

Winners of the DCF Award

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| 2015 | Chris Grabenstein | <i>Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library</i> |
| 2014 | R. J. Palacio | <i>Wonder</i> |
| 2013 | Wendelin Van Draanen | <i>The Running Dream</i> |
| 2012 | Raina Telgemeier | <i>Smile</i> |
| 2011 | Wendy Mass | <i>11 Birthdays</i> |
| 2010 | Suzanne Collins | <i>Hunger Games</i> |
| 2009 | Jeff Kinney | <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i> |
| 2008 | Cynthia Lord | <i>Rules</i> |
| 2007 | Carl Hiaasen | <i>Flush</i> |
| 2006 | Mary Downing Hahn | <i>The Old Willis Place</i> |
| 2005 | Kate DiCamillo | <i>The Tale of Despereaux</i> |
| 2004 | Jerry Spinelli | <i>Loser</i> |
| 2003 | Sharon Creech | <i>Love That Dog</i> |
| 2002 | Kate DiCamillo | <i>Because of Winn Dixie</i> |
| 2001 | Christopher Curtis | <i>Bud, Not Buddy</i> |
| 2000 | Louis Sachar | <i>Holes</i> |
| 1999 | Gail Carson Levine | <i>Ella Enchanted</i> |
| 1998 | Peg Kehret | <i>Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio</i> |
| 1997 | Barbara Park | <i>Mick Harte Was Here</i> |
| 1996 | Mary Downing Hahn | <i>Time for Andrew</i> |
| 1995 | Susan Cooper | <i>The Boggart</i> |
| 1994 | Bruce Coville | <i>Jennifer Murdley's Toad</i> |

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| 1993 | Phyllis Reynolds Naylor | <i>Shiloh</i> |
| 1992 | Jerry Spinelli | <i>Maniac Magee</i> |
| 1991 | Lois Lowry | <i>Number the Stars</i> |
| 1990 | Amy Erlich | <i>Where It Stops, Nobody Knows</i> |
| 1989 | Gary Paulsen | <i>Hatchet</i> |
| 1988 | Mary Downing Hahn | <i>Wait Till Helen Comes</i> |
| 1987 | Elizabeth Winthrop | <i>The Castle in the Attic</i> |
| 1986 | Robert Kimmel Smith | <i>The War With Grandpa</i> |
| 1985 | Beverly Cleary | <i>Dear Mr. Henshaw</i> |
| 1984 | Pat Rhoads Mauser | <i>A Bundle of Sticks</i> |
| 1983 | Judy Blume | <i>Tiger Eyes</i> |
| 1982 | Francine Pascal | <i>The Hand-Me-Down Kid</i> |
| 1981 | Deborah & James Howe | <i>Bunnicula</i> |
| 1980 | David Budbill | <i>Bones on Black Spruce Mountain</i> |
| 1979 | Susan Beth Pfeffer | <i>Kid Power</i> |
| 1978 | Lois Duncan | <i>Summer of Fear</i> |
| 1977 | Stella Pevsner | <i>A Smart Kid Like You</i> |
| 1976 | Jean Merrill | <i>The Toothpaste Millionaire</i> |
| 1975 | Betsy Byars | <i>The Eighteenth Emergency</i> |
| 1974 | George A. Woods | <i>Catch a Killer</i> |
| 1973 | Don & Joan Caufield | <i>Never Steal a Magic Cat</i> |
| 1972 | Melvin Ellis | <i>Flight of the White Wolf</i> |
| 1971 | Betty K. Erwin | <i>Go to the Room of the Eyes</i> |

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| 1970 | Walt Morey | <i>Kavik the Wolf Dog</i> |
| 1969 | Mary Wolfe Thompson | <i>Two in the Wilderness</i> |
| 1968 | Jacqueline Jackson | <i>The Taste of Spruce Gum</i> |
| 1967 | Phillip Viereck | <i>The Summer I Was Lost</i> |
| 1966 | Beverly Cleary | <i>Ribsy</i> |
| 1965 | Sterling North | <i>Rascal</i> |
| 1964 | Zachary Ball | <i>Bristle Face</i> |
| 1963 | Sheila Burnford | <i>The Incredible Journey</i> |
| 1962 | Evelyn Sibley Lampman | <i>The City Under the Back Steps</i> |
| 1961 | Thelma Harrington Bell | <i>Captain Ghost</i> |
| 1960 | Phoebe Erickson | <i>Double or Nothing</i> |
| 1959 | Margaret Leighton | <i>Comanche of the Seventh</i> |
| 1958 | Beverly Cleary | <i>Fifteen</i> |
| 1957 | Mildred Mastin Pace | <i>Old Bones, the Wonder Horse</i> |