



# NCTE ORBIS PICTUS AWARD®

## OUTSTANDING NONFICTION FOR CHILDREN

### WINNER LIST

The award was established in 1989 to promote and recognize excellence in the writing of nonfiction for children. The name *Orbis Pictus* commemorates the work of Johannes Amos Comenius, *Orbis Pictus—The World in Pictures* (1658), considered to be the first book actually planned for children.

#### 2023 Winner:

*Blue: A History of the Color as Deep as the Sea and as Wide as the Sky* by Nana Ekua Brew-Hammond, illustrated by Daniel Minter (Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers)



#### Honor Books:

- *Choosing Brave: How Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till Sparked the Civil Rights Movement* by Angela Joy, illustrated by Janelle Washington (Roaring Brook Press)
- *Fighting for Yes! The Story of Disability Rights Activist Judith Heumann* by Maryann Cocca-Leffler, illustrated by Vivien Mildenberger (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- *Hardcourt: Stories from 75 Years of the National Basketball Association* by Fred Bowen, illustrated by James E. Ransome (Margaret K. McElderry Books)
- *Seen and Unseen: What Dorothea Lange, Toyo Miyatake, and Ansel Adams's Photographs Reveal about the Japanese American Incarceration* by Elizabeth Partridge, illustrated by Lauren Tamaki (Chronicle)
- *The Science of Light: Things That Shine, Flash, and Glow* by Margaret Peot (Holiday House)

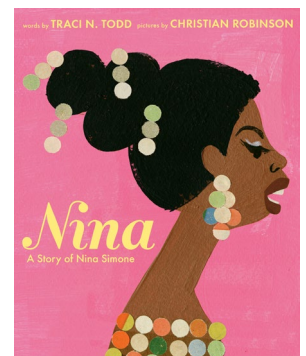
#### Recommended Books:

- *A River's Gifts: The Mighty Elwha River Reborn* by Patricia Newman, illustrated by Natasha Donovan (Millbrook Press)
- *The Adventures of Dr. Sloth: Rebecca Cliffe and Her Quest to Protect Sloths* by Suzi Eszterhas (Millbrook Press)
- *Caves* by Nell Cross Beckerman, illustrated by Kalen Chock (Orchard Books)
- *Crash from Outer Space: Unraveling the Mystery of Flying Saucers, Alien Beings, and Roswell* by Candace Fleming (Scholastic Focus)
- *One Wish: Fatima al Fihri and the World's Largest University* by M. O. Yuksel, illustrated by Mariam Quraishi (HarperCollins)
- *The Mother of a Movement: Jeanne Manford—Ally, Activist, and Co-Founder of PFLAG* by Rob Sanders, illustrated by Sam Kalda (Magination Press)
- *The Mystery of the Monarchs: How Kids, Teachers, and Butterfly Fans Helped Fred and Norah Urquhart Track the Great Monarch Migration* by Barb Rosenstock, illustrated by Erika Meza (Knopf Books for Young Readers)
- *The Waiting Place: When Home Is Lost and a New One Not Yet Found* by Dina Nayeri, illustrated by Anna Bosch Miralpeix (Candlewick)

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Winner:

*Nina: A Story of Nina Simone* by Traci N. Todd, illustrated by Christian Robinson (G. P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young readers)



Honor Books:

- *Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and The Ultimate Cold War Showdown* by Steve Sheinkin (Roaring Brook Press)
- *Latinitas: Celebrating 40 Big Dreamers* by Juliet Menéndez (Henry Holt and Company)
- *Classified: The Secret Career of Mary Golda Ross, Cherokee Aerospace Engineer* by Traci Sorell, illustrated by Natasha Donovan (Millbrook Press)
- *Call and Response: The Story of Black Lives Matter* by Veronica Chambers (Versify)
- *Unbound: The Life & Art of Judith Scott* by Joyce Scott, with Brie Spangler and Melissa Sweet, illustrated by Melissa Sweet (Knopf Books for Young Readers)

Recommended Books:

- *Butterfly for a King: Saving Hawai'i's Kamehameha Butterflies* by Susan L. Roth and Cindy Trumbore (Lee & Low Books)
  - *Pura's Cuentos: How Pura Belpré Reshaped Libraries with Her Stories* by Annette Bay Pimentel, illustrated by Magaly Morales (Harry N. Abrams)
  - *Monumental: Oscar Dunn and His Radical Fight in Reconstruction Louisiana* by Brian K. Mitchell, Barrington S. Edwards, and Nick Weldon (Historic New Orleans Collection)
  - *What's In Your Pocket? Collecting Nature's Treasures* by Heather L. Montgomery, illustrated by Maribel Lechuga (Charlesbridge)
  - *Sakamoto's Swim Club: How a Teacher Led an Unlikely Team to Victory* by Julie Abery, illustrated by Chris Sasaki (Kids Can Press)
  - *We Must Not Forget: Holocaust Stories of Survival and Resistance* by Deborah Hopkinson (Scholastic Focus)
  - *Planet Ocean: Why We All Need a Healthy Ocean* by Patricia Newman, photographs by Annie Crawley (Millbrook Press)
  - *Make Meatballs Sing: The Life & Art of Corita Kent* by Matthew Burgess, illustrated by Kara Kramer (Enchanted Lion Books)
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