

New Bridges in Children's Literature: The 2005 IRA Children's Book Award

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The **IRA Children's Book Award** is presented annually to six promising new authors for the children's and young adult audience. The awards are announced each May at the **IRA Annual Conference**, and are given for books published the previous year. (Thus the 2005 awards are for books published in 2004.) Complete information about eligibility requirements, and lists of previous winners (several from Oregon!) can be found on the IRA website at www.reading.org. The **2005** winners are as follows:

Primary Fiction

Miss Bridie Chose a Shovel
Leslie Connor (author)
Mary Azarian (illustrator)
Houghton Mifflin Publishers

Intermediate Fiction

The Golden Hour
Maiya Williams
Amulet Books

Young Adult Fiction

Emako Blue
Brenda Woods
G.P. Putnam's Sons

Primary Non-fiction

Eliza and the Dragonfly
Susie Caldwell Reinhart (author)
Anissa Claire Hovemann (illustrator)
Dawn Publications

Intermediate Non-fiction

Buildings in Disguise
Joan Marie Arbogast
Boyd's Mills Press

Young Adult Non-fiction

The Burn Journals
Brent Runyon
Alfred A. Knopf Publishers
(reader advisory for mature subject matter and strong language)

Although the **2006** winners have already been selected, the winners will not be publicly announced until the IRA Annual Conference in May. The books listed below are only a few of the 275+ books submitted for the 2006 awards. The list represents personal favorites of the presenter, and does not reflect any official IRA endorsement.

Primary/Fiction

Grandmama's Pride
Becky Birtha-author
Colin Bootman-illustrator
Albert Whitman & Company

The Milkman
Carol Foskett Cordsen-author
Douglas B. Jones-illustrator
Dutton Children's Books

Picasso and Minou
P.I. Maltbie-author
Pau Estrada-illustrator
Charlesbridge

Ace Lacewing: Bug Detective
David Biedrzycki-author and illustrator
Charlesbridge

Duck Skates
Lynne Berry-author
Hiroe Nakata-illustrator
Henry Holt Publishers

Ste-e-e-e-eamboat A-Comin!
Jill Esbaum-author
Adam Rex-illustrator
Farrar Strauss Giroux

Russell the Sheep ☺
Rob Scotton
HarperCollins Publishers

Primary/Non-fiction

ABC NYC:
A Book about Seeing New York City
Joanne Dugan-author and illustrator
Harry N. Abrams, Inc.

This is America:
The American Spirit in Places and People
Don Robb-author
Christine Joy Pratt-illustrator
Charlesbridge Publishers

José! Born to Dance
Susanna Reich-author
Raúl Colón-illustrator
Simon and Schuster

Brave Dogs, Gentle Dogs:
How They Guard Sheep
Cat Urbigit-author & illustrator
Boyd's Mills Press

Buddy: The Story of Buddy Holly
Anne Bustard-author
Kurt Cyrus-illustrator
Simon & Schuster

Recess at 20 Below
Cindy Lou Aillaud-author and illustrator
Alaska Northwest Books

Night Wonders ☺
Jane Ann Peddicord
Charlesbridge Publishers

Intermediate/Fiction

The Cottonmouth Club
Lance Marcum-author
Farrar Strauss Giroux

Trudy
Jessica Lee Anderson-author
Milkweed Editions

When Ratboy Lived Next Door
Chris Woodworth-author
Farrar Strauss Giroux

The Liberation of Gabriel King
K. L. Going-author
G.P. Putnam's Sons

Sweetgrass Basket
Marlene Carville-author
Hyperion Publishers

*Brothers in Hope:
The Story of the Lost Boys of Sudan*
Mary Williams-author
R. Gregory Christie-illustrator
Lee and Low Books

The Bicycle Man ☺
David L. Dudley-author
Clarion Books

Intermediate/Non-fiction

*Wise Guy:
The Life and Philosophy of Socrates*
M.D. Usher-author
William Bramhall-illustrator
Farrar Straus Giroux Publishers

*Understanding the Holy Land:
Answering Questions about the Israeli-
Palestinian Conflict*
Mitch Frank-author
Viking Press

Waves: From Surfing to Tsunami
Drew Kampion-author
Jeff Peterson-illustrator
Gibbs Smith Publisher

*Sixteen Years in Sixteen Seconds:
The Sammy Lee Story*
Paula Yoo-author
Dom Lee-illustrator
Lee & Low Books

*A Book about Design:
Complicated Doesn't Make it Good*
Mark Gonyea-author and illustrator
Henry Holt Publishers

Into the Volcano
Donna O'Meara-author and illustrator
Kids Can Press

Neil, Buzz, and Mike Go to the Moon
Richard Hilliard-author and illustrator
Boyd's Mills Press

Americans Who Tell the Truth ☺
Robert Shetterly-author & illustrator
Dutton Children's Books

Young Adult/Fiction

Seeing Emily

Joyce Lee Wong-author
Amulet Books

Operation Red Jericho

Joshua Mowll-author
Candlewick Press

Palms to the Ground

Amy Stolls-author
Farrar Strauss Giroux

Poor is Just a Starting Place

Leslie J. Wyatt-author
Holiday House

Dancing With Elvis

Lynda Stephenson-author
Eerdmans Books

Black and White ☺

Paul Volponi
Viking Press

Young Adult/Non-fiction

Jazz ABC: An A to Z Collection of Jazz Portraits ☺

Wynton Marsallis-author
Paul Rogers-illustrator
Candlewick Press

Let Me Play: The Story of Title IX, The Law that Changed the Future of Girls in America

Karen Blumenthal-author
Atheneum Publishers

You Are Not Alone: Teens Talk About Life After the Loss of a Parent

Lynne B. Hughes-author
Scholastic Press

Robert E. Lee: Virginian Soldier, American Citizen

James I. Robertson Jr.-author
Atheneum Books