

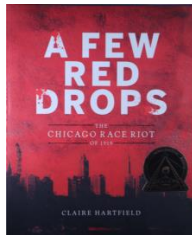
Coretta Scott King Book Awards 2019



About the Coretta Scott King Book Awards

Designed to commemorate the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to honor Mrs. Coretta Scott King for her courage and determination to continue the work for peace, the Coretta Scott King Book Awards annually recognize outstanding books for young adults and children by African American authors and illustrators that reflect the African American experience. Further, the Award encourages the artistic expression of the black experience via literature and the graphic arts in biographical, social, and historical treatments by African American authors and illustrators.

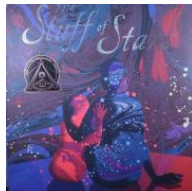
2019 Author Winner



A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919 by: Claire Hartfield

A meticulously researched exposition of the socio-economic landscape and racial tensions that led to the death of a black teen who wanted to swim, and the violent clash that resulted. In twenty chapters, Hartfield's balanced, eye-opening account contextualizes a range of social justice issues that persist to this day.

2019 Illustrator Winner



The Stuff of Stars Illustrated by: Ekuia Holmes and written by Marion Dane Bauer

Holmes uses hand marbled paper and collage to create a lush explosion of color that brings to life the formation of the universe while distinctly reflecting the essence of the African diaspora.

Ekuia Holmes is a native and current resident of Boston, Massachusetts, who has worked as an artist, curator, and active member of Boston's art community. She was influenced by the need to fill the void of what she perceived as an absence of positive Black images in her childhood neighborhoods.

2019 John Steptoe Award for New Talent (Author)



Monday's Not Coming by: Tiffany Jackson

The timely thriller examines friendship, child abuse, and family relationships. In alternating chapters, the reader is immediately pulled into the angst that Claudia feels as she struggles to piece together this fragmented tale that concludes with a mind-blowing resolution of Monday's disappearance.

2019 John Steptoe Award for New Talent (Illustrator)



Thank You, Omu Illustrated and written by: Oge Mora

"Thank You, Omu!" is a fresh take on a timeless tale of altruism and community-mindedness. Mora's collage work is skillfully pieced together with acrylic, marker, pastels, patterned paper, and old book clippings, creating a visual smorgasbord. Mora brings to life an amalgamation of many grandmothers and captures the African spirit of generosity and community.

2019 Author Honor Books

Finding Langston by Lesa Cline-Ransome,

The Parker inheritance by Varian Johnson

The season of Styx Malone by Kekla Magoon

2019 Illustrator Honor Books

Hidden Figures illustrated by Laura Freeman, written by Margot Lee Shetterly

Let the Children March illustrated by Frank Morrison, written by Monica Clark-Robinson

Memphis, Martin, and the Mountaintop illustrated by R. Gregory Christie, written by Alice Faye Duncan