick (2007) (Caldecott Award 2007)  
*Six Innings* by James Preller (2008)  
*Beanball* by Gene Fehler (2008)  
*Peak* by Roland Smith (2007)  
*The Mysterious Case of the Allbright Academy* by Diane Stanley (2008)  
*Bird Like Moon* by Kevin Henkes (2008)  
*Swindle* by Gordon Korman (2008)  
*Clementine's Letter* by Sara Pennypacker, ill by Marla Frazee (2008)  
*The Underneath* by Kathi Applet, ill by David Smith (2008)  
*The Penderwicks on Gardam Street* by Jeanne Birdsall (2008)  
*Love That Cat* by Sharon Creech (September, 2008)

### **BEST HISTORICAL FICTION AND BIOGRAPHIES (PICTURE BOOKS) (including contemporary issues in other countries)**

*The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain* by Peter Sis (2007)  
*One Thousand Tracings: Healing the Wounds of World War II* by Lita Judge (2007)  
*My Heart Glow: Alice Cogswell, Thomas Gallaudet and the Birth of American Sign Language* by Emily Arnold McCully (2008)  
*Muhammad Ali: Champion of the World* by Johan Winter & François Roca (2007)  
*Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammad Ali* by Charles Smith, Jr., ill by Bryan Collier (2007)  
*Young Pelé: Soccer's First Star* by Lesa Cline-Ransome, ill by James Ransome (2007)  
*We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball* by Kadir Nelson (2008)  
*Planting the Trees of Kenya: The Story of Wangari Maathai* by Claire A. Nivola (2008)  
*What To Do About Alice?* By Barbara Kerley, ill by Edwin Fotheringham (2008)  
*How I Learned Geography* by Uri Shulevitz (2008)  
*Silent Music: A Story of Baghdad* by James Rumford (2008)  
*Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope* by Nikki Grimes, ill by Bryan Collier (September, 2008)  
*Lincoln and Douglas* by Nikki Grimes, ill by Bryan Collier (September, 2008)  
*Afghan Dreams: Young Voices of Afghanistan* by Tony O'Brien & Mike Sullivan (October, 2008)

### **BEST UNTOLD TALES (PICTURE BOOKS) OR OTHER VIEWPOINTS**

*Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller* by Sarah Miller (2007)  
*Different Like Coco* by Elizabeth Matthews (2007)  
*Owney, the Mail-Pouch Pooch* by Mona Kerby, ill by Lynne Barasch (2008)  
*Dancing to Freedom: The True Story of Mao's Last Dancer* by Li Cunxin, ill by Anne Spudvilas (2007)  
*Henry's Freedom Box* by Ellen Levine, ill by Kadir Nelson (2007)  
*Manjiro* by Emily Arnold McCully (September, 2008)

### **BEST UNTOLD TALES OR OTHER VIEWPOINTS (NOVELS)**

*Enter Three Witches* by Caroline Cooney (2007)  
*My Mother, The Cheerleader* by Robert Sharenow (2007)  
*Fire from the Rock* by Sharon Draper (2007)  
*Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam* by Cynthia Kadohata (2007)  
*Salome* by Beatrice Gormley (2007)  
*Loving Will Shakespeare* by Carolyn Meyer (2006)  
*Duchessina: A Novel of Catherine de' Medici* by Carolyn Meyer (2007)

### **BEST HISTORICAL FICTION (NOVELS) (including contemporary issues in other countries)**

*Bread and Roses, Too* by Katherine Paterson (2007)  
*Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood* by Ibtisam Barakat (2007)  
*Copper Sun* by Sharon Draper (2007)  
*Red Moon at Sharpsburg* by Rosemary Wells (2007)  
*Roots and Wings* by Many Ly (2008)  
*Revolution is Not a Dinner Party: A Novel* by Ying Chang Compestine (2007)  
*Snow Falling in Spring* by Moying Li (2008)  
*Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis (2007) (Newbery Honor Award 2007)  
*Home of the Brave* by Katherine Applegate (2007)  
*Ringside 1925: Views from the Scopes Trial* by Jen Bryant (2008)  
*Chandra's Wars* by Allan Stratton (2008)  
*Keeping Score* by Linda Sue Park (2008)  
*Child of Dandelions* by Shenaaz Nanji (2008)  
*Mao's Last Dancer* by Li Cunxin (August, 2008)

### **BEST POETRY**

*Wing Nuts: Screwly Haiku* by Paul Janeczko & J. Patrick Lewis, ill by Tricia Tusa (2006)  
*Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars* by Douglas Florian (2007)  
*Here's a Little Poem: A Very First Book of Poetry* collected by Jane Yolen and Andrew  
*Tummy Girl* by Roseanne Thong, Ill by Sam Williams (2007)  
*This is Just to Say: Poems of Apology and Forgiveness* by Joyce Kilmer, ill Pamela Zagarenski (2007)  
*Poems in Black & White* by Kate Miller (2007)  
*Animal Poems* by Valerie Worth, pictures by Steve Jenkins (2007)  
*Why War is Never a Good Idea* by Alice Walker, ill by Stefano Vitale (2008)  
*On the Farm* by David Elliott, ill. Holly Meade (2008)  
*Honeybee* by Naomi Shihab Nye (2008)

### **BEST YOUNG ADULT NOVELS**

*The Rules for Hearts* by Sara Ryan (2007)  
*The Nature of Jade* (2007) and *The Fortunes of Indigo Skye* (2008) by Deb Caletti  
*Killing Miss Kitty and Other Sins* by Marion Dan Bauer (2007)  
*Dairy Queen* (2006) and *The Off Season* (2007) by Catherine Gilbert Murdock  
*The Wednesday Wars* by Gary Schmidt (2007) (Newbery Honor Award 2007)  
*Deadline* by Chris Crutcher (2007)  
*Reaching for the Sun* by Tracie Vaughn Zimmer (poetry) (2007)  
*Schooled* (2007) and *The Juvie Three* (September, 2008) by Gordon Korman  
*Parrotfish* by Ellen Wittlinger (2007)  
*Someone Like Summer* by M.E. Kerr (2007)

*The Keeping Corner* by Kashmira Sheth (2007)  
*Twisted* by Laurie Halse Anderson (2007)  
*Feathers* by Jacqueline Woodson (2007) (Newbery Honor Award 2007)  
*I'll Ask You Three Times, Are You OK?* by Naomi Shihab Nye (2007)  
*Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac* by Gabrielle Zevin (2007)  
*Naomi & Ely's No Kiss List* by Rachel Cohn & David Levithan (2007)  
*Love, Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli (2007)  
*Taken* by Edward Bloor (2007)  
*Hush* by Donna Jo Napoli (2007)  
*Zen and the Art of Faking It* by Jordan Sonnenbick (2007)  
*Cures for Heartbreak* by Margo Rabb (2007)  
*Song of the Sparrow* by Lisa Ann Sandell (2007)  
*Huge* by Sasha Paley (2007)  
*Shift* by Jennifer Bradbury (2008)  
*Evolution, Me & Other Freaks of Nature* by Robin Brande (2007)  
*Sweethearts* by Sara Zarr (2008)  
*Ghost of Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson (2008)  
*The Opposite of Invisible* by Liz Gallagher (2008)  
*How to Build a House* by Dana Reinhardt (2008)  
*Greetings from Nowhere* by Barbara O'Connor (2008)  
*Sunrise Over Fallujah* by Walter Dean Myers (2008)  
*The Adoration of Jenna Fox* by Mary E. Pearson (2008)  
*The Girl Who Saw Lions* by Berlie Doherty (2007)  
*Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (2007) and *Rodrick Rules* (2008) by Jeff Kinney  
*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexi (2007)  
*The One O'Clock Chop* by Ralph Fletcher (2007)  
*Peeled* by Joan Bauer (2008)  
*House of Djinn* by Suzanne Fisher Staples (2008)  
*Smiles to Go* by Jerry Spinelli (2008)

### **BEST ADULT BOOKS**

*The Blood of Flowers* by Anita Amirrezvani (2007)  
*A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* by Ishmael Beah (2007)  
*The Last Summer (of You and Me)* by Ann Brashares (2007)  
*If Today Be Sweet* by Thrity Umrigar (2007)  
*Songs without Words* by Ann Packer (2007)  
*Veil of Roses* by Laura Fitzgerald (2007)  
*A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini (2007)  
*The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid (2007)  
*Girls of Riyadh* by Rajaa Alsanea (2007)  
*The Last Empress* by Anchee Min (2007)  
*Peony in Love* by Lisa See (2007)  
*A Good Indian Wife* by Anne Cherian (2008)  
*Unaccustomed Earth* by Jhumpa Lahiri (2008)  
*Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan (2007)  
*The Host* by Stephenie Meyer (2008)