

## Coretta Scott King Award

**The Coretta Scott King Book Awards** are given annually to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values. The award commemorates the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and honors his wife, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, for her courage and determination to continue the work for peace and world brotherhood. Need help finding these books? Ask a librarian!

Lewis, John. [March: Book Three](#). (YA Graphic Novels: YA 741.5 MAR #3)

### **2017 Coretta Scott King Author Award Winner**

A first-hand account of the Civil Rights Movement through Lewis' eyes. Using vivid language and dynamic visual storytelling, it details events from the Freedom Summer to the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Readers experience the realities of segregation, the sacrifices required for the struggle and the courage that defines true leaders.



Stephoe, Javaka. [Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat](#).

(available through MORE and as an ebook through OverDrive)

### **2017 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award Book**

Presents the life of the artist, who was inspired as a child by a book of anatomy given to him by his mother after being injured in a car crash and who went on to become a celebrity in the art world before his early death at twenty-eight.

Yoon, Nicola. [The Sun Is Also a Star](#). (Young Adult Fiction: YA YOO)

### **2017 Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe Award Book**

Fate leads to love for Jamaican-American teen Natasha, who is fighting deportation. Told over the span of 12 hours, this intricately woven novel includes themes of diversity, immigration, first love and social and family issues creating an endearingly romantic novel.



Reynolds, Jason. [As Brave As You](#). (Juvenile Fiction: J REY) **2017 Coretta Scott King Author Honor Book**

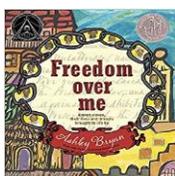
When two brothers decide to prove how brave they are, everything backfires--literally.



Bryan, Ashley. [Freedom Over Me: Eleven slaves, their lives and dreams brought to life](#).

(Juvenile Nonfiction: J 811 BRY) **2017 Coretta Scott King Author Honor Book**

Using an original 1828 slave auction and plantation estate document, the author contrasts the monetary value of a slave with the priceless value of life experiences and dreams that a slave owner could never take away, in eleven free verse poems.



Weatherford, Carole. [Freedom in Congo Square](#).

(available through MORE and as an ebook through OverDrive)

### **2017 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book**

Six days a week, slaves labor from sunup to sundown and beyond, but on Sunday afternoons, they gather with free blacks at Congo Square outside New Orleans, free from oppression.

Pinkney, Jerry. [In Plain Sight](#). (available through the MORE system)

### **2017 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book**

An ailing grandfather and his helpful granddaughter play a unique game of seek and find.

Adler, David A. [Gone Crazy in Alabama](#). (available through MORE and as an ebook through OverDrive)

**2016 Coretta Scott King Author Award Winner**

As Delphine hears about her family history, she uncovers the surprising truth that's been keeping the sisters apart. But when tragedy strikes, Delphine discovers that the bonds of family run deeper than she ever knew possible.

Andrews, Troy. [Trombone Shorty](#). (available through MORE and as an ebook through OverDrive)

**2016 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award Winner**

Hailing from the Tremé neighborhood in New Orleans, Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews got his nickname by wielding a trombone twice as long as he was high. A prodigy, he was leading his own band by age six, and today this Grammy-nominated artist headlines the legendary New Orleans Jazz Fest.

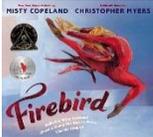
Woodson, Jacqueline. [Brown Girl Dreaming](#). (Juvenile Fiction: J WOO)

**2015 Coretta Scott King Author Award Winner**

An absorbing free verse memoir of a young girl, Jacqueline Woodson, growing up black and female in the 1960s and '70s full of arresting details and vivid imagery.



Copeland, Misty. [Firebird](#). (Picture Books: E COP) **2015 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award Winner**



American Ballet Theater soloist Misty Copeland encourages a young ballet student, with brown skin like her own, by telling her that she, too, had to learn basic steps and how to be graceful when she was starting out, and that some day, with practice and dedication, the little girl will become a firebird,

Williams-Garcia, Rita. [P.S. Be Eleven](#). (available through MORE and as an ebook through OverDrive)

**2014 Coretta Scott King Author Award Winner**

In this spirited stand-alone sequel to "One Crazy Summer," the Gaither sisters return to Brooklyn after a summer spent with their mother in Oakland, California. Delphine, Vonetta and Fern thrive in the tumultuous era of the late 1960s, but Delphine is tasked by her mother to, "P.S. Be Eleven."

Collier, Bryan. [Knock knock: my dad's dream for me](#). (available through the MORE system)

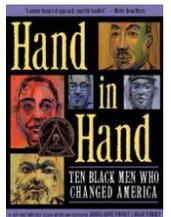
**2014 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award Winner**

A boy wakes up one morning to find his father gone. At first, he feels lost. But his father has left him a letter filled with advice to guide him through the times he cannot be there.

Pinkney, Andrea. [Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America](#). (Juvenile Nonfiction: J 973 PIN)

**2013 Coretta Scott King Author Award Winner**

Presents the stories of ten African-American men and their positive accomplishments. The men are chosen from different eras in American history, and their stories are organized chronologically to provide a scope from slavery to the modern day.



Hughes, Langston. [I, Too, Am America](#). (available through the MORE system)

**2013 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award Winner**

Presents the popular poem by one of the central figures in the Harlem Renaissance, highlighting the courage and dignity of the African American Pullman porters in the early twentieth century.

## Coretta Scott King Award (cont)



Nelson, Kadir. [Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans.](#)

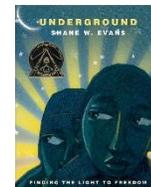
(Juvenile Nonfiction: J 973.049 NEL) **2012 Coretta Scott King Author Award Winner**

An introduction to African-American history, from Revolutionary-era slavery up to the election of President Obama.

Evans, Shane. [Underground: Finding the Light to Freedom.](#) (Juvenile Nonfiction: J 973.7 EVA)

**2012 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award Winner**

An introduction to the Underground Railroad, narrated by a group of slaves crawling....running.....escaping.....to freedom.



Williams-Garcia, Rita. [One Crazy Summer.](#) (Juvenile Fiction: J WIL)

**2011 Coretta Scott King Author Award Winner**

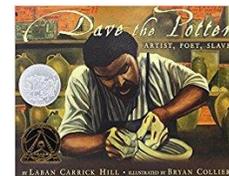
In the summer of 1968, after traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.



Hill, Laban. [Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave.](#) (Juvenile Nonfiction: J 738.09 HIL)

**2011 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award Winner**

Chronicles the life of Dave, a nineteenth-century slave who went on to become an influential poet, artist, and potter.



Nelson, Vaunda. [Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal.](#)

(available through the MORE system) **2010 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award Winner**

This biography profiles the life of Bass Reeves, a former slave who was recruited as a deputy United States Marshal in the area that was to become Oklahoma.

Hughes, Langston. [My People.](#) (available through the MORE system)

**2010 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award Winner**

Hughes's spare yet eloquent tribute to his people has been cherished for generations. Now, acclaimed photographer Smith interprets this beloved poem in vivid sepia photographs that capture the glory, the beauty, and the soul of being a black American today.

Nelson, Kadir. [We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball.](#) (available through the MORE system)

**2009 Coretta Scott King Author Award Winner**

Using an "Everyman" player as his narrator, Kadir Nelson tells the story of Negro League baseball from its beginnings in the 1920s through the decline after Jackie Robinson crossed over to the majors in 1947.

Cooper, Floyd. [The Blacker the Berry.](#) (available through the MORE system)

**2009 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award Winner**

A collection of poems, including "Golden Goodness," "Cranberry Red," and "Biscuit Brown," celebrating individuality and Afro-American identity.

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