

The Caldecott Medal



- The Caldecott Medal is an award given every year to a children's picture book.
- The medal is given for the illustrations.
- The illustrator receives the award.
- It is given by the American Library Association.
- It is a great honor to receive it.

- The Caldecott Medal is named after the illustrator Randolph Caldecott.
- The first medal was given in 1938 to the book Animals of the Bible.
- The Caldecott Honor Award is also given every year. This award is given to the books that almost won.

A book can only win if it meets certain "criteria".

- It must be a picture book.
- It must be a book for children.
- The book had to have been published in the United States.
- The illustrator must be a United States citizen.

How is a book chosen?

- A committee of librarians is formed.
- The committee members will read all the books that have been nominated (this could be thousands of books).
- The committee then begins to vote on which books are their favorite and meet the criteria.

How is a book chosen?

- This could take a long time and many votes can be taken.
- After a lot of discussion and voting a winner is decided.
- The committee also decides which books should receive the Honor Award. Usually, 1-5 honor books are selected.

Past Medal Winners

- 2020: *The Undefeated* illustrated by Kadir Nelson, written by Kwame Alexander
- 2019: *Hello Lighthouse* illustrated and written by Sophie Blackall
- 2018: *Wolf in the Snow* by Matthew Cordell
- 2017: *Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat* by Javaka Steptoe
- 2002: *The Three Pigs* by David Wiesner
- 1999: *Snowflake Bentley*, illustrated by Mary Azarian, written by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
- 1996: *Officer Buckle and Gloria* by Peggy Rathmann
- 1986: *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg
- 1964: *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak
- 1942: *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey

Past Honor Winners

- 2013: *Creepy Carrots*, illustrated by Peter Brown, written by Aaron Reynolds
- 2008: *Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity* by Mo Willems
- 2004: *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* by Mo Willems
- 2002: *Martin's Big Words: the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* illustrated by Bryan Collier, written by Doreen Rappaport
- 2001: *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type* illustrated by Betsy Lewin, written by Doreen Cronin
- 1999: *No, David!* by David Shannon
- 1990: *Color Zoo* by Lois Ehlert
- 1962: *Little Bear's Visit*, illustrated by Maurice Sendak, text: Else H. Minarik

Mock Caldecott Ballot

Book Title

1. Does the cover make you want to open the book and read it?

Yes, it does _____ (3 points) A little _____ (2 points) Not really _____ (1 point)

2. Do you find the illustrations interesting, exciting, fascinating, funny or awesome?

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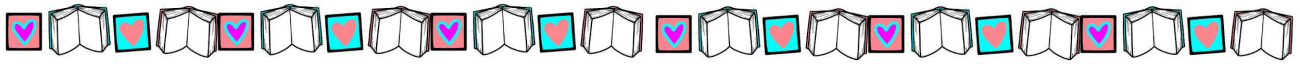
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INTRODUCING...THE WINNER!

Title:

Author:

Illustrator:

The illustrations in this book:

☐

are colorful

☐

help tell the story

☐

make the story more interesting

☐

make me want to keep reading

My favorite illustration is...

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Record the results of your reading below.

Book Title

Points


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The Caldecott Medal

The Caldecott Medal is an award given for the best illustrations in a picture book. The award is given to the illustrator of the book. It is given out once a year. It is named after a man named Randolph Caldecott who was a children's book illustrator in the 1800's. It is given out by the American Library Association. Besides the Caldecott Medal, a few books will also be chosen to be Caldecott Honor books. These books are still considered to have excellent illustrations, but not quite good enough to win the Medal. Some of the books that have won the Caldecott Medal include Officer Buckle and Gloria, Snowflake Bentley, Owl Moon, The Polar Express and Where the Wild Things Are. Some Caldecott Honor books are Knuffle Bunny, Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus and Creepy Carrots.



- Who is the Caldecott Medal given to? _____
- Who gives out the Caldecott Medal? _____
- Five books a year are chosen to win the Caldecott Medal. TRUE or FALSE _____
- What award did the book Creepy Carrots win? _____

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Name: _____

Introducing the winner!

Title: _____

Author: _____

Illustrator: _____

The illustrations in this book: _____ are colorful.

_____ help tell the story.


_____ make the story more interesting.

_____ make me want to keep reading.

My favorite picture is _____.

Why it's my favorite _____.

This is a picture that shows what the book is about.




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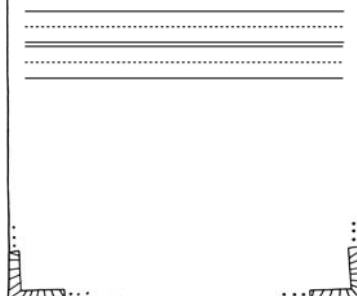
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Creepy Carrots

How much did you like this book?



How would you stop the creepy carrots? Draw/write below.



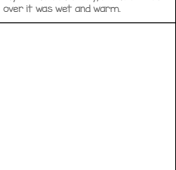
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Name: _____

VISUALIZING

Directions: Read the phrase from the book. Draw a picture that illustrates the phrase.

My mouth felt furry, for the scarf over it was wet and warm.



The owl pumped its great wings and lifted off the branch like a shadow without a sound.



I could feel the cold as if someone's icy hand were palm down on my back.



A farm dog answered the train, and then a second dog joined in.





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Mock Caldecott Medal winner: _____

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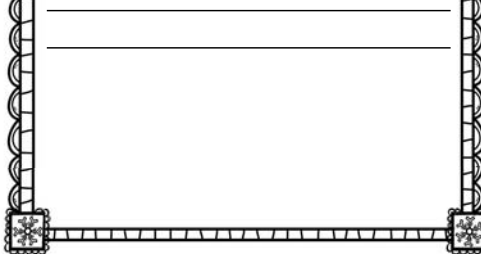
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Name: _____

My Snowy Day

On a snowy day I like to:








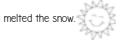
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Name: _____

Story Events

Read each sentence. Write in the missing word. Use the pictures and the word bank to help you.


- When Peter looks out his _____ he sees snow.
- After _____ Peter put on his snowsuit.
- Peter's _____ crunch in the snow.
- Peter makes snow _____.
- Peter puts a snowball in his _____.
- Peter dreamed that the _____ had melted the snow.

Word Bank

angels sun pocket window feet

breakfast



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Name: _____

My Imaginary Friend

Write and draw below

Name: _____

Two words to describe my friend: _____



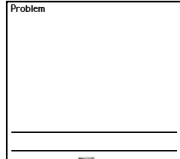
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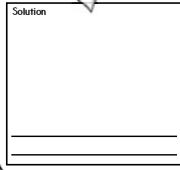
PROBLEM AND SOLUTION


Write and draw below. Use the words in the bubbles to help you.


Problem



Solution







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Sequencing Story Events

Directions: Read each box. In each circle, write a number 1-5 to show the order of events.





The policeman help the ducks cross the road.



Mrs. Mallard teaches her ducks to swim and dive.



The ducks try to cross the road.



Eight ducklings hatch.



The Mallards build a nest on an island.

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Name: _____




I want to drive the bus!

Should the pigeon be allowed to drive the bus?
Caro's one

Yes he should!
No he should not!

Why or why not?



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Name: _____

Directions: Read each sentence. Circle the answer.

TRUE		FALSE	
1. Hare is very lazy.	TRUE	FALSE	
2. Bear owns a lot of land.	TRUE	FALSE	
3. Hare has many children.	TRUE	FALSE	
4. Bear likes to work in his garden.	TRUE	FALSE	
5. Bear feels cheated.	TRUE	FALSE	
6. Hare works hard in the garden.	TRUE	FALSE	
7. Hare lost his land in a bet.	TRUE	FALSE	
8. Bear lets Hare do all the hard work.	TRUE	FALSE	

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Where the Wild Things Are

Cut out the sentences. Glue them in the correct column.

Real	Not believe

Max sails away on a ship.	Max goes to bed without supper.	Max is king of the Wild Things.
Max chases the dog through the house.	Max dresses like a wolf.	A jungle grows in Max's bedroom.

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Finding Winnie Story Elements

Directions: Read the words on the bear. Color according to the code.

Color Code:
 Characters = Green
 Setting = Blue
 Events = Yellow

Christopher Robin's Father	Winnie	Harry found a home for Winnie at the London zoo.	zookeeper
London zoo	Canada	Winnie became the mascot of the Second Canadian Infantry Brigade.	England
train	Christopher Robin	Harry bought a bear cub for \$2000.	Harry Colebourne
Harry took care of horses during the war.			

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WHAT I THINK...

Directions: Write/draw what you think happened to the fish in the story.

I think the little fish _____

I think the big fish _____

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STORY MAP

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Name: _____

Book Title: _____

Illustrator: _____

Characters: _____

What is the story's setting?

problem

solution

story Event

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