

Robert F. Sibert Medal Winners (Comprehensive List)

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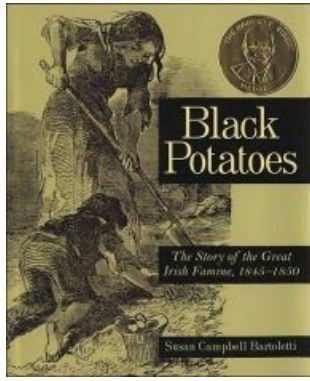
YEAR	BOOK COVER	TITLE, CALL NUMBER & BRIEF DESCRIPTION
2020		<p>FRY BREAD: A NATIVE AMERICAN FAMILY STORY Author: Kevin Noble Maillard Call Number: Not Housed From shape to smell, readers learn how shared traditions of fry bread transcend land, tribal nations, and time.</p>
2019		<p>THE GIRL WHO DREW BUTTERFLIES: HOW MARIA MERIAN'S ART CHANGED SCIENCE Author: Joyce Sidman Call Number: Not Housed One of the first naturalists to observe live insects directly, Maria Sibylla Merian was one of the first to document the metamorphosis of the butterfly. In this visual nonfiction biography, richly illustrated throughout with full-color paintings by Merian herself, the author paints her own picture of one of the first female entomologists.</p>
2018		<p><u>TWELVE DAYS IN MAY: FREEDOM RIDE 1961</u> Author: Larry Dane Brimner Call Number: HOOPLA DIGITAL E-BOOK In 1961 on the seventh anniversary of the Brown vs. Board of Education ruling, 13 freedom riders boarded two buses in Washington, D.C. bound for New Orleans. The riders were willing to risk their lives to challenge illegal Jim Crow practices on interstate buses and in bus terminals.</p>
2017		<p><u>MARCH: BOOK THREE</u> Author: John Lewis Call Number: 328.73 LEW V.3 The conclusion of the award-winning and bestselling trilogy; Congressman John Lewis, an American icon and one of the key figures of the civil rights movement, joins co-writer Andrew Aydin and artist Nate Powell to bring the lessons of history to vivid life for a new generation, urgently relevant for today's world.</p>

<p>2016</p>		<p><u>FUNNY BONES: POSADA AND HIS DAY OF THE DEAD CALAVERAS</u> Author: Duncan Tonatiuh Call Number: J 769.92 TON Funny Bones tells the story of how the amusing calaveras--skeletons performing various everyday or festive activities--came to be.</p>
<p>2015</p>		<p><u>THE RIGHT WORD: ROGET AND HIS THESAURUS</u> Author: Jen Bryant Call Number: J 92 ROGET The story of "shy young Peter Mark Roget, [for whom] books were the best companions--and it wasn't long before Peter began writing his own book. But he didn't write stories; he wrote lists. Peter took his love for words and turned it to organizing ideas and finding exactly the right word to express just what he thought. His lists grew and grew, eventually turning into one of the most important reference books of all time.</p>
<p>2014</p>		<p><u>PARROTS OVER PUERTO RICO</u> Author: Susan Roth & Cindy Trumbore Call Number: J 598.7 ROT "A combined history of the Puerto Rican parrot and the island of Puerto Rico, highlighting current efforts to save the Puerto Rican parrot by protecting and managing this endangered species"--Provided by publisher.</p>
<p>2013</p>		<p><u>BOMB: THE RACE TO BUILD - AND STEAL - THE WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS WEAPON</u> Author: Steve Sheinkin Call Number: J 623.45 SHE Recounts the scientific discoveries that enabled atom splitting, the military intelligence operations that occurred in rival countries, and the work of brilliant scientists hidden at Los Alamos.</p>
<p>2012</p>		<p><u>BALLOONS OVER BROADWAY</u> Author: Melissa Sweet Call Number: J 92 SARG Award-winning artist Sweet tells the story of the puppeteer Tony Sarg, capturing his genius, his dedication, his zest for play, and his long-lasting gift to America--the inspired helium balloons that would become the trademark of Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.</p>

<p>2011</p>		<p><u>KAKAPO RESCUE: SAVING THE WORLD'S STRANGEST PARROT</u> Author: Sy Montgomery Call Number: J 598.7 MON Follows along on a ten day excursion that witnesses the efforts by the New Zealand National Kakapo Recovery Team to restore the population of these unusual flightless parrots on their isolated island refuge.</p>
<p>2010</p>		<p><u>ALMOST ASTRONAUTS: 13 WOMEN WHO DARED TO DREAM</u> Author: Tanya Lee Stone Call Number: J 920 STO What does it take to be an astronaut? Excellence at flying, courage, intelligence, resistance to stress, top physical shape, any checklist would include these. But when America created NASA in 1958, there was another unspoken rule: you had to be a man. Here is the tale of thirteen women who proved that they were not only as tough as the toughest man but also brave enough to challenge the government.</p>
<p>2009</p>		<p><u>WE ARE THE SHIP: THE STORY OF NEGRO LEAGUE BASEBALL</u> Author: Kadir Nelson Call Number: J 796.357 NEL Using an "Everyman" player as his narrator, Kadir Nelson tells the story of Negro League baseball from its beginnings in the 1920s through the decline after Jackie Robinson crossed over to the majors in 1947. Illustrations from oil paintings by artist Kadir Nelson.</p>
<p>2008</p>		<p><u>THE WALL: GROWING UP BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN</u> Author: Peter Sis Call Number: J 92 SIS I was born at the beginning of it all, on the Red side - the Communist side - of the Iron Curtain. Through annotated illustrations, journals, maps, and dreamscapes, Peter Sis shows what life was like for a child who loved to draw, proudly wore the red scarf of a Young Pioneer, stood guard at the giant statue of Stalin, and believed whatever he was told to believe.</p>
<p>2007</p>		<p><u>TEAM MOON: HOW 400,000 PEOPLE LANDED APOLLO 11 ON THE MOON</u> Author: Catherine Thimmesh Call Number: J 629.45 THI Culled from direct quotes from the people behind the scenes, NASA transcripts, national archives and NASA photos, the whole story of Apollo 11 and the first moon landing emerges.</p>

<p>2006</p>		<p><u>SECRETS OF A CIVIL WAR SUBMARINE: SOLVING THE MYSTERIES OF THE H.L. HUNLEY</u> Author: Sally Walker Call Number: J 973.7 WAL Presents the history of the Civil War submarine the H.L. Hunley, including the construction, mysterious sinking, recovery, and restoration.</p>
<p>2005</p>		<p><u>THE VOICE THAT CHALLENGED A NATION: MARIAN ANDERSON AND THE STRUGGLE FOR EQUAL RIGHTS</u> Author: Russell Freedman Call Number: J 92 ANDERSON In the mid-1930s, Marian Anderson was a famed vocalist who had been applauded by European royalty and welcomed at the White House. But, because of her race, she was denied the right to sing at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. This is the story of her resulting involvement in the civil rights movement of the time.</p>
<p>2004</p>		<p><u>AN AMERICAN PLAGUE: THE TRUE AND TERRIFYING STORY OF THE YELLOW FEVER EPIDEMIC OF 1793</u> Author: Jim Murphy Call Number: J 614.54 MUR 1793, Philadelphia. The nation's capital and the largest city in North America is devastated by an apparently incurable disease, cause unknown...</p>
<p>2003</p>		<p><u>THE LIFE AND DEATH OF ADOLF HITLER</u> Author: James Cross Giblin Call Number: University Holdings Many people believe Hitler was the personification of evil. In this Sibert Medal–winning biography, James Cross Giblin penetrates this façade and presents a picture of a complex person—at once a brilliant, influential politician and a deeply disturbed man. Giblin explores the forces that shaped the man as well as the social conditions that furthered his rapid rise to power. Powerful archival images provide a haunting visual accompaniment to this clear and compelling account of a life that left an ineradicable mark on our world.</p>

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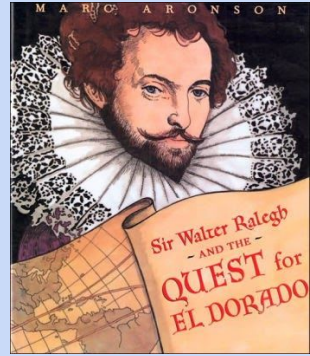
BLACK POTATOES: THE STORY OF THE GREAT IRISH FAMINE, 1845-1850

Author: Susan Campbell Bartoletti

Call Number: J 941 BAR

In 1845, a disaster struck Ireland. Overnight, a mysterious blight attacked the potato crops, turning the potatoes black and destroying the only real food of nearly six million people.

2001



SIR WALTER RALEGH AND THE QUEST FOR EL DORADO

Author: Marc Aronson

Call Number: J 92 RALEGH

Recounts the adventurous life of the English explorer and courtier who spelled his name "Raleigh" and led many expeditions to the New World.