



Georgia Book Award

The Georgia Children's Book Award was established in 1968 by Sheldon Root, professor in the Department of Language Education in the College of Education at the University of Georgia. The purpose of the award is to foster a love of reading in the children of Georgia and to introduce them to books of literary excellence. The annual award is given in two categories: picture books and middle grade books. The selection process involves teachers, school library media specialists, public librarians, and tens of thousands of youth from across the state.

2023 Picture Book Winner Grades K-4

Chez Bob Written and Illustrated by Bob Shea



2023 Grades 4-8 Winner

Millionaires For the Month Written by Stacy McAnulty



Past Award Winners

GCBA Winners 1968-Present

2022 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: When Stars are Scattered written by Omar Mohamed Illustrated by Victoria Jamieson. Picturebook (Gr. K-4) Award: I am Tiger written by Karl Newson and illustrated by Ross Collins.

2021 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: They Called Us Enemy (2020) written by George Takei, Justin Eisinger, and Steven Scott. Illustrated by Harmony Becker Picturebook (Gr. K-4) Award: Hair Love (2020) written by Matthew A. Cherry and illustrated by Vashti Harrison

2019-20 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Resistance (2018) written by Jennifer A. Nielsen Picturebook (Gr. K-4) Award: We Don't Eat Our Classmates (2018) written and illustrated by Ryan T. Higgins.

2018-19 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: A Dog Like Daisy (2017) written by Kristin O'Donnell Tubb Picturebook (Gr. K-4) Award: Not Quite Narwhal (2017) written by Jessie Sima

2017-18 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Projekt 1065 (2016) written by Alan Gatz Picturebook (Gr. K-4) Award: It Came in the Mail (2016) written by Ben Clanton

2016-17 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Fuzzy Mud (2015) written by Louis Sachar Picturebook (Gr. K-4) Award: Gaston (2014) written by Kelly DiPucchio and Christian Robinson

2015-16 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: A Snicker of Magic (2014) written by Natalie Lloyd Picturebook (Gr. K-4) Award: Breaking News: Bear Alert (2014) written by David Biedrzycki

2014-15 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Michael Vey: the Prisoner of Cell 25 (2011) written by Richard Paul Evans Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: Ol' Clip-Clop: A Ghost Story (2013) written by Patricia McKissack and Eric Velasquez

2013-14 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Wonder (2012) written by R.J. Palacio Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: Sylvie (2013) written by Jennifer Sattler

2012-13 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Hero (2010) written by Mike Lupica Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: When a Dragon Moves in (2011) written by Jodi Moore and Howard McWilliam

2011-12 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: The Hunger Games (2008) written by Suzanne Collins 2 Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: I Need My Monster (2009) written by Amanda Noll and Howard McWilliam

2010-11 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: The Golly-Whopper Games (2008) written by Jody Feldman Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: Aliens are Coming! The True Account of the 1938 War of the Worlds Radio Broadcast (2006) written by Meghan McCarthy

2009-10 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Deep and Dark and Dangerous (2007) written by Mary Downing Hahn Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award I Ain't Gonna Paint No More! (2005) written by Karen Beaumont

2008-09 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: The Lightning Thief (2005) written by Rick Riordan Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: Sweet Tooth (2004) written by Margie Palatini

2007-08 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Flush (2005) written by Carl Hiaasen Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award Superdog: The Heart of a Hero (2004) written by Caralyn Buehner

2006-07 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Measle and the Wrathmonk (2004) written by Ian Ogilvy Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! (2003) written by Mo Willems

2005-06 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Runt (2002) written by Marion Dane Bauer Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: My Lucky Day (2003) written by Keiko Kasza

2004-05 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Loser (2002) written by Jerry Spinelli Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: Stanley's Party (2003) by Linda Bailey

2003-04 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Skeleton Man (2001) written by Joseph Bruchac Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: Hooway for Wodney Wat (1999) written by Helen Lester

2002-03 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Power Of Un (2000) written by Nancy Etchemendy Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon (2001) written by Patty Lovell

2001-02 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Danger In The Desert (1997) written by T.S. Fields Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: Bark, George (1999) written by Jules Feiffer

2000-01 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: My Life as a Fifth-Grade Comedian (1997) written by Elizabeth Levy Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: Verdi (1997) written by Janell Cannon 3

1999-2000 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: The Imp That Ate My Homework (1998) written by Laurence Yep Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: No, David! (1998) written by David Shannon

1998-99 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Frindle (1996) written by Andrew Clements Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: Leo the Magnificat (1996) written by Ann M. Martin

1997-98 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: The Best School Year Ever (1971) written by Barbara Robinson Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: Dog Breath (1994) written by Dav Pilkey

1996-97 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Mick Harte Was Here (1995) written by Barbara Park Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales (1992) written by Jon Scieszka

1995-96 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Time for Andrew: A Ghost Story (1994) written by Mary Downing Hahn Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: Martha Speaks (1992) written by Susan Meddaugh

1994-95 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Mayfield Crossing (1993) written by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: Hurricane City (1993) written by Sarah Weeks

1993-94 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Jennifer Murdley's Toad (1992) written by Bruce Coville Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: The Rough-Face Girl (1992) written by Rafe Martin

1992-93 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: The Doll in the Garden: A Ghost Story (1989) written by Mary Downing Hahn Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: The Talking Eggs (1989) written by Robert D. San Souci

1991-92 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: All About Sam (1988) written by Lois Lowry Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: Two Bad Ants (1988) written by Chris Van Allsburg

1990-91 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Hatchet (1986) written by Gary Paulsen Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: We're Back!: A Dinosaur's Story (1987) written by Hudson Talbott

1989-90 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom (1987) written by Louis Sachar Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: No Jumping on the Bed! (1987) written by Tedd Arnold

1988-89 4 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: The War with Grandpa (1984) written by Robert Kimmel Smith Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: Max, the Bad-Talking Parrot (1986) written by Patricia Brennan Demuth

1987-88 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: The ghosts in the attic (Republished as: Christina's ghost) (1985) written by Betty Ren Wright Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: If You Give a Mouse a Cookie(1985) written by Laura Joffe Numeroff

1986-87 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days! (1982) written by Stephen Manes Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: My Teacher Sleeps in School (Picture Puffins) (1985) written by Leatie Weiss

1985-86 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: The Secret Life of the Underwear Champ (1981) written by Betty Miles Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: The Unicorn and the Lake (1982) written by Marianna Mayer

1984-85 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Skinnybones (1982) written by Barbara Park Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: Doctor De Soto (1982) written by William Steig

1983-84 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade (1981) written by Barthe DeClements Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (1978) written by Judi Barrett

1982-83 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Superfudge (1980) written by Judy Blume Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: Herbie's Troubles (1981) written by Carol Chapman

1981-82 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Don't Hurt Laurie! (1997) written by Willo Davis Roberts Picturebook (Gr. K-3) Award: Pinkerton, Behave! (1979) written by Steven Kellogg

1980-81 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: The Great Gilly Hopkins (1978) written by Katherine Paterson Picturebook (Gr. K-4) Award: The Tailypo: A Ghost Story (Clarion books) (1977) written by Joanna C. Galdone

1979-80 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: The Great Brain Does It Again (1975) written by John D. Fitzgerald Picturebook (Gr. K-4) Award: Miss Nelson is Missing (1977) written by Harry Allard

1978-79 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: The Pinballs (1977) written by Betsy Byars Picturebook (Gr. K-4) Award: Big Bad Bruce (1977) written by Bill Peet 5

1977-78 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Freaky Friday (1972) written by Mary Rodgers Picturebook (Gr. K-4) Award: The Sweet Touch (1976) written by Lorna Balian

1976-77 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing (1972) written by Judy Blume Picturebook (Gr. K-4) Award: Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (1972) written by Judith Viorst

1975-76 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever (1971) written by Barbara Robinson 1974-75 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: A Taste of Blackberries (1973) written by Doris Buchanan Smith

1973-74 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Doodle and the Go-Cart (1972) written by Robert Burch

1972-73 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Hey, what's wrong with this one? (1969) written by Maia Wojciechowska 1971-72 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: J.T. (1969) written by Jane Wagner

1970-71 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Queenie Peavy (1966) written by Robert Burch

1969-70 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Ramona the Pest (1968) written by Beverly Cleary

1968 Book (Gr. 4-8) Award: Skinny (1964) written by Robert Burch