

**APIA  
CALDECOTT MEDALISTS  
and HONOR BOOK WINNERS**

Compiled by Lorraine Dong and Nick Bartel  
APIA Biography Project (2025)



Joyce D. Bantugan (APIA 2024)

The Caldecott Medal was named after 19<sup>th</sup> century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott. This medal is awarded to the most distinguished American picture book for children published in English by an American publisher in the United States. The Caldecott is given annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association (ALA). Only one book receives the Caldecott Medal each year with several other books designated as Honor Books.

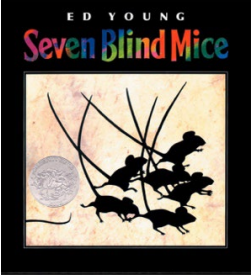
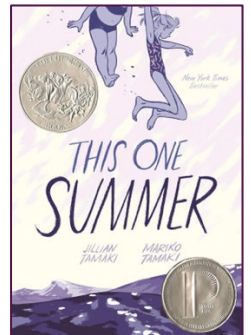
The Caldecott awards began in 1938. In its 88-year existence, 19 APIA authors and illustrators have received this award, either as a medalist and/or as an Honor Book winner. Five won the Caldecott Medal; three of them also received Caldecott Honor Book awards. Another 14 APIA authors and illustrators received Caldecott Honor Books, with Taro Yashima receiving three of them.

The Caldecott is a very prestigious children's literature picture book award. The 2025 APIA Wall of Fame recognizes specifically all APIA medalists and honorees for their books, regardless of their themes. Below, in chronological order, are the APIA authors and illustrators whose works received Caldecott Medals and Honor Book recognition. Read more about these distinguished individuals in the 2025 APIA Wall of Fame.

Eleven titles with an asterisk \* indicate the book's theme is about APIAs in an American setting or from an API American perspective, and not about life located in an Asian or Pacific Island nation. A few read-aloud and video links are also provided for some of these books.

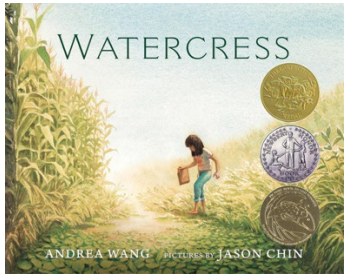
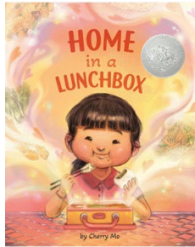
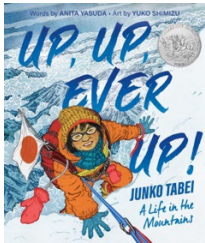
Year	Book Title with SFPL Call No. and a Few Video Links	Book Cover
1944	<p><b>Chan, Plato</b>, illustrator. <i>Good-Luck Horse</i>. Written by Chih-Yi Chan, Whittlesey House, 1943. Caldecott Honor Book.</p> <p>[SFPL Call No. j398 CHAN]</p>	
1956	<p><b>Yashima, Taro</b>, author and illustrator. <i>Crow Boy</i>. Viking, 1955. Caldecott Honor Book.</p> <p>[SFPL Call No. jPS YASH]</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KHSkaaLNz7Q">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KHSkaaLNz7Q</a> [9:02]</p>	

<p><b>1959</b></p>	<p><b>Yashima, Taro</b>, author and illustrator. *<i>Umbrella</i>. Viking, 1958. Caldecott Honor Book.</p> <p>[SFPL Call No. jPS YASH]</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xz26CpNNQ6E">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xz26CpNNQ6E</a> [5:50]</p>	
<p><b>1967</b></p>	<p><b>Yashima, Taro</b>, author and illustrator. <i>Seashore Story</i>. Viking, 1967. Caldecott Honor Book.</p>	
<p><b>1968</b></p>	<p><b>Young, Ed</b>, illustrator. <i>The Emperor and the Kite</i>. Written by Jane Yolen, World Publishing Company, 1967. Caldecott Honor Book.</p> <p>[SFPL Call No. j398 YOLE]</p> <p><a href="https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x2zm9ms">https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x2zm9ms</a> [8:48]</p>	
<p><b>1989</b></p>	<p><b>Say, Allen</b>, illustrator. <i>The Boy of the Three-Year Nap</i>. Written by Dianne Snyder, Houghton Mifflin Company, 1988. Caldecott Honor Book.</p> <p>[SFPL Call No. j398 SNYD]</p> <p><a href="https://youtu.be/wRmQ9RghaZ4">https://youtu.be/wRmQ9RghaZ4</a> [11:45]</p>	
<p><b>1990</b></p>	<p><b>Young, Ed</b>, author and illustrator. <i>Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China</i>. Philomel Books, 1989. <b>CALDECOTT MEDAL.</b></p> <p>[SFPL Call No. j398 YOUN]</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSrZegrya1M">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSrZegrya1M</a> [10:17]</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0n1Tn1fW01A">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0n1Tn1fW01A</a> [8:56]</p>	

<p><b>1993</b></p>	<p><b>Young, Ed</b>, author and illustrator. <i>Seven Blind Mice</i>. Philomel Books, 1992. Caldecott Honor Book.</p> <p>[SFPL Call No. jPS YOUN]</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdozL-qvpkc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdozL-qvpkc</a> [2:44]</p>	
<p><b>1994</b></p>	<p><b>Say, Allen</b>, author and illustrator. * <i>Grandfather's Journey</i>. Houghton Mifflin Company, 1993. <b>CALDECOTT MEDAL</b>.</p> <p>[SFPL Call No. jPS SAY]</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nS6qlsORvI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nS6qlsORvI</a> [4:05]</p>	
<p><b>1997</b></p>	<p><b>Ho, Minfong</b>. <i>Hush! A Thai Lullaby</i>. Illustrated by Holly Meade, Orchard Books, 1996. Caldecott Honor Book.</p> <p>[SFPL Call No. jPS HO]</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0IAidD8k1Ik">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0IAidD8k1Ik</a> [7:10]  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2zknDP0QoI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2zknDP0QoI</a> [4:43]</p>	
<p><b>2015</b></p>	<p><b>Santat, Dan</b>, author and illustrator. * <i>The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend</i>. Little, Brown and Company, 2014. <b>CALDECOTT MEDAL</b>.</p> <p>[SFPL Call No. jPS SANT]</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Ms3Ecpfcvc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Ms3Ecpfcvc</a> [3:05]  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5oaYdcvuOQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5oaYdcvuOQ</a> [5:25]</p>	
<p><b>2015</b></p>	<p><b>Tamaki, Mariko</b>. * <i>This One Summer</i>. Illustrated by Jillian Tamaki, First Second Books, 2014. Caldecott Honor Book.</p> <p><b>Tamaki, Jillian</b>, illustrator. * <i>This One Summer</i>. Written by Mariko Tamaki, First Second Books, 2014. Caldecott Honor Book.</p> <p>[SFPL Call No. TEEN GN TAMA]</p>	

<p><b>2018</b></p>	<p><b>Phi, Bao</b>, author. * <i>A Different Pond</i>. Illustrated by Thi Bui, Capstone Young Readers, 2017. Caldecott Honor Book.</p> <p><b>Bui, Thi</b>, illustrator. * <i>A Different Pond</i>. Written by Bao Phi, Capstone Young Readers, 2017. Caldecott Honor Book.</p> <p>[SFPL Call No. jPS PHI]</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IP0HkZ4G3qI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IP0HkZ4G3qI</a> [8:33]</p>	
<p><b>2018</b></p>	<p><b>Chin, Jason</b>, author and illustrator. * <i>Grand Canyon</i>. Roaring Brook Press, 2017. Caldecott Honor Book.</p> <p>[SFPL Call No. j557.9132 CHIN]</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vIY0k4Q-P-U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vIY0k4Q-P-U</a> [9:00]</p>	
<p><b>2019</b></p>	<p><b>Lin, Grace</b>, author and illustrator. * <i>A Big Mooncake for Little Star</i>. Little, Brown and Company, 2018. Caldecott Honor Book.</p> <p>[SFPL Call No. jPS LIN]</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aPSxvxUiqos">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aPSxvxUiqos</a> [4:56]</p>	
<p><b>2020</b></p>	<p><b>Pham, LeUyen</b>, Illustrator. * <i>Bear Came Along</i>. Written by Richard T. Morris, Little, Brown and Company, 2019. Caldecott Honor Book.</p> <p>[SFPL Call No. jPS MORR]</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DXpBz8Zi2Y">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DXpBz8Zi2Y</a> [3:21]</p>	
<p><b>2021</b></p>	<p><b>Shimizu, Yuko</b>, illustrator. <i>The Cat Man of Aleppo</i>. Written by Karim Shamsi-Basha and Irene Latham, Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, 2020. Caldecott Honor Book.</p> <p>[SFPL Call No. jPS LATH]</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XgRwreUaKQ8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XgRwreUaKQ8</a> [6:37]</p>	



2022	<p><b>Wang, Andrea.</b> * <i>Watercress</i>. Illustrated by Jason Chin, Neal Porter Books/Holiday House, 2021. Caldecott <b>CALDECOTT MEDAL.</b></p> <p><b>Chin, Jason,</b> illustrator. * <i>Watercress</i>. Written by Andrea Wang, Neal Porter Books/Holiday House, 2021. <b>CALDECOTT MEDAL.</b></p> <p>[SFPL Call No. jPS WANG]</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlkb1w0W9y8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlkb1w0W9y8</a> [5:58]</p>	
2024	<p><b>Leung, Julie,</b> author. * <i>The Truth about Dragons</i>. Illustrated by Hanna Cha, Henry Holt, 2023. Caldecott Honor Book.</p> <p><b>Cha, Hanna,</b> illustrator. * <i>The Truth about Dragons</i>. Written by Julie Leung, Henry Holt, 2023. Caldecott Honor Book.</p> <p>[SFPL Call No. jPS LEUN]</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IV01sve_gXc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IV01sve_gXc</a> [5:49]</p>	
2025	<p><b>Mo, Cherry,</b> author and illustrator. * <i>Home in a Lunchbox</i>. Penguin Workshop, 2024. Caldecott Honor Book.</p> <p>[SFPL Call No. jPS MO]</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e70feeAO_Gc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e70feeAO_Gc</a> [3:33]</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_LAd13nr44">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_LAd13nr44</a> [4:23]</p>	
2025	<p><b>Shimizu, Yuko,</b> illustrator. <i>Up, Up, Ever Up! Junko Tabei: A Life in the Mountains</i>. Written by Anita Yasuda, Clarion Books, 2024. Caldecott Honor Book.</p> <p>[SFPL Call No. jB TABE]</p>	
2025	<p><b>Zhang, Gracey,</b> illustrator. <i>Noodles on a Bicycle</i>. Written by Kyo Maclear, Random House Studio, 2024. Caldecott Honor Book.</p> <p>[SFPL Call No. jPS MACL]</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVHQgtiX2J0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVHQgtiX2J0</a> [6:07]</p>	