The Sydney Taylor Book Award

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The Sydney Taylor Book Award is presented annually to outstanding books for children and teens that authentically portray the Jewish experience. Presented by the Association of Jewish Libraries since 1968, the award encourages the publication and widespread use of quality Judaic literature. Gold medals are presented in three categories: Younger Readers, Older Readers, and Teen Readers. Honor Books are awarded silver medals, and Notable Books are named in each category.

2017

- I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark by Debbie Levy, illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley (Simon & Schuster, 2016) YOUNGER
- The Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Holy Children and Their Magical Dog by Adam Gidwitz (Dutton, 2016) OLDER
- Anna and the Swallow Man by Gavriel Savit (Knopf, 2016) TEEN

2016

- Ketzel, the Cat Who Composed by Lesléa Newman, illustrated by Amy June Bates (Candlewick, 2015) YOUNGER
- Adam & Thomas by Aharon Appelfeld, illustrated by Philippe Dumas, translated by Jeffrey M. Green (Seven Stories Press, 2015) OLDER
- The Hired Girl by Laura Amy Schlitz (Candlewick, 2015) TEEN

2015

- My Grandfather's Coat by Jim Aylesworth, illustrated by Barbara McClintock (Scholastic, 2014) YOUNGER
- Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust by Loic Dauvillier, Marc Lizano, and Greg Salsedo (First Second, 2014) OLDER
- Storm by Donna Jo Napoli (Simon & Schuster, 2014) TEEN

2014

- The Longest Night: A Passover Story by Laurel Snyder, illustrated by Catia Chen (Schwartz & Wade, 2013) YOUNGER
- The Blessing Cup by Patricia Polacco (Simon & Schuster, 2013) OLDER
- The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi by Neal Bascomb (Arthur A. Levine Books, 2013) TEEN

2013

- Hannah's Way by Linda Glaser, illustrated by Adam Gustavson (Kar-Ben/Lerner, 2012) YOUNGER
- His Name Was Raoul Wallenberg by Louise Borden (Houghton Mifflin, 2012) OLDER
- Intentions by Deborah Heiligman (Knopf, 2012) TEEN

2012

- Chanukah Lights by Michael Rosen, paper engineering by Robert Sabuda (Candlewick, 2011) YOUNGER
- Music Was It: Young Leonard Bernstein by Susan Goldman Rubin (Charlesbridge, 2011) OLDER
- The Berlin Boxing Club by Robert Sharenow (HarperTeen, 2011) TEEN

2011

- Gathering Sparks by Howard Schwartz, illustrated by Kristina Swarner (Roaring Brook, 2010) YOUNGER
- Hereville: How Mirka Got Her Sword by Barry Deutsch (Amulet Books, 2010) OLDER
- The Things a Brother Knows by Dana Reinhardt (Wendy Lamb Books, 2010) TEEN

2010

- New Year at the Pier: A Rosh Hashanah Story by April Halprin Wayland, illustrated by Stephane Jorisch (Dial, 2009) YOUNGER
- The Importance of Wings by Robin Friedman (Charlesbridge, 2009) OLDER
- Tropical Secrets: Holocaust Refugees in Cuba by Margarita Engle (Henry Holt, 2009) TEEN

2009

- As Good As Anybody: Martin Luther King, Jr. and Abraham Joshua Heschel's Amazing March Toward Freedom by Richard Michelson, illustrated by Raul Colon (Knopf, 2008) YOUNGER
- Brooklyn Bridge by Karen Hesse (Fiewel & Friends, 2008) OLDER
- A Bottle in the Gaza Sea by Valerie Zenatti (Bloomsbury, 2008) TEEN

2008

- The Bedtime Sh'ma by Sarah Gershman, illustrated by Kristina Swarner (EKS, 2007) YOUNGER
- The Entertainer and the Dybbuk by Sid Fleischman (HarperCollins, 2007) OLDER
- Strange Relations by Sonia Levitin (Knopf, 2007) TEEN

2007 – Teen Readers Category introduced this year

- Hanukkah at Valley Forge by Stephen Krensky, illustrated by Greg Harlin (Dutton, 2006) YOUNGER
- Julia's Kitchen by Brenda Ferber (Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 2006) OLDER
- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak (Knopf, 2006) TEEN

2006

- Sholom's Treasure by Erica Silverman, illustrated by Mordicai Gerstein (Farrar Straus Giroux, 2005) YOUNGER
- Confessions of a Closet Catholic by Sarah Darer Littman (Dutton, 2005) OLDER

2005 - Dating system changed this year to reflect year in which award is announced instead of year of publication. Award-giving did NOT skip a year.

2004

- There was no award in the Younger Readers Category this year
- Real Time by Pnina Moed Kass (Clarion, 2004) OLDER

2003

- Bagels from Benny by Aubrey Davis, illustrated by Dusan Petricic (Kids Can Press, 2003) YOUNGER
- Who Was the Woman Who Wore the Hat? by Nancy Patz (Dutton, 2003) OLDER

2002

- Chicken Soup by Heart by Esther Hershenhorn (Simon & Schuster, 2002) YOUNGER
- Hana's Suitcase by Karen Levine (Second Story, 2002) OLDER

2001

- Rivka's First Thanksgiving by Elsa Okon Rael, illustrated by Maryann Kovalski (Simon & Schuster, 2001) YOUNGER
- Sigmund Freud: Pioneer of the Mind by Catherine Reef (Clarion, 2001) OLDER

2000

- Gershon's Monster: A Story For The Jewish New Year by Eric A. Kimmel, illustrated by Jon J. Muth (Scholastic, 2000) YOUNGER
- The Key Is Lost by Ida Vos (HarperCollins, 2000) OLDER

1999

- The Peddler's Gift by Kimberley Bulcken Root (Dial, 1999) YOUNGER
- The Speed of Light by Sybil Rosen (Atheneum, 1999) OLDER

1998

- Nine Spoons by Marci Stillerman, illustrated by Pesach Gerber (Hachai, 1998) YOUNGER
- Stones in Water by Donna Jo Napoli (Dutton, 1998) OLDER

1997

- When Zaydeh Danced on Eldridge Street by Elsa Okon Rael, illustrated by Marjorie Priceman (Simon & Schuster, 1997) YOUNGER
- The Mysterious Visitor: Stories of the Prophet Elijah by Nina Jaffe, illustrated by Elivia Savadier (Scholastic, 1997) OLDER

1996

- Shalom, Haver: Goodbye, Friend by Barbara Sofer (Kar-Ben, 1996) YOUNGER
- When I Left My Village by Brian Pinkney (Dial, 1996) OLDER

1995

- Star of Fear, Star of Hope by Jo Hoestlandt, illustrated by Johanna Kang (Walker, 1995) YOUNGER
- Dancing on the Bridge of Avignon by Ida Vos (Houghton Mifflin, 1995) OLDER

1994

- The Always Prayer Shawl by Sheldon Oberman, illustrated by Ted Lewin (Boyds Mills, 1994) YOUNGER
- The Shadow Children by Steven Schnur, illustrated by Herbert Tauss (Morrow Junior, 1994) OLDER

1993

- The Uninvited Guest by Nina Jaffe, illustrated by Elivia Savadier (Scholastic, 1993) YOUNGER
- Sworn Enemies by Carol Matas (Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1993) OLDER

1992

- Something From Nothing by Phoebe Gilman (North Winds Press, 1992) YOUNGER
- Letters from Rifka by Karen Hesse (Henry Holt, 1992) OLDER

1991

- Daddy's Chair by Sandy Lanton, illustrated by Shelly O. Haas (Kar-Ben, 1991) YOUNGER
- Cakes and Miracles: A Purim Tale by Barbara Diamond Goldin, illustrated by Erika Weihs (Viking, 1991) YOUNGER
- The Diamond Tree: Jewish Tales from Around the World by Howard Schwartz & Barbara Rush, illustrated by Uri Shulevitz (Harper Collins, 1991) OLDER

1990

- The Chanukah Guest by Eric A. Kimmel, illustrated by Giora Carmi (Holiday House, 1990) YOUNGER
- My Grandmother's Stories by Adele Geras (Knopf, 1990) OLDER

1989

- Berchick by Esther Silverstein Blanc, illustrated by Tennesee Dixon (Volcano Press, 1989) YOUNGER
- Number the Stars by Lois Lowry (Houghton Mifflin, 1989) OLDER

1988

- The Keeping Quilt by Patricia Polacco (Simon & Schuster, 1988) YOUNGER
- The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen (Viking Kestrel, 1988) OLDER

1987

- The Number on My Grandfather's Arm by David A. Adler (UAHC Press, 1987) YOUNGER
- The Return by Sonia Levitin (Atheneum, 1987) OLDER

1986

- Joseph Who Loved the Sabbath by Marilyn Hirsh, illustrated by Devis Grebu (Viking, 1986) YOUNGER
- Beyond the High White Wall by Nancy Pitt (Charles Scribner's Sons, 1986) OLDER

1985

- Brothers by Florence B. Freedman, illustrated by Robert Andrew Parker (Harper & Row, 1985) YOUNGER
- Ike and Mama and the Seven Surprises by Carol Snyder (Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1985) OLDER

1984

- Mrs. Moskowitz and the Sabbath Candlesticks by Amy Schwartz (Jewish Publication Society, 1984) YOUNGER
- The Island on Bird Street by Uri Orlev (Houghton Mifflin, 1984) OLDER

1983

- Bubby, Me, and Memories by Barbara Pomerantz (UAHC Press, 1983) YOUNGER
- In the Mouth of the Wolf by Rose Zar (Jewish Publication Society, 1983) OLDER

1982

- The Castle on Hester Street by Linda Heller (Jewish Publication Society, 1982) YOUNGER
- Call Me Ruth by Marilyn Sachs (Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1982) OLDER

1981 – Age categories introduced this year

- Yussel's Prayer by Barbara Cohen (Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1981) YOUNGER
- The Night Journey by Kathryn Lasky (Penguin, 1981) OLDER

1980

- A Russian Farewell by Leonard Everett Fisher (Four Winds Press, 1980)

1979

- Ike and Mama and the Block Wedding by Carol Snyder (Coward, McCann & Geoghegan, 1979)

1978

- The Devil in Vienna by Doris Orgel (Penguin, 1978)

1977

- Exit from Home by Anita Heyman (Random House, 1977)

1976

- Never to Forget by Milton Meltzer (Harper Collins, 1976)

1975

- Waiting for Mama by Marietta Moskin (Coward, McCann & Geoghegan, 1975)

1974

No award given in 1974

1973

- Uncle Misha's Partisans by Yuri Suhl (Four Winds, 1973)

1971-1972

No awards given in 1971 or 1972

1970

- The Year by Suzanne Lange (S.G. Phillips, 1970)

1969

- Our Eddie by Sulamith Ish-Kishor (Pantheon, 1969)

1968 – Award established this year

- The Endless Steppe by Esther Hautzig (Harper Collins, 1968)