

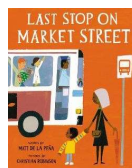
## NEWBERY MEDAL BOOKS 2000—2016



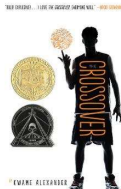
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**2016: Last stop on Market Street** by Matt de la Peña.  
*Summary:* A young boy rides the bus across town with his grandmother and learns to appreciate the beauty in everyday things. K—Gr. 3



**2015: The Crossover** by Kwame Alexander.  
*Summary:* Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health. Gr. 5—8



**2014: Flora & Ulysses** by Kate DiCamillo.  
*Summary:* A girl named Flora and a squirrel named Ulysses, whose life was saved by Flora after he was involved in an incident with a vacuum cleaner, team up to use Ulysses' superpowers to conquer villains and protect the weak. Gr. 3—6



**2013: The One and Only Ivan** by Katherine Applegate.  
*Summary:* When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life. Gr. 3—6



**2012: Dead end in Norvelt** by Jack Gantos.  
*Summary:* In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore involving the newly dead, molten wax, twisted promises, Girl Scout cookies, underage driving, lessons from history, typewriting, and countless bloody noses. Gr. 5—8



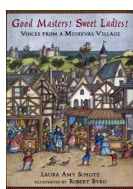
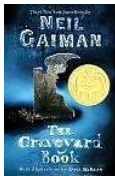
**2011: Moon over Manifest** by Clare Vanderpool.  
*Summary:* Twelve-year-old Abilene Tucker is the daughter of a drifter who, in the summer of 1936, sends her to stay with an old friend in Manifest, Kansas, where he grew up, and where she hopes to find out some things about his past. Gr. 5—8



**2010: When You Reach Me** by Rebecca Stead.  
*Summary:* As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980s television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space. Gr. 5—8



**2009: The Graveyard Book** by Neil Gaiman. *Summary:* The orphan Bod, short for Nobody, is taken in by the inhabitants of a graveyard as a child of eighteen months and raised lovingly and carefully to the age of eighteen years by the community of ghosts and otherworldly creatures. Gr. 5—8



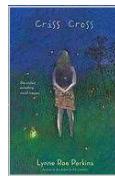
**2008: Good masters! Sweet ladies! Voices from a medieval village** by Laura Amy Schlitz, illustrated by Robert Byrd. *Summary:* A collection of short one-person plays featuring characters, between ten and fifteen years old,

who live in or near a thirteenth-century English manor. Gr. 5—8

**2007: The Higher power of lucky** by Susan Patron. *Summary:* Fearing that her legal guardian plans to abandon her to return to France, ten-year-old aspiring scientist Lucky Trimble determines to run away while also continuing to seek the Higher Power that will bring stability to her life. Gr. 4—6.



**2006: Criss cross** by Lyn Rae Perkins. *Summary:* Teenagers in a small town in the 1960s experience new thoughts and feelings, question their identities, connect, and disconnect as they search for the meaning of life and love. Grade 5—8.



**2005: Kira-kira** by Cynthia Kadohata. *Summary:* Chronicles the close friendship between two Japanese-American sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950s and early 1960s, and the despair when one sister becomes terminally ill. Grade 6 - 8.



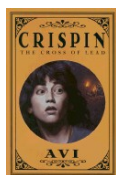
**2004: The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread**, by Kate DiCamillo.

*Summary:* The adventures of a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

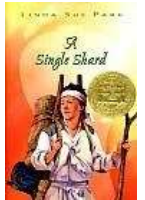
Age 7-12.



**2003: Crispin : the cross of lead** by Avi. *Summary:* Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret. Age 8 - 12.

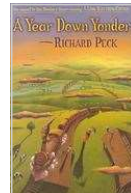


**2002: A Single shard** by Linda Sue Park. *Summary:* Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself. Age 10 - 14.



**2001: A Year down yonder** by Richard Peck. *Summary:* In 1937, during the Depression, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice, initially apprehensive about leaving Chicago to spend a year with her fearsome, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois, gradually begins to

better understand and admire her grandmother's unusual qualities. Age 10 & up.



**2000: Bud, not Buddy** by Christopher Paul Curtis. *Summary:* Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids. Age 9 - 12.



NOTE: age or grade level indications are from independent reviews such as [School Library Journal](http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com).