

About the Author Background Information

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1. Newbery Medal



The John Newbery Medal is a literary award given by the Association for Library Service to Children of the American Library Association (ALA) to the author of the outstanding American book for children. The award has been given since 1922. Together with the Caldecott Medal, it is considered the most prestigious award for children's literature in the United States. It is named for John Newbery, an 18th century publisher of juvenile books. The Newbery Medal was designed by Rene Paul Chambellan in 1921.

2. The **Newbery Honor** is a citation given by the Association for Library Service to Children of the American Library Association (ALA) to select American children's books. The Newbery Honor is given to worthy runners-up for the Newbery Medal, a higher honor. Though the Newbery Honor was initiated in 1971, specially cited runners-up for the Newbery Medal from previous years were retroactively named Newbery Honor books.
3. **The Coretta Scott King Award** is an annual award presented by the American Library Association. Named for Coretta Scott King, wife of Martin Luther King, Jr., this award recognizes outstanding African American authors and illustrators. The book must be about the African American experience, and be written for a youth audience (high school or below).