

# 2011 CHILDREN'S AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Myers Library staff is excited to share with you some of the results from the American Library Association's recent award announcements, coming soon the Curriculum Library shelves!

## NEWBERRY MEDAL WINNER



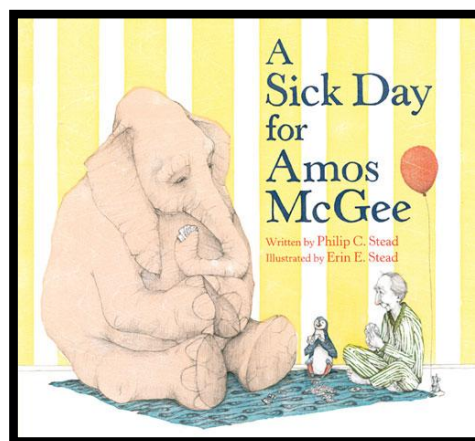
Vanderpool, Clare. (2010). *Moon over manifest*. New York: Delacorte Press.

Set in 1936, Vanderpool's *Moon Over Manifest* introduces us to twelve-year-old Abilene Tucker who finds a mysterious letter dated 1917. With the help of some new friends, she searches to find the identities of the people from the letter. Connecting history with fiction, Vanderpool uses the Ku Klux Klan campaigns and the exploitation of coal miners as background for this engaging story, appropriate for late-elementary or middle school aged children.

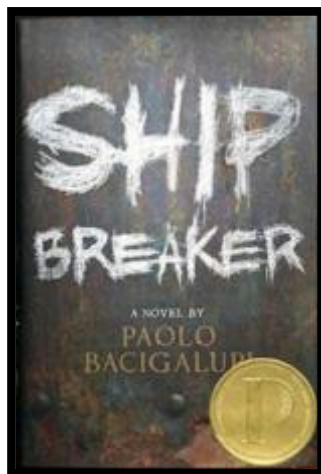
## CALDECOTT MEDAL WINNER

Stead, Philip Christian., Illustrated by Erin E. Stead. (2010). *A sick day for Amos McGee*. New York: Roaring Brook Press.

Amos McGee loves to visit his animal friends at the zoo. What happens when Amos wakes up with a cold and can't make his daily trip to the zoo? Why, of course his friends come to visit him at his home! The artwork, done with woodblock prints and pencil, reflects the themes of friendship and kindness emphasized throughout the book, appropriate for preschool through early elementary school aged children.



## PRINTZ AWARD WINNER



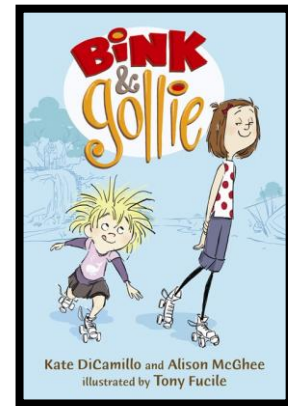
Bacigalupi, Paolo. (2010). *Ship breaker*. New York: Little, Brown and Co.

Set in the future, 17-year-old Nailer is a scavenger, searching for scrap metals and ship wrecks off the Gulf Coast. He does his best to "make quota" to avoid the violent temper of his drug-addicted father. Nailer thinks he is in luck the day he finds a wrecked clipper ship on the beach, but what happens when he finds a survivor on board? Can he trust her and the promises she makes to him in exchange for helping her, or should he do what he needs to survive (which means slitting her throat and selling the salvage for a hefty profit)? This action-packed and suspenseful novel would appeal to late-middle school and high school aged readers.

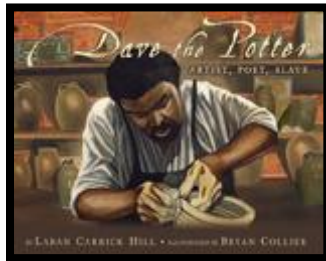
## GEISEL AWARD WINNER

DiCamillo, Kate and Alison McGhee. (2010). *Bink and Gollie*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press.

Two friends, Bink and Gollie, couldn't be better friends, despite the fact that they are complete opposites. In this easy reader/picture book/graphic novel hybrid, the reader follows the duo as they learn to compromise, learn more about themselves, and face childhood themes such as jealousy, personal space, and friendship.



## CORETTA SCOTT KING ILLUSTRATOR AWARD WINNER



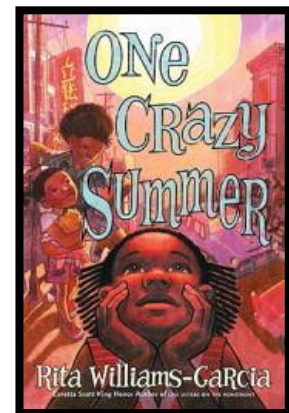
Laban, Carrick Hill. Illustrated by Bryan Collier. (2010). *Dave the Potter*. New York : Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

Though not much is known about Dave, a 19<sup>th</sup>-century slave from South Carolina, both Laban and Collier depict his skill and patience with his pottery. The artwork, done using watercolor and collage, show not only Dave's pottery, but also the landscape and daily life of a potter at that time. Author notes add historical context to the lines in the text. Recommended for children in kindergarten through fourth grade.

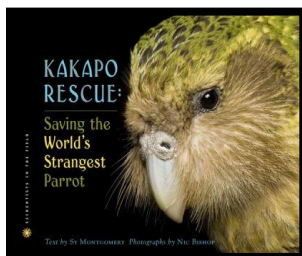
## CORETTA SCOTT KING AUTHOR AWARD WINNER

Williams-Garcia, Rita. (2010). *One Crazy Summer*. New York: HarperCollins.

Delphine, only 11 years old, is used to taking care of herself and looking after her sisters. Seven years ago their mother abandoned them so they were sent to Brooklyn to live with their grandparents. In the summer of 1968 the girls go to visit their mother in Oakland, California. Their mother sends them to a summer camp supported by the Black Panthers, providing them with a whole new perspective. This title appeals to readers in late-elementary or middle school.



## SIEBERT MEDAL WINNER



Montgomery, Sy. Photographs by Nic Bishop. (2010). *Kakapo rescue: Saving the world's strangest parrot*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Books for Children. CL 639.9 Mon84k 2010

Follow the New Zealand National Kakapo Recovery Team as they work to save the Kakapo, now nearly extinct. The author and illustrator follow the birds through their habitat, facing strong wind- and rain-storms, and blend present-day science with historical facts into approachable text, easily understood by elementary and middle school aged children. This title is already in our collection, so come in and check it out!

### OTHER AWARD-WINNING TITLES ON THEIR WAY

- Velasquez, Eric. (2010). *Grandma's Gift*. New York: Walker.
  - A boy and his grandma spend a day in the city, gathering ingredients and other items to get ready for Christmas, and sharing meaningful moments and family culture along the way.
  - *Pura Belpré Author Award Winner*
  
- Sidman, Joyce. Illustrated by Rick Allen. (2010). *Dark emperor and other poems of the night*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
  - Combining natural history and poetry, Sidman shares with the reader aspects of nocturnal life in the forest.
  - *Newbery Honor Book*
  
- Ancona, George. (2010). *¡Ole! Flamenco*. New York : Lee & Low Books Inc.
  - This photo essay, aimed at elementary students, shows images of flamenco dancing as well as discusses the history and other elements of this “living art.”
  - *Pura Belpré Author Honor Book*
  
- Lin, Grace. (2010). *Ling & Ting: Not exactly the same!* New York: Little, Brown.
  - These twin sisters may look alike, but they are two different people, who act differently and like different things.
  - *Geisel Honor Book*
  
- Stein, David Ezra. (2010). *Interrupting chicken*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press.
  - A story of a young, eager chicken who interrupts her papa rooster's bedtime stories.
  - *Caldecott Honor Book*
  
- Green, John and David Levithan. (2010). *Will Grayson, Will Grayson*. New York: Dutton.
  - What happens when two very different people with the same name meet?
  - *On the YALSA 2011 Best Fiction for Young Adults list*

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