CORETTA SCOTT KING BOOK AWARDS

2015 Author Award Winner
Brown girl dreaming
by Jacqueline Woodson

2015 Illustrator Award Winner
Firebird
by Christopher Myers

2015 John Steptoe Award for New Talent
When I Was the Greatest
by Jason Reynolds

2015 Author Honor
The Crossover
by Kwame Alexander

How I Discovered Poetry
by Marilyn Nelson
illus. by Hadley Hooper

How It Went Down
by Kekla Magoon

2014 Illustrator Honor
JOSEPHINE: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker
by Patricia Hruby Powell
illus. by Christian Robinson

Little Melba and Her Big Trombone
by Katheryn Russell-Brown
illus. by Frank Morrison

2014 Author Award Winner
P.S. Be Eleven
by Rita Williams-Garcia

2014 Illustrator Award Winner
Knock Knock: My Dad’s dream for me
by Beaty, Daniel
illus. by Bryan Collier

2014 John Steptoe Award for New Talent
When the beat was born: DJ Kool Herc and the creation of hip-hop
by Hill, Laban Carrick
illus. by Theodore Taylor III

2014 Author Honor
March: Book One
by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin
illus. by Nate Powell

Darius & Twig
by Walter Dean Myers

Words with Wings
by Nikki Grimes

2014 Illustrator Honor
Nelson Mandela
by Kadir Nelson

2013 Author Award Winner
Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America
by Andrea Davis Pinkney

2013 Illustrator Award Winner
I, Too, Am America
by Hughes, Langston
illus. by Bryan Collier

2013 Author Honor
Each Kindness
by Jacqueline Woodson
illus. by E. B. Lewis

No Crystal Stair: A Documentary Novel of the Life and Work of Lewis Micheaux, Harlem Bookseller
by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson
illus. by R. Gregory Christie

2013 Illustrator Honor
Ellen’s Broom
by Kelly Starling Lyons
illus. by Daniel Minter

H. O. R. S. E.
by Christopher Myers

2012 Author Award Winner
I Have a Dream: Martin Luther King, Jr.
by Martin Luther King, Jr.
illus. by Kadir Nelson

2012 Illustrator Award Winner
Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans
by Kadir Nelson

2012 Illustrator Award Winner
Underground: Finding the Light to Freedom
by Shane W. Evans
2012 Author Honor
The Great Migration: Journey to the North
by Eloise Greenfield
illus. by Jan Spivey Gilchrist

Never Forgotten
by Patricia C. McKissack
illus. by Leo and Diane Dillon

2012 Illustrator Honor
Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans
by Kadir Nelson

2011 Author Award Winner
One Crazy Summer
by Rita Williams-Garcia

2011 Illustrator Award Winner
Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave
by Laban Carrick Hill
illus. by Bryan Collier

2011 Author Honor
Lockdown
by Walter Dean Myers

Ninth Ward
by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty
By G. Neri
Illus. by Randy DuBurke

2011 Illustrator Honor
Jimi: Sounds Like a Rainbow: A Story of the Young Jimi Hendrix
by Gary Golio

2011 John Steptoe Award for New Talent
Zora and Me
by Victoria Bond and T. R. Simon

Seeds of Change
by Jen Cullerton Johnson
illus. by Sonia Lynn Sadler

2011 Author Honor
My People
by Langston Hughes
illus. by Charles R. Smith, Jr.

2010 Author Award Winner
Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal
by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson
illus. by R. Gregory Christie

2010 Author Honor
Mare’s War
by Tanita S. Davis

2010 Illustrator Honor
The Negro Speaks of Rivers
by Langston Hughes
illus. by E.B. Lewis

2010 John Steptoe Award for New Talent
The Rock and the River
by Kekla Magoon

2009 Author Award Winner
We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball
by Kadir Nelson

2009 Illustrator Award Winner
The Blacker the Berry
by Joyce Carol Thomas
illus. by Floyd Cooper

2009 Author Honor
Keeping the Night Watch
by Hope Anita Smith

The Blacker the Berry
by Joyce Carol Thomas
illus. by Floyd Cooper

Becoming Billie Holiday
by Carole Boston Weatherford

2009 Illustrator Honor
We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball
by Kadir Nelson

The Moon Over Star
by Diana Hutts Aston
illus. by Jerry Pinkney

Before John Was a Jazz Giant
by Carole Boston Weatherford
illus. by Sean Qualls
2009 John Steptoe Award for New Talent
Bird
by Zetta Elliott
illus. by Shadra Strickland

2008 Author Award Winner
Elijah of Buxton
by Christopher Paul Curtis

2008 Illustrator Award Winner
Let it Shine
by Ashley Bryan

2008 Author Honor
November Blues
by Sharon M. Draper

2007 Author Award Winner
Copper Sun
by Sharon Draper

2007 Illustrator Award Winner
Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom
by Carole Boston Weatherford
illus. by Kadir Nelson

2007 Author Honor
The Road to Paris
by Nikki Grimes

2006 Author Honor
Maritcha: A Nineteenth-Century American Girl
by Tonya Bolden

2006 Illustrator Honor
A Wreath for Emmett Till
by Marilyn Nelson
illus. by Philippe

2005 Author Award Winner
Remember: The Journey to School Integration
by Toni Morrison
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2005 Illustrator Award Winner
Ellington Was Not a Street
by Ntozake Shange
illus. by Kadir A. Nelson

2005 Author Honor
The Legend of Buddy Bush
by Shelia P. Moses

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2005 Author Honor

Who Am I without Him?: Short Stories about Girls and the Boys in Their Lives
by Sharon G. Flake

Fortune’s Bones: The Manumission Requiem
by Marilyn Nelson

2005 Illustrator Honor

God Bless the Child
by Billie Holiday and Arthur Herzog Jr.
illus. by Jerry Pinkney

The People Could Fly: The Picture Book
by Virginia Hamilton
illus. by Leo and Diane Dillon

2005 John Steptoe Award for New Talent

Missy Violet and Me
by Barbara Hathaway

Jazzy Miz Mozetta
by Brenda C. Roberts
illus. by Frank Morrison

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