

2009 Coretta Scott King AWARD BOOKS

Coretta Scott King **AUTHOR AWARD**

We are the Ship:

The Story of Negro League Baseball
by Kadir Nelson

Coretta Scott King **ILLUSTRATOR AWARD**

The Blacker the Berry

illustrated by Floyd Cooper
written by Joyce Carol Thomas

Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe

NEW TALENT AUTHOR AWARD

Shadra Strickland, illustrator of "Bird,"
written by Zetta Elliott

"The Coretta Scott King Award commemorates the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and honors his widow Coretta Scott King for her courage and determination in continuing the work for peace and brotherhood. It is presented annually by the Coretta Scott King Task Force of the American Library Association's Social Responsibilities Round Table. Recipients are authors and illustrators of African descent whose distinguished books promote an understanding and appreciation of the American Dream."

- 2008 Author: Christopher Paul Curtis, **Elijah of Buxton**
Illustrator: Ashley Bryant, **Let it Shine**
- 2007 Author: Sharon Draper, **Copper Sun**
Illustrator: Kadir Nelson, **Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom**
- 2006 Author: Julius Lester, **Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue**
Illustrator: Bryan Collier, **Rosa**, Text by Nikki Giovanni
- 2005 Author: Toni Morrison, **Remember: The Journey to School Integration**
Illustrator: Kadir A. Nelson, **Ellington Was Not a Street**, Text by Ntuzake Shanger
- 2004 Author: Angela Grimes, **The First Part Last**
Illustrator: Ashley Bryan, **Beautiful Blackbird**
- 2003 Author: Nikki Grimes, **Bronx Masquerade**
Illustrator: E.B. Lewis, **Talkin' About Bessie The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman**
- 2002 Author: Mildred D. Taylor, **The Land**
Illustrator: Jerry Pinkney, **Goin' Someplace Special**
Text by Patricia C. McKissack
- 2001 Author: Jacqueline Woodson, **Miracle's Boys**
Illustrator: Bryan Collier, **Uptown**
Text by Henry Holt
- 2000 Author: Christopher Paul Curtis **Bud, Not Buddy**
Illustrator: Brian Pinkney, **In the Time of the Drums**, Text by Kim L. Siegelson
- 1999 Author: Angela Johnson, **Heaven**
Illustrator: Michele Wood, **i see the rhythm**
Text by Toyomi Igus,
- 1998 Author: Sharon M. Draper, **Forged by Fire**
Illustrator: Javaka Steptoe, **In Daddy's Arms I am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers** Text by Alan Schroeder
- 1997 Author: Walter Dean Myers, **Slam**
Illustrator: Jerry Pinkney, **Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman** Text by Alan Schroeder
- 1996 Author: Virginia Hamilton, **Her Stories**
Illustrator: Tom Feelings, **The Middle Passage: White Ships/Black Cargo**
- 1995 Author: Patricia C. & Frederick L. McKissack, **Christmas in the Big House, Christmas in the Quarters**
Illustrator: James Ransome, **The Creation**
Text by James Weldon Johnson
- 1994 Author: Angela Johnson, **Toning the Sweep**
Illustrator: Tom Feelings, **Soul Looks Back in Wonder**, Text by Phyllis Fogelman,
- 1993 Author: Patricia McKissack, **Dark Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural**
Illustrator: Kathleen Atkins Wilson, **The Origin of Life on Earth: An African Creation Myth**, Retold by David A. Anderson
- 1992 Author: Walter Dean Myers, **Now is Your Time! The African-American Struggle for Freedom**
Illustrator: Faith Ringgold, **Tar Beach**
- 1991 Author: Mildred D. Taylor, **The Road to Memphis**
Illustrator: Leo & Diane Dillon, **Aida**
Text by Leontyne Price
- 1990 Author: Patricia C. & Frederick L. McKissack, **A Long Hard Journey: the Story of the Pullman Porter**
Illustrator: Jan Spivey Gilchrist, **Nathaniel Talking**, Text by Eloise Greenfield
- 1989 Author: Walter Dean Myers, **Fallen Angels**
Illustrator: Jerry Pinkney, **Mirandy and Brother Wind**, Text by Patricia McKissack
- 1988 Author: Mildred D. Taylor, **The Friendship Daughters: An African Tale**
Illustrator: John Steptoe, **Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale**
- 1987 Author: Mildred Pitts Walter, **Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World**
Illustrator: Jerry Pinkney, **Half a Moon and One Whole Star**, Text by Crescent Dragonwagon
- 1986 Author: Virginia Hamilton, **The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales**
Illustrator: Jerry Pinkney, **The Patchwork Quilt**, Text by Valerie Flournoy,
- 1985 Author: Walter Dean Myers, **Motown and Didi**
Illustrator: *No award given.*
- 1984 Author: Lucille Clifton, **Everett Anderson's Good-bye**
Special Citation: Coretta Scott King compiler **The Words of Martin Luther King Jr.**
Illustrator: Pat Cummings, **My Mama Needs Me**, Text by Mildred Pitts Walter
- 1983 Author: Virginia Hamilton, **Sweet Whispers, Brother Rush**
Illustrator: Peter Mugabane, **Black Child**
- 1982 Author: Mildred D. Taylor, **Let the Circle Be Unbroken**
Illustrator: John Steptoe, **Mother Crocodile; an Uncle Amadou Tale from Sengal**
Text by Rosa Guy
- 1981 Author: Sidney Poitier, **This Life**
Illustrator: Ashley Bryan, **Beat the Story-Drum, Pum-Pum**
- 1980 Author: Walter Dean Myers, **The Young Landlords**
Illustrator: Carole Bayard, **Cornrows**
Text by Camille Yarbrough
- 1979 Author: Ossie Davis, **Escape to Freedom**
Illustrator: Tom Feelings, **Something on My Mind**, Text by Nikki Grimes
- 1978 Author: Eloise Greenfield, **Africa Dream**
Illustrator: Carole Bayard, **Africa Dream**
- 1977 Author: James Haskins, **The Story of Stevie Wonder**
Illustrator: *No award given.*
- 1976 Author: Pearl Bailey, **Duey's Tale**
Illustrator: *No award given.*
- 1975 Author: Dorothy Robinson, **The Legend of Africana**
Illustrator: *No award given.*
- 1974 Author: Sharon Bell Mathis, **Ray Charles**
Illustrator: George Ford, **Ray Charles**
- Prior to 1974 the Award was given to authors only*
- 1973 **I Never Had It Made: the Autobiography of Jackie Robinson**
As told to Alfred Duckett
- 1972 Elton C. Fax
17 Black Artists
- 1971 Charlemae Rollins
Black Troubador: Langston Hughes
- 1970 Lillie Patterson
Martin Luther King, Jr.: Man of Peace

