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2017
Author Award Winner
Piecing Me Together
written by Renée Watson  
YA Watson

Illustrator Award Winner
Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets
illustrated by Ekua Homes,
written by Kwame Alexander, Chris Colderley, and Margory Wentworth,  
J 808 OUT

2017
Author Award Winner
March: Book Three
by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin  
YA B Lewis, J. V.3

Illustrator Award Winner
Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat
illustrated by Javaka Steptoe, 
written by Javaka Steptoe  
E-JB Basquiat

2016
Author Award Winner
Gone Crazy in Alabama
By Rita Williams-Garcia  
JF Williams-Garcia

Illustrator Award Winner
Trombone Shorty
illustrated by Bryan Collier 
written by Troy Andrews and Bill Taylor  
E JB Andrews

2015
Author Award Winner
Brown Girl Dreaming
by Jacqueline Woodson  
JF Woodson

Illustrator Award Winner
Firebird
Illustrated by Christopher Myers, Written by Misty Copeland  
P Copeland

2014
Author Award Winner
P.S. Be Eleven
By Rita Williams-Garcia  
JF Williams-Garcia

Illustrator Award Winner
Knock Knock: My Dad’s Dream for Me
Illustrated by Bryan Collier, written by Daniel Beaty  
P Beaty

2013
Author Award Winner
Hand in Hand: Ten Black Me Who Changed America
By Andrea Davis Pinkney  
920 PIN

Illustrator Award Winner
I, Too, Am America
Illustrated by Bryan Collier, written by Langston Hughes  
E 811.52 HUG

2012
Author Award Winner
Heart and Soul: The Story of America And African Americans
by Kadir Nelson  
J 973.049 NEL

Illustrator Award Winner
Underground: Finding the Light to Freedom
illustrated & written by Shane W. Evans  
P Evans

2011
Author Award Winner
One Crazy Summer
by Rita Williams-Garcia  
JF Williams-Garcia

Illustrator Award Winner
Dave The Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave
illustrated by Bryan Collier, 
Written by Lavan Carrick Hill.  
JB Dave

2010
Author Award Winner
Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal
by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson  
JB Reeves

Illustrator Award Winner
My People
illustrated by Charles R. Smith, Jr., 
written by Langston Hughes  
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