

2024 Mock Caldecott Discussion #1  
July 25, 2023

It's time to start taking a closer look at 2023 picture books. Participating in the Mock Caldecott is an opportunity to sharpen selection skills and learn about the award process for the [Caldecott Medal](#). A letter of participation is available for those applying the Mock Caldecott program towards professional development. Voting for a Rhode Island winner and honor books will take place on January 9, 2024 using the balloting procedures of the real committee. Program registration: <https://tinyurl.com/Rlcaldecott24>

### **Mock Caldecott Discussion #1**

Tuesday, September 26, 6:00 – 7:30 PM  
Virtual Zoom Discussion, [Register](#)

### **2024 Mock Caldecott Reading List #1**

1. *All the Beating Hearts* by Julie Fogliano, illustrated by Catia Chen
2. *An American Story* by Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Dare Coulter
3. *Beneath* by Cori Doerrfeld
4. *Big* by Brian Selznick
5. *A Crown for Corina* by Laekan Zea Kemp, illustrated by Elisa Chavarri
6. *Evergreen* by Matthew Cordell
7. *Friends Beyond Measure* by Lalena Fisher
8. *In Every Life* by Marla Frazee
9. *Jump In!* by Shadra Strickland
10. *My Powerful Hair* by Carole Lindstrom, illustrated by Steph Littlebird
11. *Nell Plants a Tree* by Anne Wynter, illustrated by Daneil Miyares
12. *Once Upon a Book* by Grace Lin and Kate Messner
13. *Remember* by Joy Harjo, illustrated by Michaela Goade
14. *Simon and the Better Bone* by Corey R. Tabor
15. *The Skull* by Jon Klassen
16. *Stars of the Night: The Courageous Children of the Czech Kindertransport* by Caren Stelson, illustrated by Selina Alko
17. *There Was a Party for Langston, King of Letters* by Jason Reynolds, illustrated by Jerome Pumphrey and Jarrett Pumphrey
18. *This Little Kitty* by Karen Obuhanych
19. *When Rubin Plays* by Gracey Zhang
20. *Woven of the World* by Katey Howes, illustrated by Dinara Mirtalipova

Please send suggested titles for Reading List #2 by September 28 to: [danielle.margarida@olis.ri.gov](mailto:danielle.margarida@olis.ri.gov)  
Reading List #2 will be available September 29 at <https://olis.ri.gov/programs-and-support/youth-services/professional-development/mock-caldecott>

### **Continuing sessions:**

#### **Mock Caldecott Discussion #2**

Tuesday, November 14, 6:00 – 7:30 PM  
Virtual Zoom Discussion, [Register](#)

#### **Mock Caldecott Discussion #3 - Voting**

Tuesday, January 9, 6:00 – 7:30 PM  
Virtual Zoom Discussion, [Register](#)

The Caldecott Medal shall be awarded annually to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children published by an American publisher in the United States in English during the preceding year. There are no limitations as to the character of the picture book except that the illustrations be original work. Honor books may be named. These shall be books that are also truly distinguished.

The award is restricted to artists who are citizens or residents of the United States. Books published in a U.S. territory or U.S. commonwealth are eligible.

A "picture book for children" as distinguished from other books with illustrations, is one that essentially provides the child with a visual experience. A picture book has a collective unity of story-line, theme, or concept, developed through the series of pictures of which the book is comprised. (Randolph Caldecott Medal Terms & Criteria, definitions, ALSC website)

Criteria:

1. In identifying a "distinguished American picture book for children," defined as illustration, committee members need to consider the following:
  - a. Excellence of execution in the artistic technique employed;
  - b. Excellence of pictorial interpretation of story, theme, or concept;
  - c. Appropriateness of style of illustration to the story, theme or concept;
- d. Delineation of plot, theme, characters, setting, mood or information through the pictures;
  - e. Excellence of presentation in recognition of a child audience.
  
2. The only limitation to graphic form is that the form must be one which may be used in picture book. The book must be a self-contained entity, not dependent on other media (i.e., sound, film or computer program) for its enjoyment.
  
3. Each book is to be considered as a picture book. The committee is to make its decision primarily on the illustration, but other components of a book are to be considered especially when they make a book less effective as a children's picture book. Such other components might include the written text, the overall design of the book, etc.

Note: The committee should keep in mind that the award is for distinguished illustrations in a picture book and for excellence of pictorial presentation for children. The award is not for didactic intent or for popularity.

[Adopted by the ALSC board, January 1978. Revised, Midwinter 1987. Revised, Annual 2008.]