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THE 2019 BOSTON GLOBE–HORN BOOK AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Prestigious Program Honors Excellence in Literature for Children and Young Adults

New York, NY — May 29, 2019 — Today The Horn Book, Inc., announced the 2019 Boston Globe–Horn Book Award winners at *School Library Journal's* Day of Dialog in New York City. First presented in 1967, the Boston Globe–Horn Book Awards celebrate excellence in children's and young adult literature.

A winner and two honor books were selected in each of three categories: Picture Book, Fiction and Poetry, and Nonfiction. The winning titles must be first U.S. editions of books published between June 2018 and May 2019, but may be written or illustrated by citizens of any country.

"Now this is diversity with a small and capital *D!*," said Roger Sutton, Editor in Chief, The Horn Book, Inc. "I'd like to thank the judges for their discriminating choices and commitment to finding 'excellence'—the only criterion used by the BGHB Awards—among the vast number of nominations."

"The Boston Globe has been a proud partner of this prestigious award for more than fifty years, and once again we are privileged to join with The Horn Book, Inc., to celebrate and honor authors and illustrators of children's and young adult literature," said Linda Henry, Boston Globe Managing Director. "By sharing their talents, each of the award winners and honorees is inspiring the imaginations of young readers. We celebrate each of them for the contributions they've made to the literary community."

The 2019 Boston Globe–Horn Book Award winners are:

PICTURE BOOK AWARD WINNER:

The Patchwork Bike written by Maxine Beneba Clarke; illustrated by Van Thanh Rudd (Candlewick)

FICTION AND POETRY AWARD WINNER:

The Season of Styx Malone by Kekla Magoon (Wendy Lamb Books/Random House)

NONFICTION AWARD WINNER:

This Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality by Jo Ann Allen Boyce and Debbie Levy (Bloomsbury Children's Books)

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PICTURE BOOK HONOR BOOKS:

- *Dreamers* written and illustrated by Yuyi Morales (Neal Porter Books/Holiday House)
- *We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga* written by Traci Sorell; illustrated by Frané Lessac (Charlesbridge)

FICTION AND POETRY HONOR BOOKS:

- *Darius the Great Is Not Okay* by Adib Khorram (Dial Books/Penguin Random House)
- *On the Come Up* by Angie Thomas (Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins)

NONFICTION HONOR BOOKS:

- *Hey, Kiddo* written and illustrated by Jarrett J. Krosoczka (Graphix/Scholastic)
- *Nine Months: Before a Baby Is Born* written by Miranda Paul; illustrated by Jason Chin (Neal Porter Books/Holiday House)

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The awards are chosen by an independent panel of three judges appointed by Sutton. The 2019 Boston Globe–Horn Book Awards judges are: chair Monica Edinger, educator, author, and reviewer, New York, NY; Dr. Kim Parker, Assistant Director of the Teacher Training Center, Shady Hill School, Cambridge, MA; and Cynthia Ritter, Associate Editor, The Horn Book, Inc., Boston, MA.

Winners and honorees will receive their awards at the Boston Globe–Horn Book Awards ceremony on Friday, October 4, 2019, at Simmons University in Boston. The event will feature speeches by the awardees, an autographing session, and a celebratory evening reception.

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