

Adult Winners

2008 *The Plot Against America* by Philip Roth
What if Charles Lindbergh, national hero, described as a "rabid isolationist, Nazi sympathizer and crypto-fascist" was elected president in the 1940 election instead of FDR?

2007 *Their Eyes Were Watching God*
by Zora Neale Hurston

A novel set in the 1920s, where free-spirited Janie Crawford's search for happiness leads her through several different marriages, challenging the mores of her small town.

2006 *The Ditchdigger's Daughters*
by Yvonne S. Thornton

Donald Thornton, a ditchdigger in Fort Monmouth, NJ, has the perfect comeback for all the people that tease him about having five daughters and no sons: "You won't be laughin' when my little girls grow up to be doctors."

2005 *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

The conscience of a small Southern town seeped in prejudice and hypocrisy is rocked when Atticus Finch defends a black man accused of raping a white young woman.

2004 *The Pine Barrens* by John McPhee

Although New Jersey has the heaviest population density of any state, huge segments of the Pine Barrens remain uninhabited, and the few who dwell in the region are little known and often misunderstood.

2003 *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

A classic novel set in the future when books forbidden by a totalitarian regime are burned. The hero, a book burner, suddenly discovers that books are flesh and blood ideas that cry out silently when put to the torch.

Young Adult Winners

2008 *Dr. Franklin's Island* by Ann Halam
For three teens, a trip-of-a-lifetime quickly becomes a fight for survival as they find themselves on a remote island, which happens to be the home of a mad scientist, anxious for experimental subjects.

2007 *So Yesterday* by Scott Westerfeld

It's Hunter's job to keep ahead of the latest trends and tell the world exactly what these trends are. Jennifer is a free, original thinker, what Hunter calls an Innovator, but original thoughts can be dangerous.

2006 *Swallowing Stones* by Joyce McDonald

Dual perspectives reveal the aftermath of seventeen-year-old Michael's birthday celebration during which he discharges an antique Winchester rifle and unknowingly kills the father of high school classmate Jenna.

2005 *Dunk* by David Lubar

While hoping to work as the clown in a dunk tank on the boardwalk of the NJ shore, Chad faces his best friend's serious illness, hassles with police, and the girl that got away.

2004 *The Body of Christopher Creed*

by Carol Plum-Ucci
Torey Adams, a high school junior with a seemingly perfect life, struggles with doubts and questions surrounding the mysterious disappearance of the class outcast.

2003 *Among the Hidden*

by Margaret Peterson Haddix
In a future where the law limits a family to two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.

Middle Grade Winners

2008 *The Sisters Grimm: The Fairy Tale Detectives*
by Michael Buckley

As descendants of Wilhelm, the Grimm family must keep the fairy tale characters, the "Everafters," contained. When Granny Reida goes missing, it is up to Sabrina and Daphne to solve the mystery, which involves giants, pixies, fairies and witches.

2007 *Whales on Stilts!* by M. T. Anderson

When Lily's father refuses to believe that she overheard his boss, a mad scientist, claim that he wants to take over the world, she enlists the help of her best friends, and together they race to save the world from the mad scientist's army of whales.

2006 *Amber Brown is Not a Crayon* by Paula Danziger

Third-grader Amber Brown has just received some bad news: her best friend Justin is moving away. When Justin doesn't want to talk about how he feels, she's sure it's the end of their friendship.

2005 *The Hoboken Chicken Emergency*

by Daniel Pinkwater
When Arthur Bobowicz is sent out to bring home the family's Thanksgiving turkey, he returns instead with a 266-pound chicken named Henrietta.

2004 *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

2003 *Regarding the Fountain* by Kate Klise

When the principal asks a fifth-grader to write a letter regarding the purchase of a new drinking fountain for their school, he finds that all sorts of chaos results.

Read to Me Winners

- 2008 *Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock* retold by Eric A. Kimmel, illustrated by Janet Stevens
When Anansi discovers a magical rock that puts animals to sleep, he decides to use the stone's magic to trick the other animals out of their food supplies.
- 2007 *Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson, illustrated by Jane Chapman
A bear is snuggled in his lair for a long winter's sleep while a mouse, a hare, and others join in for a social gathering. Everyone is perfectly happy being shielded from the elements until the bear wakes up, Grumbling and grouchy because he is missing out on all the fun.
- 2006 *Wild About Books* by Judy Sierra, illustrated by Marc Brown
Computer savvy "Springfield Librarian, Molly McGrew by mistake drove her bookmobile into the Zoo." Taking advantage of the situation, the librarian offers each animal the appropriate book.
- 2005 *Piggie Pie* by Margie Palatini, illustrated by Howard Fine
Gritch the Witch (with her traditional pointy hat, broomstick and green fingernails) is all set for a delicious meal of piggie pie. But when she lands at MacDonald's farm she can't find a single pig.
- 2004 *How the Cat Swallowed Thunder* by Lloyd Alexander; illustrated by Judith Byron Schachner
Warned not to get into his usual mischief, Mother Holly's cat tries to tidy up all the mess he has made while she is away.
- 2003 *Tacky the Penguin* by Helen Lester; illustrated by Lynn Munsinger
Tacky the penguin does not fit in with his sleek and graceful companions, but his odd behavior comes in handy when hunters come with maps and traps.

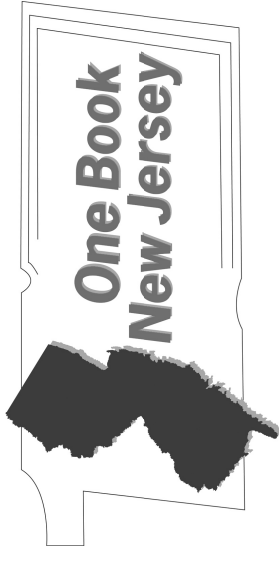


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