

The Laura Ingalls Wilder Award was first given to its namesake in 1954.

The award honors an author or illustrator whose books, published in the United States, have made, over a period of years, a substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children.

The award is given for the author or illustrator's entire body of work.

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1954: Laura Ingalls Wilder

Who wrote the little house series of children's books based on her childhood in a pioneer family.

1960: Clara Ingram Judson

Her first children's book was *Flower Fairies*, published in 1915. She is probably most famous books were the Mary Jane Series, first published in 1918.

1965: Ruth Sawyer

Her best-known book is *Roller Skates* which won her the Newbery Award in 1937. Like *Roller Skates*, a number of Sawyer's books are autobiographical accounts of her childhood and reveal an interesting perspective on American life at the end of the 19th century.

1970: E. B. White

An American writer, best known as the author of children's books *Charlotte's Web* and *Stuart Little*

1975: Beverly Cleary

Cleary has written over 30 books for young adults and children. Some of her best-known characters are *Henry Huggins*, *Ribsy*, *Ramona*, and *Ralph S. Mouse*.

1980: Theodor S. Geisel (Dr. Seuss)

was an iconic and beloved writer and cartoonist, better known by his pen name, **Dr. Seuss**. He is the "Father" of the Cat in the Hat, Horton, and Sam I Am.

1983: Maurice Sendak

An American writer and illustrator of who is best known for his book *Where the Wild Things Are*, published in 1963 and the Little Bears series along with Else Holmelund Minarik.

1986: Jean Fritz

An American Children's author and biographer. She published her autobiography, *Homesick, My Own Story* in 1982 and won the Newbery Award the following year.

1989: Elizabeth George Speare

An American children's author who won many awards for her historical fiction novels, including two Newbery Awards (*The Witch of Blackbird Pond* and *The Bronze Bow*).

1992: Marcia Brown

An American children's author and illustrator of more than 30 children's books. She has won the Caldecott Medal three times (*Shadow, Once A Mouse, and Cinderella, or the Little Glass Slipper*).

1995: Virginia Hamilton

She writes fictional stories, each very different from another, using traditional oral storytelling methods in her writing. She received the Newbery Medal for *M.C. Higgins, the Great*

1998: Russell Freedman

A biographer and author of nearly 50 books for young people. He is most notable for receiving the 1988 Newbery Medal with his work *Lincoln, A Photobiography*.

2001: Milton Meltzer

American historian and author best known for his history nonfiction books on Jewish, African American and American history. Since the 1950s he has been a leading author of history books in the children's and young adult literature genres.

2003: Eric Carle

A children's book author and illustrator who is most famous for his book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, which has been translated into over 47 languages.

2005: Laurence Yep

A prolific, award-winning Chinese-American modern author. The most notable of his books is a series called the *Golden Mountain Chronicles*.

2007: James Marshall

He is the creator of George and Martha, the lovable hippopotami. He is well-known for his *Fox Series*, as well as *The Miss Nelson* books, the *Stupids*, the *Cut-ups*, and many more. James Marshall had the uncanny ability to elicit wild delight from readers with relatively little text and simple drawings.

2009: Ashley Bryan

Ashley Bryan's numerous awards and honors include the Coretta Scott King Award for illustration, six Coretta Scott King Honors, the Arbutnot Prize, and a Fulbright Scholarship. He illustrated *The Story of the Three Kingdoms* by Walter Dean Myers, *A Nest Full of Stars* by James Berry, and *How God Fix Jonah* by Lorenz Graham. He also wrote and illustrated *Beautiful Blackbird* and *All Night, All Day: A Child's First Book of African-American Spirituals*.

2011" Tomie DePaola

Author and illustrator of over 200 books, including: "26 Fairmont Avenue", "The Legend of the Poinsettia", "Oliver Button Is a Sissy" and "Strega Nona".