

William Allen White Award Winners

The William Allen White Children’s Book Award program was founded in 1952 by Ruth Garver Gagliardo, a specialist in children’s literature for Emporia State University. One of the few literary awards that asks young readers to choose the winners, the program is directed by Emporia State University and supported in part by the Trusler Foundation.

Year	Title & Author
2024	Stella by McCall Hoyle (gr. 3-5)
	Ground Zero by Alan Gratz (gr. 6-8)
2023	Scratch Scratch by Lindsay Curries (gr. 3-5)
	96 Miles by J.L. Esplin (gr. 6-8)
2022	Wildfire by Rodman Philbrick (gr. 3-5)
	The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart (gr. 6-8)
2021	Small Space by Katherine Arden (gr. 3-5)
	Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes (gr. 6-8)
2020	Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling (gr. 3-5)
	Restart: Lose Your Memory. Find Your Life by Gordon Korman (gr. 6-8)
2019	Pax by Sara Pennypacker (gr. 3-5)
	Ghost by Jason Reynolds (gr. 6-8)
2018	Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt (gr. 3-5)
	Took by Mary Downing Hahn (gr. 6-8)
2017	Life on Mars by Jennifer Brown (gr. 3-5)
	A Million Ways Home by Dianna Dorisi Winget (gr. 6-8)
2016	The Boy on the Porch by Sharon Creech (gr. 3-5)
	Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein (gr. 6-8)
2015	Malcolm at Midnight by W.H. Beck (gr. 3-5)
	Buddy by M.H. Herlong (gr. 6-8)
2014	America is Under Attack: September 11, 2001 by Don Brown (gr. 3-5)
	Hidden by Helen Frost (gr. 6-8)
2013	Guinea Dog by Patrick Jennings (gr. 3-5)
	Ghost Dog Secrets by Peg Kehret (gr. 6-8)
2012	11 Birthdays by Wendy Mass (gr. 3-5)
	Confetti Girl by Diana Lopez (gr. 6-8)
2011	Eleven by Patricia Reilly Giff (gr. 3-5)
	The Boy Who Dared by Susan Campbell Bartoletti (gr. 6-8)
2010	How to Steal a Dog by Barbara O’Connor (gr. 3-5)
	Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam by Cynthia Kadohata (gr. 6-8)
2009	Clementine by Sara Pennypacker (gr. 3-5)
	Yellow Star by Jennifer Roy (gr. 6-8)
2008	A Dog’s Life: The Autobiography of a Stray by Ann M. Martin (gr. 3-5)
	Airball: My Life in Briefs by L.D. Harkrader (gr. 6-8)
2007	The Report Card by Andrew Clements (gr. 3-5)
	So B. It by Sarah Weeks (gr. 6-8)

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2006	Donuthead by Sue Stauffacher (gr. 3-5)
	The City of Ember by Jeanne Duprau (gr. 6-8)
2005	Loser by Jerry Spinelli (gr. 3-5)
	Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie S. Tolan (gr. 6-8)
2004	Ghost Sitter by Peni R. Griffin (gr. 3-5)
	Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps by Andrea Warren (gr. 6-8)
2003	Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo (gr. 3-5)
	Dovey Cove by Frances O’Roark Dowell (gr. 6-8)
2002	The Landry News by Andrew Clements (gr. 3-5)
	Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis (gr. 6-8)
2001	The Ghost of Fossil Glen by Cynthia C. DeFelice (gr. 3-5)
	Holes by Louis Sachar (gr. 6-8)
2000	White Water by P.J. Petersen
1999	Frindle by Andrew Clements
1998	Mick Harte Was Here by Barbara Park
1997	Time for Andrew by Mary Downing Hahn
1996	The Giver by Lois Lowry
1995	The Man Who Loved Clowns by June Rae Wood
1994	Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
1993	Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli
1992	The Doll in the Garden by Mary Downing Hahn
1991	Beauty by Bill Wallace
1990	Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
1989	On My Honor by Marion Dane Bauer
1988	Cracker Jackson by Betsy Byars
1987	The War with Grandpa by Robert Kimmel Smith
1986	Daphne’s Book by Mary Downing Hahn
1985	The Land I Lost: Adventures of a Boy in Vietnam by Huynh Quang Nhuong
1984	A Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein
1983	Peppermints in the Parlor by Barbara Brooks Wallace
1982	The Magic of the Glits by Carole S. Adler
1981	The Great Gilly Hopkins by Katherine Paterson
1980	The Pinballs by Betsy Byars
1979	Summer of the Monkeys by Wilson Rawls
1978	The Great Christmas Kidnapping Caper by Jean Van Leeuwen
1977	Harry Cat’s Pet Puppy by George Selden Thompson
1976	Socks by Beverly Cleary
1975	Dominic by William Steig
1974	Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert O’Brien
	The Headless Cupid by Zilpha Keatley Snyder
1973	The Trumpet of the Swan by E.B. White
1972	Sasha: My Friend by Barbara Corcoran

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1971	Kavik: The Wolf Dog by Walter Morey
1970	From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by Elaine Konigsburg
1969	Henry Reed's Babysitting Service by Keith Robertson
1968	The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
1967	The Grizzly by Annabel and Edgar Johnson
1966	Rascal by Sterling North
1965	Bristle Face by Kelly R. Masters
1964	The Incredible Journey by Sheila Burnford
1963	Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
1962	The Helen Keller Story by Catherine Owens Peare
1961	Henry Reed, Inc. by Keith Robertson
1960	Flaming Arrows by William O. Steele
1959	Old Yeller by Fred Gipson
1958	White Falcon by Elliot Arnold
1957	Daniel 'Coon by Phoebe Erickson
1956	Brighty of the Grand Canyon by Marguerite Henry
1955	Cherokee Bill: Oklahoma Pacer by Jean Bailey
1954	Little Vic by Doris Gates
1953	Amos Fortune, Free Man by Elizabeth Yates