

SYDNEY TAYLOR BOOK AWARD WINNERS: PART II

Description: Meet the Sydney Taylor Book Award winners **Sue Macy & Stacy Innerst** (*The Book Rescuer*), **R.J. Palacio** (*White Bird*), and **Rachel DeWoskin** (*Someday We Will Fly*).

Sue Macy is the author of close to two dozen books for children and young adults, many of which focus on sports and women's history. Her book with illustrator Stacy Innerst, *The Book Rescuer*, won the 2020 Sydney Taylor Picture Book Award and her other nonfiction picture books, middle-grade biographies, and young adult social histories have been named to many Best Books lists and garnered many awards from state and national organizations. A graduate of Princeton University, Sue spent much of her early career at Scholastic Inc., supervising classroom magazines and serving as editor in chief of the best-selling *Scholastic Children's Dictionary*. She lives in Englewood, New Jersey.

Stacy Innerst is an artist, illustrator and arts educator. He was born in Los Angeles and grew up in New Mexico and Pennsylvania. His picture book collaborations have earned a host of starred reviews and have consistently been selected for Best Books and Notable Lists by ALA, Bank Street, *Booklist*, SLJ and *Publishers Weekly*, among others. In addition to the Sydney Taylor Award for *The Book Rescuer*, Stacy's illustrations have been recognized with the *NY Times*/NY Public Library Best Illustrated Children's Book Award (*Ruth Bader Ginsberg* by Jonah Winter), and the SCBWI Golden Kite Award for Picture Book Illustration (*The Music in George's Head* by Suzanne Slade). His latest release, *Saving Lady Liberty* by Claudia Friddell, was released in March 2020 and *Lincoln Clears a Path* by Peggy Thomas, will be published this January. Stacy's paintings and prints have been exhibited widely in NY, CA and throughout the US and abroad. He lives in Pittsburgh.

R. J. Palacio lives in Brooklyn, NY with her husband, two sons and two dogs (Bear and Beau). Her debut novel, *Wonder*, has been on the *New York Times* bestseller list since March, 2012, and has sold over 5 million copies worldwide. The book's message of kindness has inspired the Choose Kind movement, and has been embraced by readers, young and old, around the world.

Rachel DeWoskin is the author of *Foreign Babes in Beijing*, a memoir about her inadvertent notoriety as the star of a Chinese soap opera, and the novels *Big Girl Small*, *Repeat After Me*, and *Someday We Will Fly* and *Banshee*. She is an Associate Professor of Practice in Creative Writing and an affiliated faculty member of Jewish Studies and East Asian Studies at the University of Chicago. Rachel divides her time between NYC, Chicago, and Beijing with her husband, playwright Zayd Dohrn, and their two little girls.