



Outstanding Nonfiction of 2015

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Starred Reviews from:

BCCB - The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

BL - Booklist

SLJ - School Library Journal

HB - Horn Book

VOYA – Nonfiction Honor List

Award Winners:

SIB – Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal (ALA)

OP - Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction (NCTE)

YA - YAalsa Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults

Adler, David A. *Colonel Theodore Roosevelt* **VOYA**

Anderson, Jennifer Joline. *Writing Fantastic Fiction* **BL**

Anderson, M. T. *Symphony for the City of the Dead: Dmitri Shostakovich and the Siege of Leningrad* **YA BL SLJ**

Armand, Glenda. *Ira's Shakespeare Dream* **SLJ**

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. *Terrible Typhoid Mary: A True Story of the Deadliest Cook in America* **OP HB SLJ**

Barton, Chris. *The Amazing Age of John Roy Lynch* **BL**

Barton, Chris. *The Nutcracker Comes to America: How Three Ballet-Loving Brothers Created a Holiday Tradition* **BL**

Bass, Hester. *Seeds of Freedom: The Peaceful Integration of Huntsville, Alabama* **BL**

Bausum, Ann. *Stonewall: Breaking Out in the Fight for Gay Rights* **HB SLJ**

Benson, Kathleen. *Draw What You See: The Life and Art of Benny Andrews* **SLJ**

Blanco, Richard. *One Today* **BL**

Blumenthal, Karen. *Tommy: The Gun That Changed America* **BL SLJ**

Bolden, Tonya. *Capital Days: Michael Shiner's Journal and the Growth of Our Nation's Capital* **SLJ**

Bond, Rebecca. *Out of the Woods* **HB BCCB**

Breslin, Theresa. *An Illustrated Treasury of Scottish Mythical Creatures* **BL**

Brimner, Larry Dane. *The Rain Wizard: The Amazing, Mysterious, True Life of Charles Mallory Hatfield* **SLJ**

Brown, Daniel James. *The Boys in the Boat: The True Story of an American Team's Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics* **BL**

Brown, Don. *Aaron and Alexander* **SLJ**

Brown, Don. *Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina & New Orleans* **OP HB SLJ BCCB**

Bryant, Jen. *The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus* **SIB**

Buchanan, Shelly C. *Animal Senses* **BL**

Buchanan, Shelly C. *Plant Reproduction* **BL**

Burgess, Matthew. *Enormous Smallness: A Story of E. E. Cummings* **SLJ**

Burleigh, Robert. *Solving the Puzzle Under the Sea: Marie Tharp Maps the Ocean Floor* **SLJ**

Burleigh, Robert. *Trapped! A Whale's Rescue* **BL**

Burns, Loree Griffin. *Beetle Busters: A Rogue Insect and the People Who Track It* **SLJ**

Carr, Annaleise. *Annaleise Carr: How I Conquered Lake Ontario to Help Kids Battling Cancer*
VOYA

Carson, Mary Kay. *Inside Biosphere 2: Earth Science under Glass* **BL SLJ**

Charleyboy, Lisa & Mary Beth Leatherdale, eds. *Urban Tribes: Native Americans in the City*
SLJ

Chikwanine, Michel & Jessica Dee Humphreys. *Child Soldier: When Boys and Girls are Used
in War* **SLJ**

Christensen, Bonnie. *Elvis: The Story of the Rock and Roll King* **SLJ**

Collard, Sneed B., III. *Fire Birds: Valuing Natural Wildfires and Burned Forests* **SLJ**

Cooney, Robert P. J., Jr. *Remembering Inez: The Last Campaign of Inez Milholland, Suffrage
Martyr* **SLJ**

Coy, John. *Game Changer: John McLendon and the Secret Game* **BL**

Dawson, James. *This Book is Gay* **BL**

Dawson, Willow. *The Wolf-Birds* **SLJ**

Deem, James M. *The Prisoners of Breendonk: Personal Histories from a World War II
Concentration Camp* **BL SLJ**

Derby, Sally. *Jump Back, Paul: The Life and Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* **SLJ**

Downer, Ann. *Smart and Spineless: Exploring Invertebrate Intelligence* **BL**

Duffy, Chris, ed. *Fable Comics* **BCCB SLJ**

Eggers, Dave. *This Bridge Will Not Be Gray* **BL**

Engle, Margarita. *Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music* **SLJ**

Engle, Margarita. *Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: A Memoir* **YA BL SLJ**

Fern, Tracey. *W Is For Webster: Noah Webster and his American Dictionary* **SLJ**

Fitzsimmons, David. *Curious Critters: Marine.* **SLJ**

Fleming, Candace. *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion & the Fall of Imperial Russia*
SIB

Fogliano, Julie. *When Green Becomes Tomatoes* **BL**

Frydenborg, Kay. *Chocolate: Sweet Science & Dark Secrets of the World's Most Favorite Treat*
SLJ

Golio, Gary. *Bird & Diz* **SLJ**

Grant, John. *Debunk It!: How to Stay Sane in a World of Misinformation* **SLJ**

Grimes, Nikki. *Chasing Freedom: The Life Journeys of Harriet Tubman and Susan B. Anthony*
SLJ

Grimm, The Brothers. *Little Red Riding Hood.* Illus. by Sybille Schenker **SLJ**

Grove, Tim. *First Flight Around the World: The Adventures of the American Fliers Who Won
the Race* **YA BCCB**

Guiberson, Brenda Z. *The Most Amazing Creature in the Sea* **SLJ**

Hartland, Jessie. *Steve Jobs: Insanely Great* **SLJ**

Hearst, Michael. *Extraordinary People* **BL**

Hennessey, Kathryn. *The Fashion Book* **VOYA**

Heos, Bridget. *I, Fly: The Buzz about Flies and How Awesome They Are* **BCCB**

Hepplewhite, Peter. *Loos, Poos, and Number Twos: A Disgusting Journey through the Bowels of History* **BL**

Homer. *The Iliad*. retold by Gillian Cross **SLJ**

Hoose, Phillip. *The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club* **HB BL SLJ BCCB**

Hughes, Langston. *Sail Away* **SLJ**

Janeczko, Paul B., ed. *The Death of the Hat: A Brief History of Poetry in 50 Objects* **BL SLJ**

Jarrow, Gail. *Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary* **BL SLJ**

Jenkins, Steve and Robin Page. *How to Swallow a Pig: Step-by-Step Advice from the Animal Kingdom* **BL BCCB SLJ**

Kraft, Betsy Harvey. *The Fantastic Ferris Wheel: The Story of Inventor George Ferris* **SLJ**

Leahy, Stephen. *Your Water Footprint: The Shocking Facts About How Much Water We Use to Make Everyday Products* **SLJ**

Lee, Tony. *Messenger: The Legend of Joan of Arc* **SLJ**

Lewin, Ted & Betsy Lewin. *How to Babysit a Leopard: And Other True Stories from Our Travels Across Six Continents* **SLJ**

Lewis, J. Patrick, ed. *Book of Nature Poetry* **SLJ**

Lewis, John and Andrew Aydin. *March: Book Two* **HB**

London, Jonathan. *Hippos Are Huge!* **BCCB SLJ**

Longhi, Katya. *Do You Really Want a Guinea Pig?* **BL**

Longhi, Katya. *Do You Really Want a Lizard?* **BL**

Longhi, Katya. *Do You Really Want a Snake?* **BL**

Longhi, Katya. *Do You Really Want a Turtle?* **BL**

Lowery, Lynda Blackmon and others. *Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March* **BL BCCB**

Lowinger, Kathy. *Give Me Wings: How a Choir of Former Slaves Took on the World* **SLJ**

Lynch, P. J. *The Boy Who Fell off the Mayflower; or, John Howland's Good Fortune* **BL SLJ**

Macaulay, David. *How Machines Work: Zoo Break!* **BL**

Macy, Sue. *Miss Mary Reporting: The True Story of Sportswriter Mary Garber* **BL**

Mahoney, Ellen. *Nellie Bly and Investigative Journalism for Kids: Mighty Muckrakers from the Golden Age to Today* **BL**

Manzona, Sonia. *Becoming Maria: Love and Chaos in the South Bronx* **SLJ**

Markel, Michelle. *Hillary Rodham Clinton: Some Girls Are Born to Lead* **BL**

Mattick, Lindsay. *Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear* **HB SLJ**

Matzke, Ann. *You Have a Pet What?! Hedgehog* **BL**

Matzke, Ann. *You Have a Pet What?! Mini Horse* **BL**

Matzke, Ann. *You Have a Pet What?! Mini Pig* **BL**

Matzke, Ann. *You Have a Pet What?! Sugar Glider* **BL**

McCarthy, Meghan. *Earmuffs for Everyone! How Chester Greenwood Became Known as the Inventor of Earmuffs* **BL BCCB**

Miller, Sarah. *The Borden Mysteries: Lizzie Borden & the Trial of the Century* **SLJ**

Minor, Wendell. *Daylight Starlight Wildlife* **SLJ**

Montgomery, Sy. *The Octopus Scientists: Exploring the Mind of a Mollusk* **BL SLJ**

Mulder, Michelle. *Every Last Drop: Bringing Clean Water Home* **VOYA**

Murphy, Jim. *Breakthrough!: How Three People Saved “Blue Babies” and Changed Medicine Forever* **HB SLJ**

Napoli, Donna Jo, ad. *Treasury of Norse Mythology: Stories of Intrigue, Trickery, Love, and Revenge* **BCCB SLJ**

Nardo, Don. *Hitler in Paris: How a Photograph Shocked a World at War: Captured World History* **VOYA**

Nelson, Jo. *Welcome to the Museum: Historium* **SLJ**

Nelson, Marilyn. *My Seneca Village* **HB BL SLJ**

Nelson, S. D. *Sitting Bull: Lakota Warrior and Defender of His People* **BL SLJ**

Newman, Patricia. *Ebola: Fears and Facts* **BL**

Noyes, Deborah. *Ten Days a Madwoman: The Daring Life and Turbulent Times of the Original “Girl” Reporter Nellie Bly* **SLJ**

Page, Robin. *A Chicken Followed Me Home!: Questions and Answers About a Familiar Fowl!* **SLJ**

Paiva, Johannah Gilman, ed. and Ashley Rideout. *See How They Work & Look Inside Diggers* **BL**

Paiva, Johannah Gilman, ed. and Ashley Rideout. *See How They Work & Look Inside Fire Trucks* **BL**

Paschkis, Julie. *Flutter & Hum: Animal Poems* **BCCB**

Paul, Miranda. *Water is Water: A Book About the Water Cycle* **SLJ**

Perritano, John. *Bomb Squad Technician* **BL**

Petricic, Dusan. *My Family Tree and Me* **HB**

Pinkney, Andrea David. *Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip through the Motown Sound* **BL SLJ**

Pizzoli, Greg. *Tricky Vic: The Impossibly True Story of the Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower* **BCCB**

Plain, Nancy. *This Strange Wilderness: The Life and Art of John James Audubon* **YA BL**

Pope John XXIII. *Just for Today* **BL**

Powell, Patricia Hruby. *Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker* **SIB**

Prevot, Franck. *Wangari Maathai: The Woman Who Planted Millions of Trees* **BL SLJ**

Raidt, Gerda and Christa Holtei. *In the New World: A Family in Two Centuries* **BL**

Reef, Catherine. *Noah Webster: Man of Many Words* **SLJ**

Rhodes-Pitts, Sharifa. *Jake Makes a World: Jacob Lawrence, a Young Artist in Harlem* **SLJ**

Rice, William B. *The Story of Fossil Fuels* **BL**

Robertson, Robbie. *Hiawatha and the Peacemaker* **SLJ**

Rockliff, Mara. *Mesmerized: How Ben Franklin Solved a Mystery that Baffled All of France* **OP SLJ**

Rosen, Michael J. *The Maine Coon’s Haiku* **SLJ**

Rosenthal, Betsy R. *An Ambush of Tigers: A Wild Gathering of Collective Nouns* **SLJ**

Roy, Katherine. *Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California’s Farallon Islands* **SIB**

Rubin, Susan Goldman. *Freedom Summer: The 1964 Struggle for Civil Rights in Mississippi* **VOYA**

Say, Allen. *The Inker’s Shadow* **BCCB**

Sayre, April Pulley. *Woodpecker Wham!* **SLJ**

Schnell, Lisa Kahn. *High Tide for Horseshoe Crabs* **SLJ**

Shakespeare, William. *Macbeth*; ad. And illus. by Gareth Hinds **BCCB**

Shantz-Hilkes, Chloe. *My Girlfriend's Pregnant! A Teen's Guide to Becoming a Dad* **BL**

Shecter, Vicky Alvera, and J. E. Larson. *Hades Speaks!: A Guide to the Underworld by the Greek God of the Dead: Secrets of the Ancient Gods* **VOYA**

Sheinkin, Steve. *Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War* **YA HB BL SLJ BCCB**

Shingu, Susumu. *Wandering Whale Sharks* **SLJ**

Silvey, Anita. *Untamed: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall* **SLJ**

Sisson, Stephanie Roth. *Star Stuff: Carl Sagan and the Mysteries of the Cosmos* **HB**

Smith, Charles R. *28 Days* **BL**

Smith, Matthew Clark. *Small Wonders: Jean-Henri Fabre and His World of Insects* **SLJ**

Snyder, Laurel. *Swan: The Life and Dance of Anna Pavlova* **OP SLJ**

Spiegelman, Nadja. *Lost in NYC: A Subway Adventure* **BCCB**

Stabler, David. *Kid Athletes: True Tales of Childhood from Sports Legends* **BL**

Tate, Don. *Poet: The Remarkable Story of George Moses Horton* **SLJ**

Tate, Nikki, and Dani Tate-Stratton. *Take Shelter: At Home Around the World* **VOYA**

Tavares, Matt. *Growing Up Pedro* **OP SLJ**

Thomas, Peggy. *Thomas Jefferson Grows a Nation* **SLJ**

Thompson, Laurie Ann. *Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofose Yeboah* **SLJ**

Thrash, Maggie. *Honor Girl* **SLJ**

Tonatiuh, Duncan. *Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras* **OP HB BL SLJ**

Tonatiuh, Duncan. *Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation* **SIB**

Turner, Pamela S. *Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune* **BL SLJ**

Wallmark, Laurie. *Ada Byron Lovelace and the Thinking Machine* **BL SLJ**

Weatherford, Carole Boston. *Freedom in Congo Square* **BL SLJ**

Weatherford, Carole Boston. *Gordon Parks: How the Photographer Captured Black and White America* **SLJ**

Weatherford, Carole Boston. *Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement* **HB BL SLJ**

Wedge, Hayden. *Examining Shipwrecks* **BL**

Winchester, Simon. *When the Earth Shakes: Earthquakes, Volcanoes, and Tsunamis* **SLJ**

Winter, Jonah. *Lillian's Right to Vote: A Celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965* **SLJ**

Winter, Jonah. *You Never Heard of Casey Stengel!?!* **BL**

Winterberg, Jenna. *Light and Its Effects* **BL**

Wood, Alix. *Art Installations* **BL**

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Brown Girl Dreaming* **SIB**

Woollett, Laura A. *Big Top Burning: The True Story of an Arsonist, a Missing Girl, and the Greatest Show on Earth* **BL**

Yoo, Paula. *Twenty-Two Cents: Muhammad Yunus and the Village Bank* **VOYA**

Yoon, JooHee. *Beastly Verse* **BL SLJ**

Zimmer, Marc. *Bioluminescence: Nature and Science at Work* **BL**