

# NCTE ORBIS PICTUS AWARD

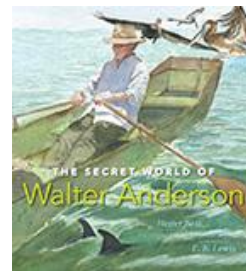
## OUTSTANDING NONFICTION FOR CHILDREN

### PAST WINNERS 2000-2010

The NCTE Orbis Pictus Award was established in 1989 for promoting and recognizing excellence in the writing of nonfiction for children. The name *Orbis Pictus* commemorates the work of Johannes Amos Comenius, *Orbis Pictus—The World in Pictures* (1657), considered to be the first book actually planned for children.

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**2010** *The Secret World of Walter Anderson* by Hester Bass,  
illustrated by E.B. Lewis (Candlewick Press)



#### Honor Books:

- *Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream* by Tanya Lee Stone (Candlewick Press)
- *Darwin: With Glimpses into His Private Journal and Letters* by Alice B. McGinty (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children)
- *The Frog Scientist* by Pamela S. Turner (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children)
- *How Many Baby Pandas?* by Sandra Markle (Walker Books for Young Readers)
- *Noah Webster: Weaver of Words* by Pegi Deitz Shea (Calkins Creek Books)

#### Recommended Books:

- *The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth* by Kathleen Krull (Knopf Books for Young Readers)
- *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* by Phillip Hoose (Farrar Straus and Giroux)
- *Eleanor, Quiet No More* by Doreen Rappaport (Hyperion Books for Children)
- *The Grand Mosque of Paris: A Story of How Muslims Rescued Jews during the Holocaust* by Karen Gray Ruelle and Deborah Durland Desaix (Holiday House)
- *Life in the Boreal Forest* by Brenda Z. Guiberson (Henry Holt and Company)
- *One Giant Leap* by Robert Burleigh (Philomel Books)
- *Truce* by Jim Murphy (Scholastic)
- *Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland* by Sally M. Walker (Carolrhoda Books)

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**2009** *Amelia Earhart: The Legend of the Lost Aviator* by Shelley Tanaka,  
illustrated by David Craig (Abrams Books for Young Readers)



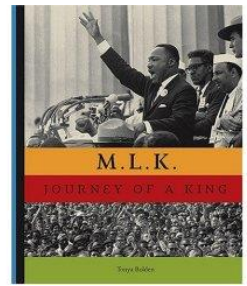
#### Honor Books:

- *George Washington Carver* by Tonya Bolden (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- *The Lincolns: A Scrapbook Look at Abraham and Mary* by Candace Fleming (Schwartz & Wade Books)
- *Washington at Valley Forge* by Russell Freedman (Holiday House)
- *We are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball* by Kadir Nelson (Hyperion Books for Children)
- *When the Wolves Returned: Restoring Nature's Balance in Yellowstone* by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent, illustrated by Dan and Cassie Hartman (Walker Books for Young Readers)

#### Recommended Books:

- *A River of Words: The Story of William Carlos Williams* by Jen Bryant (Eerdmans Books for Young Readers)
- *A Boy Named Beckoning: The True Story of Dr. Carlos Montezuma, Native American Hero* by Gina Capaldi (Carolrhoda Books)
- *The Trouble Begins at 8: A Life of Mark Twain in the Wild, Wild West* by Sid Fleischman (Greenwillow Books)
- *Christo and Jeanne-Claude: Through the Gates and Beyond* by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan (Roaring Brook Press)
- *Ice Bears* by Brenda Z. Guiberson (Henry Holt & Co.)
- *Sisters and Brothers: Sibling Relationships in the Animal World* by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children)
- *In Defiance of Hitler: The Secret Mission of Varian Fry* by Carla Killough McClafferty (Farrar Straus and Giroux)
- *Lincoln through the Lens: How Photography Revealed and Shaped an Extraordinary Life* by Martin W. Sandler (Walker Books for Young Readers)

**2008** *M.L.K. Journey of a King* by Tonya Bolden  
(Abrams Books for children)



**Honor Books:**

- *Black and White Airman: Their True History* by John Fleischman (Houghton Mifflin)
- *Spiders* by Nic Bishop (Scholastic)
- *Helen Keller: Her Life in Pictures* by George Sullivan (Scholastic)
- *Muckrakers* by Ann Bausum (National Geographic)
- *Venom* by Marilyn Singer (Darby Creek Publishing)

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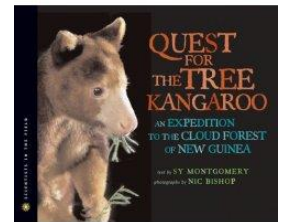
- *3-D ABC: A Sculptural Alphabet* by Bob Razcka (Millbrook Press)
- *Animals in the House: A History of Pets and People* by Sheila Keenan (Scholastic)
- *Clarabelle: Making Milk and So Much More* by Cris Peterson (Boyd's Mills Press)
- *Living Color* by Steve Jenkins (Houghton Mifflin)
- *The Snow Baby: The Arctic Childhood of Admiral Robert E. Peary's Daring Daughter* by Katherine Kirkpatrick (Holiday House)
- *Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion*, by Loree Griffin Burns (Houghton Mifflin)
- *The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain* by Peter Sis (Farrar Straus Giroux)

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**2007** *Quest for the Tree Kangaroo: An Expedition to the Cloud Forest of New Guinea* by Sy Montgomery, Photos by Nic Bishop (Houghton Mifflin)

**Honor Books:**

- *Gregor Mendel: The Friar Who Grew Peas*, by Cheryl Bardoe, illustrated by Jos. A. Smith (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- *Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott* by Russell Freedman (Holiday House)
- *John Muir: America's First Environmentalist* by Kathryn Lasky, illustrated by Stan Fellows (Candlewick Press)
- *Something Out of Nothing: Marie Curie and Radium* by Carla Killough McClafferty (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
- *Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon* by Catherine Thimmesh (Houghton Mifflin)



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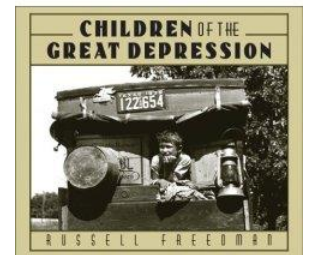
- *An Egg is Quiet* by Diana Hutts Aston and Sylvia Long (Chronicle Books)
- *Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the Front Lines of the Civil Rights Movement* by Ann Bausum (National Geographic Children's Books)
- *Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship* by Isabella Hatkoff, Craig Hatkoff, and Dr. Paula Kahumbu (Scholastic)
- *Onward: A Photobiography of African-American Polar Explorer Matthew Henson* by Delores Johnson (National Geographic Children's Books)
- *Rescues* by Sandra Markle (Millbrook Press)
- *Saving the Buffalo* by Albert Marrin (Scholastic)
- *The Cat with the Yellow Star: Coming of Age in Terezin* by Susan Goldman Rubin and Ela Wiessberger (Holiday House)
- *Construction Zone* by Cheryl Willis Hudson, photographs by Richard Sobol (Candlewick Press)

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**2006** *Children of the Great Depression*  
by Russell Freedman (Clarion Books)

**Honor Books:**

- *ER Vets: Life in an Animal Emergency Room* by Donna Jackson (Houghton Mifflin)
- *Forbidden Schoolhouse: The True and Dramatic Story of Prudence Crandall and Her Students* by Suzanne Jurmain (Houghton Mifflin)
- *Genius: A Photobiography of Albert Einstein* by Marfe Ferguson Delano (National Geographic)
- *Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti (Scholastic)
- *Mosquito Bite* by Alexandra Siy and Dennis Kunkel (Charlesbridge Publishing)



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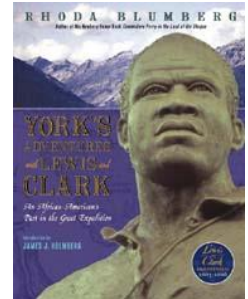
- *Bodies from the Ash: Life and Death in Ancient Pompeii* by James M. Deem (Houghton Mifflin)
- *Built to Last: Building America's Amazing Bridges, Dams, Tunnels, and Skyscrapers* by George Sullivan (Scholastic)
- *Chameleon, Chameleon* by Joy Cowley and Nic Bishop (Scholastic)
- *Let Me Play: The Story of Title IX: The Law That Changed the Future of Girls in America* by Karen Blumenthal (Atheneum)
- *Maritcha: A Nineteenth Century American Girl* by Tonya Bolden (Harry N. Abrams)
- *Mummies: The Newest, Coolest, & Creepiest from Around the World* by Shelley Tanaka (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- *Secrets of a Civil War Submarine: Solving the Mysteries of the H.L. Hunley* by Sally M. Walker (Carolrhoda Books)
- *Wild Dogs Past and Present* by Kelly Milner Halls (Darby Creek Publishing)

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## **2005** *York's Adventures with Lewis and Clark: An African-American's Part in the Great Expedition* by Rhoda Blumberg (HarperCollins)

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- *Actual Size* by Steve Jenkins (Houghton Mifflin)
- *The Race to Save the Lord God Bird* by Phillip Hoose (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
- *Secrets of the Sphinx* by James Cross Giblin illustrated by Bagram Ibatouline (Scholastic)
- *Seurat and La Grande Jatte: Connecting the Dots* by Robert Burleigh (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- *The Voice That Challenged A Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights* by Russell Freedman (Clarion Books)



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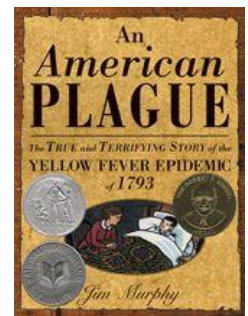
- *Albino Animals* by Kelly Milner Halls (Darby Creek Publishing)
- *A Dream of Freedom: The Civil Rights Movement from 1954-1968* by Diane McWhorter (Scholastic)
- *Bread Comes to Life: A Garden of Wheat and a Loaf to Eat* by George Levenson, illustrated by Shmuel Thaler (Tricycle Press)
- *Escape from Saigon: How a Vietnam War Orphan Became an American Boy* by Andrea Warren (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
- *George vs. George: The American Revolution as Seen from Both Sides* by Rosalyn Schanzer (National Geographic)
- *Looking for Seabirds: Journal from an Alaskan Voyage* by Sophie Webb (Houghton Mifflin)
- *Roman Army: The Legendary Soldiers Who Created an Empire* by Dyan Blacklock, illustrated by David Kennett (Walker & Company)
- *With Courage and Cloth: Winning the Fight for a Woman's Right to Vote* by Ann Bausum (National Geographic)

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## **2004** *An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793* by Jim Murphy (Clarion Books)

### Honor Books:

- *Empire State Building: When New York Reached for the Skies* by Elizabeth Mann, illustrated by Alan Witschonke (Mikaya Press)
- *In Defense of Liberty: The Story of America's Bill of Rights* by Russell Freedman (Holiday House)
- *Leonardo: Beautiful Dreamer* by Robert Byrd (Dutton Children's Books)
- *The Man Who Made Time Travel* by Kathryn Lasky, illustrated by Kevin Hawkes (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
- *Shutting Out the Sky: Life in the Tenements of New York, 1880-1924* by Deborah Hopkinson (Orchard Books)



### Recommended Books:

- *Capital* by Lynn Curlee (Atheneum)
- *The Daring Nellie Bly: America's Star Reporter* by Bonnie Christensen (Knopf Books for Young Readers)
- *Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case* by Chris Crowe (Phyllis Fogelman Books)
- *Jack: The Early Years of John F. Kennedy* by Ilene Cooper (Dutton Children's Books)
- *The Library of Alexandria* by Kelly Trumble, illustrated by Robina MacIntyre Mars (Clarion Books)
- *The Shortest Day: Celebrating the Winter Solstice* by Wendy Pfeffer, illustrated by Jesse Reich (Dutton Children's Books)
- *The White House: An Illustrated History* by Catherine O'Neill Grace (Scholastic)
- *The Wright Sister: Katharine Wright and Her Famous Brothers* by Richard Maurer (Millbrook Press)

**2003** *When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson: The Voice of a Century* by Pam Munoz Ryan, illustrated by Brian Selznick (Scholastic)



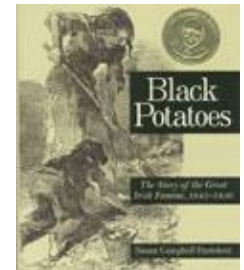
**Honor Books:**

- *Confucius: The Golden Rule* by Russell Freedman, illustrated by Frederic Clement (Arthur A. Levine Books)
- *Emperor's Silent Army: Terracotta Warriors of Ancient China* by Jane O'Connor (Viking Children's Books)
- *Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science* by John Fleischman (Houghton Mifflin)
- *Tenement: Immigrant Life on the Lower East Side* by Raymond Bial (Houghton Mifflin)
- *To Fly: The Story of the Wright Brothers* by Wendie C. Old, illustrated by Robert Andrew Parker (Clarion Books)

**Recommended Books:**

- *Ansel Adams: America's Photographer* by Beverly Gherman (Little, Brown, and Company)
- *The Great Serum Race: Blazing the Iditarod Trail* by Debbie Miller, illustrated by Jon Van Zyle (Walker & Company)
- *Life on Earth: The Story of Evolution* by Steve Jenkins (Houghton Mifflin)
- *Saladin: Noble Prince of Islam* by Diane Stanley (HarperCollins Children's Books)
- *The Signers: The 56 Stories Behind the Declaration of Independence* by Dennis Brindell Fradin, illustrated by Michael McCurdy (Walker & Company)
- *This Our Dark Country: The American Settlers of Liberia* by Catherine Reef (Clarion Books)
- *Under the Ice* by K. E. Conlan (Kids Can Press)
- *Young Adventure's Guide to Everest: From Avalanche to Zopkio* by Jonathan Chester (Tricycle Press)

**2002** *Black Potatoes: The Story of the Great Irish Famine, 1845-1850* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti (Houghton Mifflin)



**Honor Books:**

- *The Cod's Tale* by Mark Kurlansky, illustrated by S.D. Schindler (Penguin Putnam Books)
- *The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins: An Illuminating History of Mr. Waterhouse Hawkins, Artist and Lecturer* by Barbara Kerley, illustrated by Brian Selznick (Scholastic Press)
- *Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* by Doreen Rappaport, illustrated by Bryan Collier (Hyperion Books for Children)

**Recommended Books:**

- *Animals In Flight* by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page (Houghton Mifflin)
- *B. Franklin, Printer* by David A. Adler (Holiday House Books)
- *Brooklyn Bridge* by Lynn Curlee (Atheneum)
- *Gandhi* by Demi (McElderry Books)
- *Hatshepsut: His Majesty, Herself* by Catherine M. Andronik, illustrated by Joseph Daniel Fiedler (Atheneum)
- *Hidden Worlds: Looking Through a Scientist's Microscope* by Stephen P. Kramer, photos by Dennis Kunkel (Houghton Mifflin)
- *Leonardo's Horse* by Jean Fritz, illustrated by Hudson Talbott (Penguin Putnam Books)
- *Vincent van Gogh: Portrait of an Artist* by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan (Delacorte Books for Young Readers)
- *The Yellow House: Vincent van Gogh and Paul Gauguin Side by Side* by Susan Goldman Rubin, illustrated by Joseph A. Smith (Harry N. Abrams)

**2001** *Hurry Freedom: African Americans in Gold Rush California* by Jerry Stanley (Crown)



**Honor Books:**

- *The Amazing Life of Benjamin Franklin* by James Giblin, illustrated by Michael Dooling (Scholastic)
- *America's Champion Swimmer: Gertrude Ederle* by David A. Adler, illustrated by Terry Widener (Gulliver Books)
- *Michelangelo* by Diane Stanley, (HarperCollins Juvenile Books)
- *Osceola: Memories of a Sharecropper's Daughter* by Alan B. Govenar, illustrated by Shane Evans (Jump at the Sun)
- *Wild & Swampy* by Jim Arnosky (HarperCollins Juvenile Books)

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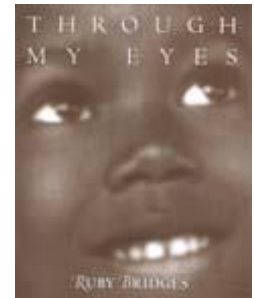
- *Asteroid Impact* by Douglas Henderson (Dial Books for Young Readers)
- *Author Talk: Conversations with Judy Blume, Bruce Brooks, Karen Cushman, Russell Freedman, Lee Bennett Hopkins, James Howe, Johanna Hurwitz, E. L. Konigsburg, Lois Lowry, Ann M. Martin, Nicholasa Mohr, Gary Paulsen, Jon Scieszka, Seymour Simon, and Laurence Yep* by Leonard S. Marcus (Simon & Schuster)
- *Darkness over Denmark: The Danish Resistance and the Rescue of the Jews* by Ellen Levine (Holiday House)
- *Dragon Bones and Dinosaur Eggs: A Photobiography of Explorer Roy Chapman Andrews* by Ann Bausum and George Borup Andrews (National Geographic Society)
- *Feathered Dinosaurs* by Christopher Sloan (National Geographic Society)
- *Frank O. Gehry: Outside In* by Sandra Jordan and Jan Greenberg (DK Publishing)
- *A Handful of Dirt* by Raymond Bial (Walker & Company)
- *Liberty* by Lynn Curlee (Atheneum)
- *Nazi Germany: The Face of Tyranny* by Ted Gottfried, illustrated by Stephen Alcorn (Twenty First Century Books, Inc.)
- *Norman Rockwell: Storyteller With a Brush* by Beverly Gherman, illustrated by Norman Rockwell (Atheneum)
- *Only Passing Through: The Story of Sojourner Truth* by Anne F. Rockwell, illustrated by Gregory Christie (Alfred A. Knopf)
- *Pick and Shovel Poet: The Journeys of Pascal D'Angelo* by Jim Murphy (Clarion Books)
- *Voices of the Alamo* by Sherry Garland, illustrated by Ronald Himler (Scholastic Press)
- *You Forgot Your Skirt, Amelia Bloomer!: A Very Improper Story* by Shana Corey, illustrated by Chesley McLaren (Scholastic Press)

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**2000** *Through My Eyes* by Ruby Bridges, Margo Lundell (Scholastic Press)

### Honor Books:

- *At Her Majesty's Request: An African Princess in Victorian England* by Walter Dean Myers (Scholastic Press)
- *Clara Schumann: Piano Virtuoso* by Susanna Reich (Clarion Books)
- *Mapping the World* by Sylvia A. Johnson (Atheneum)
- *The Snake Scientist* by Sy Montgomery, illustrated by Nic Bishop (Houghton Mifflin)
- *The Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest* by Steve Jenkins (Houghton Mifflin)



### Recommended Books:

- *About Reptiles: A Guide for Children* by Cathryn P. Sill, illustrated by John Sill (Peachtree Publishers)
- *Babe Didrikson Zaharias: The Making of a Champion* by Russell Freedman (Clarion Books)
- *Bound for America: The Forced Migration of Africans to the New World* by James Haskins, Kathleen Benson, illustrated by Floyd Cooper (Lothrop Lee & Shepard)
- *Building the Book Cathedral* by David MacAulay (Houghton Mifflin)
- *A Child's Book of Art: Discover Great Paintings* by Lucy Micklethwait (Dorling Kindersley)
- *Einstein: Visionary Scientist* by John B. Seaverance (Clarion Books)
- *Fire in Their Eyes: Wildfires and the People Who Fight Them* by Karen Magnuson Beil (Harcourt Brace)
- *In Search of the Spirit: The Living National Treasures of Japan* by Sheila Hamanaka, Ayano Ohmis (Morrow Jr.)
- *Kids on Strike!* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti (Houghton Mifflin)
- *The Mystery of the Hieroglyphics: The Story of the Rosetta Stone and the Race to Decipher Egyptian Hieroglyphics* by Carol Donoghue (Oxford University Press Children's Books)
- *A Nest of Dinosaurs: The Story of the Oviraptor* by Mark Norell, Lowell Dingus, illustrated by Mike Ellison (Doubleday)
- *Rushmore* by Lynn Curlee (Scholastic)
- *Tallchief: America's Prima Ballerina* by Maria Tallchief, Rosemary Wells (contributor), illustrated by Gary Kelley (Viking Press)
- *William Shakespeare and the Globe* by Aliko (HarperCollins Juvenile Books)



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