

2010 Boston Globe–Horn Book Awards for Excellence in Children’s Literature

A second Boston Globe–Horn Book Award for a gifted author of nonfiction, an additional accolade for the current Newbery Medalist, and a prize for a first time author-illustrator team top the 2010 Boston Globe–Horn Book Awards. The Awards were announced on June 8, 2010.

Presented annually since 1967, the Boston Globe–Horn Book Awards (BGHB) reward excellence in children’s and young adult literature and are given in three categories: Fiction and Poetry, Nonfiction, and Picture Book.

The 2010 BGHB winners are:

Fiction and Poetry *When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead (Lamb/Random House)

Nonfiction *Marching for Freedom: Walk Together, Children, and Don’t You Grow Weary* by Elizabeth Partridge (Viking)

Picture Book *I Know Here* by Laurel Croza, illustrated by Matt James (Groundwood)

A seamlessly constructed tale of friendship and time travel set on Manhattan’s Upper West Side in the late 1970s, *When You Reach Me*, Rebecca Stead’s second novel for young people, has already found acclaim among children and critics alike and will receive the Newbery Medal later this month. Elizabeth Partridge, who won the Boston Globe–Horn Book Award for Nonfiction in 2002 for *This Land Was Made for You and Me: The Life and Songs of Woody Guthrie* (Viking), wins again for *Marching for Freedom*, a dramatic account—told in searingly immediate photos and compelling prose—of the 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery in support of voting rights for African Americans. And in *I Know Here*, Canadian author Laurel Croza and illustrator Matt James sensitively explore and gloriously picture the feelings of a little girl contemplating her family’s move in the early 1960s from the wilds of northern Saskatchewan to the big city of Toronto.

The 2010 Honor Books are:

Fiction and Poetry *The Dreamer* by Pam Muñoz Ryan, illustrated by Peter Sís (Scholastic)
A Conspiracy of Kings by Megan Whalen Turner (Greenwillow)

Nonfiction *Anne Frank: Her Life in Words and Pictures* by Menno Metselaar and Ruud van der Rol (Roaring Brook/Flash Point)
Smile by Raina Telgemeier (Scholastic/Graphix)

Picture Book *It’s a Secret!* by John Burningham (Candlewick)
The Lion & the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney (Little, Brown)

Picture book masters John Burningham (who won the Boston Globe–Horn Book Award in 1972 for *Mr. Gumpy's Outing*) and Jerry Pinkney (who won in 1995 for *John Henry*) are among the honor recipients. Fiction honorees include Pam Muñoz Ryan for her novel about the childhood of Pablo Neruda, illustrated by two-time BGHB recipient Peter Sís; and Megan Whalen Turner for the fourth novel in her Attolia series, begun in 1996 with *The Thief*. The nonfiction honor books both use an integration of text and pictures to provide new ways of looking at familiar stories: *Anne Frank* takes readers beyond the famous diary with you-are-there images of her childhood and years in hiding; *Smile*, an accessible graphic memoir, looks with equal honesty at the trials of a middle school girl's coming-of-age.

About the Boston Globe–Horn Book Awards

All children's and young adult books published in the United States between June 2009 and May 2010 were eligible for the award. The winning authors and illustrators may be citizens of any country. Winners in each category receive a cash prize and an engraved silver bowl. Honor book recipients receive an engraved silver plate. The acceptance speeches of the award winners will be published in the January/February 2011 issue of *The Horn Book Magazine*.

The 2010 Boston Globe–Horn Book Awards judges:

Martha V. Parravano, Chair Executive Editor, *The Horn Book Magazine*, and co-author of the forthcoming *A Family of Readers: The Book Lover's Guide to Children's and Young Adult Literature*.

Julie Just Children's books editor of *The New York Times Book Review*.

Gregory Maguire Author of books for children and adults, and co-founder and co-director of Children's Literature New England, Inc.

The 2010 Boston Globe–Horn Book Awards ceremony will be held on Friday, October 1, 2010, at Simmons College in Boston, Massachusetts. The honored authors and illustrators are expected to be on hand to accept their awards and deliver their acceptance speeches.

Introducing the Horn Book at Simmons Colloquium

This year, the Boston Globe–Horn Book Awards will be followed by a one-day symposium at Simmons College on October 2 to examine and discuss the winners and honor books in the context of library and educational work with children and teens. Led by Simmons faculty and the editors of the *Horn Book*, the symposium will feature several of the awardees and their editors. More information about the symposium can be found at <http://www.hbook.com/hbas/default.asp>.

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