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Happy Spring, Students!

It's award season, and the American Library Association has announced the 2022 Youth Media Awards! The winner

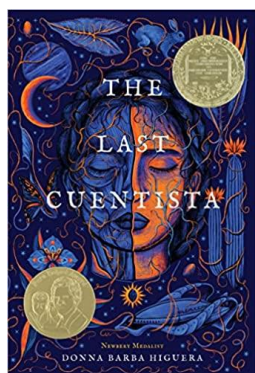


of the **John Newbery Medal** for most distinguished contribution to American literature for children is also the winner of the **Pura**

Belpré Award which is presented annually to a Latinx writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latinx cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth. 2022 Winner:



The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera. DB105729. BR023967. Petra Peña's world is ending, and only the chosen few will journey to a new planet. Hundreds of years later, Petra wakes to



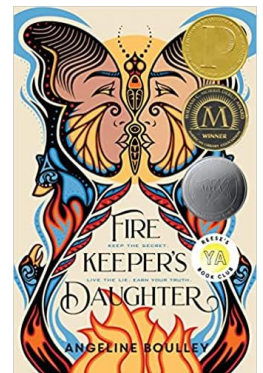
discover that she alone remembers Earth. A sinister Collective has taken over the ship during its journey, bent on erasing the sins of humanity's past. Science Fiction. For grades 5-8. 2021.

Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in literature written for young adults 2022 Winner:



Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley. DB102762. Daunis, who is Ojibwe, defers

attending the University of Michigan to care for her mother. When Daunis witnesses a shocking murder, she reluctantly agrees to go undercover, drawing on her knowledge of chemistry and Ojibwe traditional medicine to track down the source of a new drug. Mystery. For senior high and older readers. 2021.



Unspeakable: the Tulsa Race Massacre by Carole Boston Weatherford. DB103676, BR023732. An

award-winning author recounts the 1921 Tulsa, Oklahoma, race massacre--one of the worst incidents of racial violence in our nation's history. Non-Fiction. Coretta Scott King Award Winner. For grades 3-6. 2021.

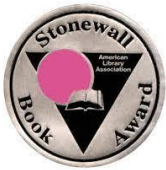


Spotlight Book Review

Last Night at the Telegraph Club

by Melinda Lo. DB104015.

- 2022 Stonewall Book Award Winner for exceptional merit relating to the LGBTQIA+ experience
- 2022 Printz Award Honor for excellence in young adult literature
- Historical Fiction
- For teens and older readers



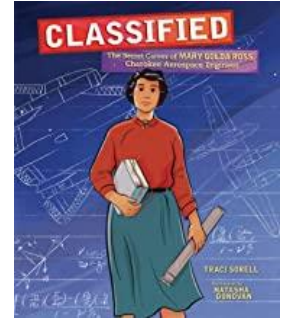
Melinda Lo's latest novel is a coming-of-age story not often told: a Chinese American girl trying to find a way to fit the discovery of her own queerness into her life. The story weaves between the main character Lily Hu in 1954 as she tries to maintain the status quo of her life while learning about this new part of herself, and her parents' experiences as immigrants and first-generation Chinese Americans in the United States during and after WWII. This book hits on so many ways the world has tried (and continues to try) to make life and love impossible for the LGBTQ community, while also showing their resiliency and ability to survive by leaning on each other.

Lily must also confront the conflict that often happens at the intersection of different identities. Can Lily really risk being arrested if it might get her father deported? Is she even welcome in a club full of white women? Lo does a wonderful job showing the many communities of San Francisco as they clash and combine, the ways a parent's love can sometimes lead them down the wrong path, and the difficult choices a young woman must make to simply be honest with herself.

More Award Winners & Honors

Classified: The Secret Career of Mary Golda Ross, Cherokee Aerospace Engineer

by Traci Sorell. DB104066. An award-winning author profiles Mary Golda Ross, the first female engineer at Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, who designed classified and non-classified projects. Ross's passion for math and Cherokee values shaped her life and work. 2022 American Indian Youth Literature Award Honor. For grades K-3. 2021.

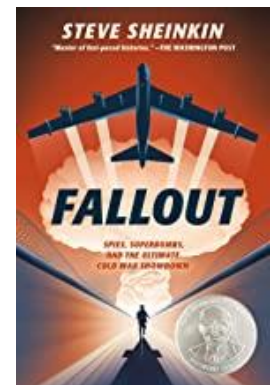


Nicky & Vera: A Quiet Hero of the Holocaust and the Children He Rescued

by Peter Sís. DB103572. An award-winning author chronicles the life of Nicholas Winton, a man who, in 1938, helped save the lives of almost 700 children trapped in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia. Sydney Taylor Book Award Honor. For grades 2-4. 2021.

Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown

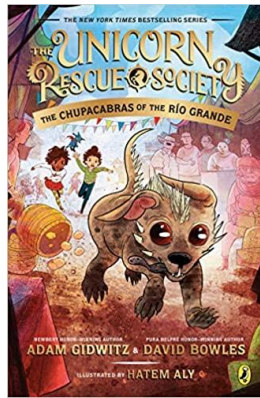
by Steve Sheinkin. DB104864. Sheinkin, author of Bomb (DB 75708) and Port Chicago Fifty (DB 78386), chronicles the history of the Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union. With communism sweeping the globe, the two nations begin a neck and neck competition to build even more destructive bombs and prevail in the space race. Sibert Informational Book Award Honor. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2021.





The Oregon Reader's Choice Award is given each year to the book Oregon students have voted as their favorite book. Here are some of this year's nominees:

The Chupacabras of the Rio Grande (The Unicorn Rescue Society #4) by Adam Gidwitz. DB094665. Elliot and Uchenna have only just returned from their most recent Unicorn Rescue Society mission when Professor Fauna whisks them away to the US-Mexican border to help another mythical creature in need: the chupacabras. Fantasy. Sequel to Sasquatch and the Muckleshoot (DB 94664). For grades 2-4. 2019.



Dragon Pearl by Yoon Ha Lee. DB093799. Min, a girl with fox magic, stows away on a battle cruiser and impersonates a cadet to find out what happened to her older brother in the Thousand World Space Forces. Science Fiction. For grades 4-7. 2019.

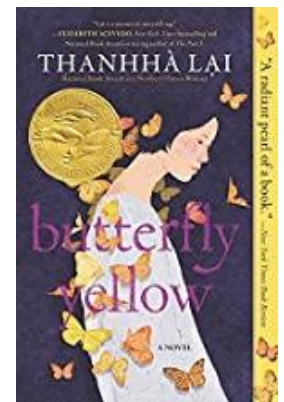
The Strangers (The Greystone Secrets #1) by Margaret Peterson Haddix. DB094644. In a story told in separate voices, Chess, Emma, and Finn Greystone investigate why their mother went missing and uncover their family ties to an alternate world. Mystery. For grades 5-8. 2019.



The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman. DB094432. Four determined homeless children make a life for themselves on an abandoned bridge in India. But when illness strikes, they must decide whether to risk seeking help from strangers or keep holding on to their fragile, hard-fought freedom. General Fiction. For grades 5-8. 2019.

Some Places More Than Others by Renee Watson. DB096979. Amara visits her father's family in Harlem for her twelfth birthday, hoping to better understand her family and herself, but New York City is not what she expected. General Fiction. For grades 4-7. 2019.

Butterfly Yellow by Thanhha Lai. DB097144. In the final days of the Vietnam War, Hang takes her little brother, Linh, to the airport, determined to find a way to safety in America. When Linh is ripped from her arms, Hang is left behind. Years later she is reunited with Linh, who remembers nothing. Historical Fiction. For senior high and older readers. 2019.



Opposite of Always by Justin A. Reynolds. DB094402. After Jack falls for Kate, she unexpectedly dies. He is sent back in time to the moment they met and tries to prevent her death, but he soon learns that his actions have consequences. Some strong language. Romance. For senior high and older readers. 2019.



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DVDS to Check out!

Raya and the Last Dragon. DVD0507.

In a realm known as Kumandra, a re-imagined Earth inhabited by an ancient civilization, a warrior named Raya is determined to find the last dragon.

Starring Kelly Marie Tran, Awkwafina, Gemma Chan, and Izaac Wang. 2021. Rated PG.

A Wrinkle in Time. DVD0454.

After the disappearance of her scientist father, three peculiar beings send Meg, her brother, and her friend to space in order to find him. Starring Storm Reid, Oprah Winfrey, Reese Witherspoon, and Mindy Kaling. 2018. Rated PG.

Winter Trivia Challenge Winner!

Kinsley Cook

Congratulations to Kinsley for winning the drawing for a \$25 restaurant gift card. Great job answering those reading trivia questions correctly! If you are curious what the answers to the Winter Reading Trivia Challenge that was in the Winter Student Newsletter were, here they are: 1. B, 2. B, 3. C, 4. B, 5. D. Thank you to all who played this year!

The 2022 Summer Reading Program is COMING SOON...

