

Author

2010 Winner(s)

Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshall

by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie

2010 Honor(s)

Mare's War by Tanita S. Davis

Illustrator

2010 Winner(s)

My People

illustrated by Charles R. Smith, Jr., written by Langston Hughes

2010 Honor(s) The Negro Speaks of Rivers

illustrated by E.B. Lewis, written by Langston Hughes

"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."

- 2009 Author: Kadir Nelson: We are the Ship
 Illustrator: Floyd Cooper: The Blacker the Berry
 Text by Joyce Carol Thomas
- 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. McKissak

- 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

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
 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

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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 StoryDrum, 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



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