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Junior Library Guild Selections Win 38 Honors at 2015 ALA Youth Media Awards

COLUMBUS, Ohio—February 2, 2015--Our outstanding editorial team has done it again. JLG selections are huge winners at this year's ALA Youth Media Awards including the John Newbery Medal Winner and both the Honor Books, four Caldecott Medal Honor Books, the Michael L. Printz Award Winner, and two Honor Books, plus many more!

“JLG is the only company that reads and reviews every book we distribute, and we have an excellent track record of choosing award-winners prior to their publication. We give them their first recognition and honor,” said Randy Asmo, president of Media Source, Inc., parent company of JLG. “Congratulations to all of the authors, illustrators, and publishers who won awards and honors today. We share in your excitement.”

In fact, books selected by Junior Library Guild were given 38 honors this year including:

- The John Newbery Medal Winner and all Newbery Medal Honor Books
- Four Randolph Caldecott Medal Honor Books
- The Coretta Scott King Award Winner, Author, and three Honor Books
- One Coretta Scott King Award, Illustrator, Honor Book
- The Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Award Winner
- The Michael L. Printz Award Winner and two Honor Books
- Three Winners of the Schneider Family Book Award
- The Mildred L. Batchelder Award Winner and one Honor Book
- One Odyssey Award Honor Book
- One Pura Belpré Award Honor Book for Illustration
- The Robert F. Sibert Medal Award Winner and all five Honor Books
- Two Stonewall Book Award Honor Books
- One Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Book
- The William C. Morris Award Winner and one Finalist
- The YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction Winner and three Finalists

The complete list of our 2015 winning selections appears below.

Newbery Medal

- *The Crossover*, **Winner** (selected November 2013 / JLG date July 2014)
- *El Deafo*, Honor (selected February 2014 / JLG date November 2014)
- *Brown Girl Dreaming*, Honor (selected May 2014 / JLG date October 2014)

Caldecott Medal

- *The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandisky's Abstract Art*, Honor (selected July 2013 / JLG Date April 2014)
- *Sam & Dave Dig a Hole*, Honor (selected April 2014 / JLG Date February 2015)
- *The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus*, Honor (selected February 2014 / JLG Date December 2014)
- *This One Summer*, Honor (selected December 2013 /JLG Date April 2014)

Coretta Scott King Award

- *Brown Girl Dreaming*, **Author, Winner** (selected May 2014 / JLG date October 2014)
- *The Crossover*, Author, Honor (selected November 2013 / JLG date July 2014)
- *How I Discovered Poetry* Author, Honor (selected December 2013 / JLG date July 2014)
- *How It Went Down*, Author, Honor (selected June 2014 / JLG date January 2015)
- *Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker*, **Illustrator, Honor** (selected April 2013 / JLG date January 2014)
- *When I Was the Greatest*, John Steptoe Award Winner (selected October 2013 / JLG date March 2014)

Michael L. Printz Award

- *I'll Give You the Sun*, **Winner** (selected June 2014 / JLG date December 2014)
- *Grasshopper Jungle*, Honor (selected November 2013 / JLG date April 2014)
- *This One Summer*, Honor (selected/ JLG Date)

Schneider Family Book Award

- *A Boy and a Jaguar*, **Winner**, (ages 0-10) (selected October 2013 / JLG date August 2014)
- *Rain Reign*, **Winner** (ages 11-13) (selected June 2014 / JLG date February 2015)
- *Girls Like Us*, **Winner** (ages 13-18) (selected December 2013 / JLG date August 2014)

Mildred L. Batchelder Award

- *Mikis and the Donkey*, **Winner**, (selected July 2014 / JLG date April 2015)
- *Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust*, Honor (selected August 2013 /JLG date June 2014)

Odyssey Award

- *A Snicker of Magic*, **Honor**, (selected March 2014 / JLG date November 2014)

Pura Belpré Award

- *Separate Is Never Equal*, Honor, Illustrator (selected December 2013 / JLG date June 2014)

Robert F. Sibert Medal

- *The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus*, **Winner** (selected February 2014 / JLG Date December 2014)
- *Brown Girl Dreaming*, Honor (selected May 2014 / JLG date October 2014)
- *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, & the Fall of Imperial Russia*, Honor (selected April 2014 / JLG date October 2014)
- *Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker*, Honor (selected April 2013 / JLG date January 2014)
- *Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands*, Honor (selected April 2014 / JLG date January 2015)
- *Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation* (selected December 2013 / JLG date June 2014)

Stonewall Award

- *Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out*, Honor (selected August 2013 / JLG date May 2014)
- *I'll Give You the Sun*, Honor (selected June 2014 / JLG date December 2014)

Theodor Seuss Geisel Award

- *Mr. Putter & Tabby Turn the Page*, Honor (selected May 2014 / JLG date February 2015)

William C. Morris Award

- *Gabi, a Girl in Pieces*, **Winner** (selected June 2014 / JLG date November 2014)
- *The Story of Owen: Dragon Slayer of Trondheim*, Finalist (selected October 2013 / JLG date April 2014)

YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction

- *Popular: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek*, **Winner** (selected February 2014 / JLG date September 2014)
- *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, & the Fall of Imperial Russia*, Finalist (selected April 2014 / JLG date October 2014)

- *Ida M. Tarbell: The Woman Who Challenged Big Business—and Won!*, Finalist (selected January 2014 / JLG date August 2014)
- *The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny and the Fight for Civil Rights*, Finalist (selected August 2013 / JLG date February 2014)

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About Junior Library Guild

Junior Library Guild, founded in 1929, provides collection development services to more than 20,000 school and public libraries throughout North America. This unique service reviews and selects children's and young adult books prior to their publication. New-release JLG selections are placed into one of 66 categories ranging from Prekindergarten to Adult Crossover and are then shipped to member libraries on a monthly basis. Being a JLG selection is many times the first honor a book receives. More than 95 percent of JLG selections then go on to win awards or get favorable reviews.

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