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The Caldecott Medal was named in honor of nineteenth-century English
illustrator Randolph Caldecott. It is awarded annually by the Association for
Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the
artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

2019 Medal Winner

Hello Lighthouse, illustrated and written by Sophie Blackall, published by Little, Brown
and Company, a division of Hachette Book Group, Inc.

Masterful ink and watercolor illustrations illuminate the story of a lighthouse and the family
inside. Stunning images of the lighthouse in all kinds of weather alternate with views of
intimate interior detail and circular motifs. Blackall’s skill with composition, line and close
attention to detail have created an exquisite book.

“Children will delight in immersing themselves in the captivating discoveries each new
look at Hello Lighthouse will bring,” said Caldecott Medal Committee Chair Mary Fellows.

2019 Honor Books

Alma and How She Got Her Name, illustrated and written by Juana Martinez-Neal,
published by Candlewick Press.

When Alma’s father shares family stories about the origins of her long beautiful name,
she gains an appreciation for its uniqueness and connection to her history. Martinez-
Neal uses smudgy graphite and colored pencil to convey a soft palette that gently
transports readers into Alma’s rich ancestral past.

A Big Mooncake for Little Star, illustrated and written by Grace Lin, published
by Little, Brown and Company, a division of Hachette Book Group, Inc.

Lin’s detailed compositions and palette create a wholly original fable imbued with
traits of the Chinese Moon Festival. A mischievous child and her mother bake a
mooncake and the temptation of sweet treats unfolds nightly against an inky
black sky. The phases of the moon have never been so tasty!

The Rough Patch, illustrated and written by Brian Lies, published by Greenwillow Books, an imprint of
“Evan and his dog did everything together” until “one day, the unthinkable happened”. With compelling compositions and mastery of light and shadow, Brian Lies illustrates an emotional arc of loss, grief, healing, and hope.

**Thank you, Omu!**, illustrated and written by Oge Mora, published by Little, Brown and Company, a division of Hachette Book Group, Inc.

The scent of Omú’s thick red stew drifts through the neighborhood, bringing community members to the door for a taste. Through mixed media and paper collage, Mora tells a story of coming together to give and receive. Rich colors and textures celebrate generosity, community, and the rewards of sharing. An Asian-American father and daughter explore this nat

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Welcome to the (Theodor Seuss) Geisel Award home page!

The Geisel Award is given annually to the author(s) and illustrator(s) of the most distinguished American book for beginning readers published in English in the United States during the preceding year.

2019 Medal Winner

*Fox the Tiger*, written and illustrated by Corey R. Tabor, and published by Balzer + Bray, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers

Tigers are the best, or so thinks Fox. With a big imagination (and a little bit of paint), he transforms into a growling, prowling tiger. Soon his friends Turtle and Rabbit are likewise inspired to embody their dreams as a zipping, zooming race car and a beeping, booping robot. Despite their rained-out celebration, Fox learns to appreciate that he, in his own special way, is also the best.

Pencil, watercolor, and crayon illustrations capture the beguiling humor of this entertaining story. Tabor’s tale for emerging readers is easily navigable and just like Fox himself -- speedy and clever.

"Featuring Tabor’s hip art and quirky, surprising twists, ‘Fox the Tiger’ is an inviting tale of the power of transformation and friendship. Repetition, a predictable pattern, and short, simple sentences give readers ample chance to practice their beginning reading skills," said Geisel Award Committee Chair Sarah Stippich.

2019 Honor Books


Pip wants to fly! With ingenuity and robot know-how, Otto figures out a way to help his rodent friend achieve his airborne dream. In “See Pip Flap”, minimal vocabulary, inventive illustrations, and a funny premise support beginning readers’ explorations.

*Fox + Chick: The Party and Other Stories*, written and illustrated by Sergio Ruzzier, and published by Chronicle Books LLC

Wily Chick and patient pal Fox star in three charming vignettes in which they explore the fun and frustrations of friendship. The warm and humorous story of these unlikely friends combines the design of a graphic novel with the simple vocabulary and ease of a beginning reader.
**King & Kayla and the Case of the Lost Tooth**, written by Dori Hillestad Butler, illustrated by Nancy Meyers, and published by Peachtree Publishers

In five short chapters, Kayla and her clever dog King solve the case of a missing tooth. Narrated by the canine sleuth, this simple mystery features creative repetition, predictable action and supportive illustrations that reward children with a successful and satisfying reading experience.

**Tiger vs. Nightmare**, written and illustrated by Emily Tetri, published by First Second, an imprint of Roaring Brook Press, a division of Holtzbrinck Publishing Holdings Limited Partnership

In a bold graphic novel, Tiger must summon her courage to face her fears. She battles her scariest nightmare, and thanks to her friend Monster, she doesn’t have to do it alone. A sometimes frightening, definitely charming, and always beautiful tale of beasts and bravery.

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