

Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award Winners

2008 Grades 3-5

Winner: Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude by Kevin O'Malley.

Honor: Precious and the Boo Hag by Patricia C. McKissack. Illustrated by Kyrsten Brooker.

2008 Grades 6-8

Winner: Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Honor: Click Here: to find out how I survived seventh grade by Denise Vega

2007 Grades 3-5

Winner: Gator Gumbo: A Spicy Hot Tale by Candace Fleming. Illustrated by Sally Ann Lambert.

Honor: The Champ: The Story of Muhammed Ali by Tonya Bolden. Illustrated by R. Gregory Christie.

2007 Grades 6-8

Winner: So B. It by Sarah Weeks.

Honor: Dragon Rider by Cornelia Funke.

2006 Grades 3-5

Winner: Alligator Sue by Sharon Arms Doucet. Illustrated by Anne Wilsdorf

Honor: Up the Learning Tree by Marcia Vaughn. Illustrated by Derek Blanks.

2006 Grades 6-8

Winner: Skeleton Key by Anthony Horowitz.

Honor: The Boy Who Saved Baseball by John H. Ritter.

2005 Grades 3-5

Winner: Dear Mrs. LaRue by Mark Teague

Honor: The Spider and the Fly by Mary Howitt. Illustrated by Tony DiTerlizzi

2005 Grades 6-8 (First year for grades 6-8)

Winner: Coraline by Neil Gaiman

Honor: Girl in a Cage by Jane Yolen and Robert J. Harris

2004 Grades 3-5

Winner: Petite Rouge: A Cajun Red Riding Hood by Mike Artell.

Honor: The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson. Illustrated by Earl Lewis.

2003 Grades 3-5

Winner: My Dog, My Hero by Betsy Byars, Betsy Duffey and Laurie Myers

Honor: Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

2002 Grades 3-5

Winner: Weslandia by Paul Fleischman. Illustrated by Kevin Hawkes.

Honor: Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

2001 Grades 3-5

Winner: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling

Honor: Feliciana Meets d'Loup Garou: A Cajun Tall Tale by Tynia Thomassie

2000 Grades 3-5

Winner: Verdi by Janell Cannon

Honor: Lou Gehrig: The Luckiest Man by David A. Adler. Illustrated by Terry Widener.