



# Great Lakes Great Books Award Winners by Category

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## Kindergarten - First Grade

- 2022-23: *Fitz & Cleo* by Jonathan Stutzman, illustrated by Heather Fox  
2021-22: *See the Cat: Three Stories About a Dog* by David LaRochelle & Mike Wohnoutka  
2020-21: *Sulwe* by Lupita Nyong'o & Vashti Harrison  
2019-20: *Baby Monkey, Private Eye* by Brian Selznick & David Serlin  
2018-19: *Big Cat, Little Cat* by Elisha Cooper  
2017-18: *Dino Racing* by Lisa Wheeler & Barry Gott  
2016-17: *Ninja Red Riding Hood* by Corey Rosen Schwartz & Dan Santat  
2015-16: *Gaston* by Kelly DiPucchio & Christian Robinson  
2014-15: *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt & Oliver Jeffers  
2013-14: *Little Dog Lost* by Mônica Carnesi  
2012-13: *Clink* by Kelly DiPucchio & Matthew Myers  
2011-12: *We Are in a Book!* by Mo Willems  
2010-11: *Princess Hyacinth* by Florence Parry Heide & Lane Smith  
2009-10: *Stick* by Steve Breen  
2008-09: *Digby Takes Charge* by Caroline Jayne Church  
2007-08: *Big Chickens* by Leslie Helakoski & Henry Cole  
2006-07: *Trout, Trout, Trout!: A Fish Chant* by April Pulley Sayre & Trip Park  
2005-06: *Bubble Gum, Bubble Gum* by Lisa Wheeler  
2004-05: *The Viper* by Lisa Thiesing  
2003-04: *Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson & Jane Chapman  
2002-03: *The Baby Beebe Bird* by Diane Redfield Massie & Steven Kellogg  
2001-02: *Bark George* by Jules Feiffer  
2000-01: *Mama Cat Has Three Kittens* by Denise Fleming  
1999-00: *The Brave Little Parrot* by Rafe Martin & Susan Gaber (PreK-2)  
1998-99: *Verdi* by Janell Cannon (PreK-2)  
1997-98: *Can I Have a Stegosaurus Mom? Can I? Please!?* by Lois G. Grambling & H.B. Lewis (PreK-2)  
1996-97: *Arthur's Chicken Pox* by Marc Brown (PreK-2)  
1995-96: *Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister (PreK-2)  
1992-93: *The Very Quiet Cricket* by Eric Carle (K-2)  
1990-91: *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg (K-2)  
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## Second Grade - Third Grade

- 2022-23: *Crossings: Extraordinary Structures for Extraordinary Animals* by Katy S. Duffield, illustrated by Mike Orodán
- 2021-22: *Donut Feed the Squirrels* by Mika Song
- 2020-21: *Peter & Ernesto: The Lost Sloths* by Graham Annable
- 2019-20: *Thirty Minutes Over Oregon* by Marc Tyler Nobleman & Melissa Iwai
- 2018-19: *The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors* by Drew Daywalt & Adam Rex
- 2017-18: *Memoirs of a Parrot* by Devin Scillian & Tim Bowers
- 2016-17: *Lulu's Mysterious Mission* by Judith Viorst & Kevin Cornell
- 2015-16: *My Explosive Diary* by Emily Gale & Joëlle Dreidemy
- 2014-15: *Battle Bunny* by Jon Scieszka & Mac Barnett & Matthew Myers
- 2013-14: *Dogs on Duty* by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent
- 2012-13: *Bink & Gollie* by Kate DiCamillo & Alison McGhee & Tony Fucile
- 2011-12: *Here Comes the Garbage Barge* by Jonah Winter & Red Nose Studio
- 2010-11: *Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle* by Brian Dennis & Kirby Larson & Mary Nethery
- 2009-10: *When the Wolves Returned* by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent & Dan Hartman
- 2008-09: *Where in the Wild? Camouflaged Animals Concealed and Revealed* by David M. Schwartz & Yael Schy & Dwight Kuhn
- 2007-08: *Clementine* by Sara Pennypacker & Marla Frazee
- 2006-07: *Traction Man is Here!* by Mini Grey
- 2005-06: *Say What?* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- 2004-05: *Arnie, the Doughnut* by Laurie Keller
- 2003-04: *Togo* by Robert J. Blake
- 2002-03: *Adopted by an Owl* by Robbyn Smith van Frankenhuyzen
- 2001-02: *The Legend of Mackinac Island* by Kathy-jo Wargin & Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen
- 2000-01: *Nova's Ark* by David Kirk

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## Fourth Grade - Fifth Grade

- 2022-23: *Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre* by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Floyd Cooper
- 2021-22: *¡Vamos! Let's Go Eat* by Raúl the Third & Elaine Bay
- 2020-21: *New Kid* by Jerry Craft
- 2019-20: *Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- 2018-19: *Real Friends* by Shannon Hale & LeUyen Pham
- 2017-18: *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown
- 2016-17: *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- 2015-16: *El Deafo* by Cece Bell
- 2014-15: *The Boy on the Porch* by Sharon Creech
- 2013-14: *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate
- 2012-13: *Wonderstruck* by Brian Selznick
- 2011-12: *Ragtag* by Karl Wolf-Morganländer
- 2010-11: *Knucklehead* by Jon Scieszka
- 2009-10: *Frankenstein Takes the Cake* by Adam Rex
- 2008-09: *Lawn Boy* by Gary Paulsen
- 2007-08: *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo & Bagram Ibatoulline

- 2006-07: *The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy* by Jeanne Birdsall
- 2005-06: *Ida B. and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World* by Katherine Hannigan
- 2004-05: *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo & Timothy Basil Ering
- 2003-04: *Loser* by Jerry Spinelli
- 2002-03: *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- 2001-02: *Star in the Storm* by Joan Hiatt Harlow
- 2000-01: *A Bad Case of Stripes* by David Shannon
- 1999-00: *Stay: Keeper's Story* by Lois Lowry & True Kelley (3-5)
- 1998-99: *Verdi* by Janell Cannon (3-5)
- 1997-98: *Officer Buckle and Gloria* by Peggy Rathmann (3-5)
- 1996-97: *Dog Breath* by Dav Pilkey (3-5)
- 1995-96: *Goosebumps: Monster Blood II* by R.L. Stine (3-5)
- 1992-93: *Fudge-A-Mania* by Judy Blume (3-5)
- 1990-91: *The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks (3-5)
- 1988-89: *Superfudge* by Judy Blume (3-5)

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### Sixth Grade - Eighth Grade

- 2022-23: *Ground Zero: A Novel of 9/11* by Alan Gratz
- 2021-22: *Twins* by Varian Johnson & Shannon Wright
- 2020-21: *Blended* by Sharon M. Draper
- 2019-20: *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang
- 2018-19: *Forget Me Not* by Ellie Terry
- 2017-18: *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
- 2016-17: *Orbiting Jupiter* by Gary D. Schmidt
- 2015-16: *The Forbidden Library* by Django Wexler
- 2014-15: *Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan
- 2013-14: *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio
- 2012-13: *The Apothecary* by Maile Meloy
- 2011-12: *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* by Todd Angleberger
- 2010-11: *Scat* by Carl Hiaasen
- 2009-10: *Zen and the Art of Faking It* by Jordan Sonnenblick
- 2008-09: *Rules* by Cynthia Lord
- 2007-08: *Down the Rabbit Hole* by Peter Abrahams
- 2006-07: *Bone* by Jeff Smith
- 2005-06: *Hana's Suitcase: A True Story* by Karen Levine
- 2004-05: *A Mango-Shaped Space* by Wendy Mass
- 2003-04: *The Thief Lord* by Cornelia Funke
- 2002-03: *No More Dead Dogs* by Gordon Korman
- 2001-02: *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town* by Kimberly Willis Holt
- 2000-01: *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling
- 1999-00: *Tangerine* by Edward Bloor
- 1998-99: *Falling Up* by Shel Silverstein
- 1997-98: *Shiloh Season* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- 1996-97: *Sharing Susan* by Eve Bunting
- 1995-96: *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
- 1992-93: *Scary Stories 3: More Tales to Chill Your Bones* by Alvin Schwartz

1990-91: *The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks  
1988-89: *The BFG* by Roald Dahl

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**Ninth Grade - Twelfth Grade**

2022-23: *The Girl From the Sea* by Molly Knox Ostertag  
2021-22: *Go With the Flow* by Lily Williams & Karen Schneemann  
2020-21: *The Grace Year* by Kim Liggett  
2019-20: *What If It's Us* by Becky Albertalli & Adam Silvera  
2018-19: *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds  
2017-18: *The Serpent King* by Jeff Zentner  
2016-17: *I'll Give You the Sun* by Jandy Nelson  
2015-16: *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart  
2014-15: no winner  
2013-14: *Divergent* by Veronica Roth  
2012-13: *Hold Me Closer, Necromancer* by Lish McBride  
2011-12: *Ship Breaker* by Paolo Bacigalupi  
2010-11: *If I Stay* by Gayle Forman  
2009-10: *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman  
2008-09: *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie  
2007-08: *Rash* by Pete Hautman  
2006-07: *The Blue Girl* by Charles de Lint  
2005-06: *The Race to Save the Lord God Bird* by Phillip Hoose  
2004-05: no winner  
1997-98: *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech

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