

Best New Books 2009-2010

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BEST NEW PICTURE BOOKS

Crow Call by Lois Lowry, ill by Bagram Ibatoulline (2009)
Duck! Rabbit! By Amy Krouse Rosenthal, ill by TomLichtenheld (2009)

BEST FANTASY/SCIENCE FICTION

Bloodhound by Tamora Pierce (2009)
Forest Born by Shannon Hale (2009)
Leviathan by Scott Westerfeld (2009)
Graceling (2008) and *Fire* (2009) by Kristin Cashore

BEST NONFICTION

Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg & Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson & Susan Roth (2009)
My School in the Rain Forest: How Children Attend Schools Around the World by Margriet Ruurs (2009)
One World, One Day by Barbara Kerley (2009)
14 Cows for America by Carmen Agra Deedy, ill by Thomas Gonzalez (2009)

BEST NEW FICTION (NOVELS)

Lost and Found (2008) and *Extra Credit* (2009) by Andrew Clements, ill by Mark Elliot
3 Willows: The Sisterhood Grows by Ann Brashares (2009)
The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg by Rodman Philbrick (2009)
Peace, Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson (2009)
Love, Aubrey by Suzanne LaFleur (2009)
The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly (2009)
Down, Down, Down: A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea by Steve Jenkins (2009)
Countdown by Deborah Wiles (2010)

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

Afghan Dreams: Young Voices of Afghanistan by Tony O'Brien & Mike Sullivan (2008)
One Beetle Too Many: The Extraordinary Adventure of Charles Darwin by Kathryn Lasky (2009)
Coretta Scott by Ntozake Shange, ill by Kadir Nelson (2009)
Mama Miti by Donna Jo Napoli, ill by Kadir Nelson (2010)

BEST UNTOLD TALES (PICTURE BOOKS) OR OTHER VIEWPOINTS

Sparrow Girl by Sara Pennypacker, ill by Yoko Tanaka (2009)
The Famous Nini: A Mostly True Story of How a Plain White Cat Became a Star by Mary Nethery, ill by John Manders (2010)

BEST UNTOLD TALES OR OTHER VIEWPOINTS (NOVELS)

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

All the Broken Pieces by Ann Burg (2009)
Chains (2008) and *Forge* (2009) by Laurie Halse Anderson
Woods Runner by Gary Paulsen (2010)
The Day of the Pelican by Katherine Paterson (2009)
The Bad Queen by Carolyn Meyer (2010)

BEST POETRY

Well Defined: Vocabulary in Rhyme by Michael Salinger, ill by Sam Henderson (2009)
Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors by Joyce Sidman, ill by Pamela Zagarenski (2009)
Orangutan Tongues: Poems to Tangle Your Tongue by Jon Agee (2009)
Truckery Rhymes by Jon Scieszka, ill by David Shannon, Loren Long and David Gordon (2009)
Poetrees by Douglas Florian (2010)

BEST YOUNG ADULT NOVELS

Wintergirls (2009) by Laurie Halse Anderson
The Kind of Friends We Used to Be by Frances O’Roark Dowell (2009)
Willow by Julia Hoban (2009)
Brutal by Michael Harmon (2009)
King of the Screwups by K. L. Going (2009)
Just Another Hero by Sharon Draper (2009)
Sprout by Dale Peck (2009)
Marcelo in the Real World by Francisco X. Stork (2009)
The Secret Life of Prince Charming by Deb Caletti (2009)
Something, Maybe by Elizabeth Scott (2009)
Jumping Off Swings by Jo Knowles (2009)
Front and Center by Catherine Gilbert Murdock (2009)
Positively by Coutney Sheinmel (2009)
If I Stay by Gayle Forman (2009)
The Miles Between by Mary Pearson (2009)
Waiting for You by Susane Colasanti (2009)
Secret Keeper by Mitali Perkins (2009)
Along for the Ride by Sarah Dessen (2009)
Pop by Gordon Korman (2009)
Notes from the Dog by Gary Paulsen (2009)
When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead (2010)
Paper Daughters by Jeanette Ingold (2010)
The Sky is Everywhere by Jandy Nelson (2010)
The Six Rules of Maybe by Deb Caletti (2010)

BEST ADULT BOOKS

The School of Essential Ingredients by Erica Bauermeister (2009)
Three Little Words: A Memoir by Ashley Rhodes-Courter (2009)
Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese (2009)
The Help by Kathryn Stockett (2009)
Half the Sky by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn (2009)
Stones into Schools by Greg Mortenson (2009)
Secret Daughter by Shilpi Somaya Gowda (2010)
Wench by Dolen Perkins-Valdez (2010)
Every Last One by Anna Quindlen (2010)
The Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver (2010)
The Last Time I Saw You by Elizabeth Berg (2010)
My Name is Memory by Ann Brashares (2010)