

# MIDDLE EAST OUTREACH COUNCIL BOOK AWARDS

MEOC established the Middle East Book Awards in 1999 to recognize books for children and young adults that contribute meaningfully to understanding of the Middle East. Books that are nominated for awards are judged on the authenticity of their portrayal of a Middle Eastern subject, as well as on their characterization, plot, and appeal for the intended audience. Awards are announced in the Fall for books that were published during the period from January of the previous year through September of the current year. For more information, contact Jean Campbell, Book Awards Chair, [jeanbcamp@comcast.net](mailto:jeanbcamp@comcast.net) or (541) 343-1007. Award winners and honorable mentions are listed by Picture Book, Youth Literature, and Youth Non-Fiction categories.

## PICTURE BOOK AWARDS

- 2014 Award--***RAZIA'S RAY OF HOPE*** by Elizabeth Suneby, illustrated by Suana Verelst (Citizen Kid, 2013)
- 2013 Award--***HANDS AROUND THE LIBRARY: PROTECTING EGYPT'S TREASURED BOOKS*** by Karen Leggett Abouraya, illustrated by Susan L. Roth (Dial Books, 2012)
- 2013 Honorable Mention--***GOLDEN DOMES AND SILVER LANTERNS: A MUSLIM BOOK OF COLORS*** by Hena Khan, illustrated by Mehrdokht Amini (Chronicle Books, 2012)
- 2012 Co-Awards--***FOLKTALES FROM TURKEY: FROM AGRI TO ZELVE*** by Serpil Ural, illustrated by Dilara Arin (Citlumbik Publications, 2012) and ***THE WOODEN SWORD: A JEWISH FOLKTALE FROM AFGHANISTAN*** by Ann Redisch Stampler, illustrated by Carol Liddiment (Albert Whitman & Company, 2012).
- 2012 Honorable Mention--***WHAT'S THE BUZZ: HONEY FOR A SWEET NEW YEAR*** by Alison Ofanansky, photographs by Eliyahu Alpern. (Kar-Ben Publishing, 2011)
- 2011 Award--***Mirror*** by Jeannie Baker (Candlewick Press, 2010).
- 2011 Honorable Mentions--***The Secret Message*** by Mina Javaherbin, illustrated by Bruce Whatley, (Disney/Hyperion Books, 2010) and ***Time to Pray*** by Maha Addasi, illustrated by Ned Gannon (Boyd's Mills Press, 2010).
- 2010 Award--***HOW MANY DONKEYS: AN ARABIC COUNTING TALE*** by Margaret Read MacDonald, and Nadia Jameel Taibah, illustrated by Carol Liddiment (Albert Whitman & Company, 2009).
- 2010 Honorable Mention-- ***KINGS AND CARPENTERS: ONE HUNDRED BIBLE LAND JOBS YOU MIGHT HAVE PRAISED OR PANNED*** by Laurie Coulter and Mary Newbigging (Annick Press, 2010).
- 2009 Award--***THE BUTTER MAN*** by Elizabeth Alalou and Ali Alalou (Charlesbridge Publishing, 2008).
- 2009 Honorable Mention--***THE GRAND MOSQUE OF PARIS: A STORY OF HOW MUSLIMS RESCUED JEWS DURING THE HOLOCAUST*** by Karen Gray Ruelle and Deborah Durland DeSaix (Holiday House, 2009)
- 2008 Award--***SILENT MUSIC: A STORY OF BAGHDAD***, written and illustrated by James Rumford (Roaring Brook Press, 2008)
- 2008 Honorable Mentions--***FOUR FEET, TWO SANDALS***, by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed, illustrated by Doug Chayka (Eerdman's Books for Young Readers, 2007) and ***THE BEST EID EVER*** by Asma Mobin-Uddin, illustrated by Laura Jacobsen (Boyd's Mills Press, 2007).
- 2007 Award--***ONE CITY, TWO BROTHERS*** by Chris Smith, illustrated by Aurélia Fronty (Barefoot Books, 2007)
- 2007 Honorable Mention--***COUNT YOUR WAY THROUGH IRAN*** by Jim Haskins and Kathleen Benson, illustrated by Farida Zaman (Millbrook Press, 2007) and ***THE RICH MAN AND THE PARROT*** retold by Suzan Nadimi, illustrated by Ande Cook (Albert Whitman & Company, 2007).
- 2006 Award--***LUGALBANDA, THE BOY WHO GOT CAUGHT UP IN A WAR*** by Kathy Henderson, illustrated by Jane Ray (Candlewick Press, 2006).
- 2006 Honorable Mention--***MYSTERY BOTTLE*** by Kristen Balouch, (Hyperion Books for Children, 2006).
- 2005 Award--***ALIA'S MISSION: SAVING THE BOOKS OF IRAQ*** by Mark Alan Stamaty (Alfred A. Knopf, 2004).
- 2005 Honorable Mention--***THE LIBRARIAN OF BASRA*** by Jeanette Winter (Harcourt, 2005)
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***THE TRAVELS OF BENJAMIN OF TUDELA*** by Uri Shulevitz (Farrar Traus Giroux, 2005).

2004 Award-- **MUHAMMAD** written and illustrated by Demi (Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2003).

2002 Award--**CELEBRATING RAMADAN** by Diane Hoyt Goldsmith, photographs by Lawrence Migdale (Holiday House, 2002).

- 2001 Award--***TRAVELING MAN: THE JOURNEY OF IBN BATTUTA, 1325-1354*** written and illustrated by James Rumford (Houghton Mifflin Company, 2001).
- 2000 Award--***THE HOUSE OF WISDOM*** by Florence Parry Heide and Judith Heide Gilliland, (DK Publishing, Inc., 1999).
- 2000 Honorable Mention--***THE STORYTELLERS*** by Ted Lewin (New York: Lothrop, Lee and Shepard Books, 1998)

## YOUTH LITERATURE AWARDS

- 2014 Award--***FEAR OF BEAUTY: A NOVEL*** by Susan Froetschel (Seventh Street Books, 2013)
- 2013 Award—***THE GIRL WHO FELL TO EARTH: A MEMOIR*** by Sophia Al-Maria (Harper Perennial, 2012)
- 2013 Honorable Mentions—***A GAME FOR SWALLOWS: TO DIE, TO LEAVE, TO RETURN*** by Zeina Abirached (Graphic Universe, 2012) and ***A FORT OF NINE TOWERS: AN AFGHAN FAMILY STORY*** by Qais Akbar Omar (Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2012)
- 2012 Co-Awards—***ALIF THE UNSEEN*** by G. Willow Wilson (Grove Press, 2012) and ***JERUSALEM CHRONICLES FROM THE HOLY CITY*** by Guy Delisle (Drawn and Quarterly, 2012)
- 2011 Award--***WHERE THE STREETS HAD A NAME*** by Randa Abdel-Fattah (Scholastic Press, 2010).
- 2010 Award-- ***SHOOTING KABUL*** by N.H. Senzai (Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books, 2011).
- 2009 Award—***WANTING MOR*** by Rukhsana Khan (Groundwood Books, 2009).
- 2009 Honorable Mentions—***A BOTTLE IN THE GAZA SEA*** by Valerie Zenatti (Bloomsbury Publishing PLC, 2008) and ***EXTRA CREDIT*** by Andrew Clements (Atheneum Books, 2009).
- 2008 Award—***THE MASTER'S APPRENTICE: A STORY OF MEDIEVAL SPAIN*** by Melanie Little (Annick Press, 2007).
- 2007 Award--***TASTING THE SKY: A PALESTINIAN CHILDHOOD*** by Ibtisam Barakat (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2007).
- 2006 Award--***A LITTLE PIECE OF GROUND*** by Elizabeth Laird (Haymarket Books, 2006; originally published in England by Macmillan UK in 2003)
- 2005 Award--***FIGS AND FATE*** by Elsa Marston (George Braziller, 2005)
- 2003 Award--***19 VARIETIES OF GAZELLE*** by Naomi Shihab Nye (Greenwillow Books, 2002)
- 2002 Award--***THE BREADWINNER*** by Deborah Ellis (Groundwood Books, 2002).
- 2001 Award--***SAMIR AND YONATAN*** by Daniella Carmi (Scholastic, 2000 [English edition])
- 2000 Award--***HABIBI*** by Naomi Shihab Nye (Simon and Schuster, 1997)

## YOUTH NON-FICTION AWARDS

- 2013 Co-Awards—***THE COMPASSIONATE WARRIOR: ABD EL-KADER OF ALGERIA*** by Elsa Marston (Wisdom Tales, 2013) and ***THE ARAB WORLD THOUGHT OF IT: INVENTIONS, INNOVATIONS, AND AMAZING FACTS*** by Saima Hussain (Annick Press, 2013)
- 2012 Co-Awards-- ***BEYOND BULLETS: A PHOTO JOURNAL OF AFGHANISTAN*** by Rafal Gerszak (Annick Press, 2012) and ***BYE BYE BABYLON: BEIRUT 1975-1979*** by Lamia Ziade (Interlink Publishing Group, 2012)
- 2012 Honorable Mention-- ***LIVING THROUGH THE ARAB-ISRAELI WAR SINCE 1948*** by Alex Woolf (Heinemann-Raintree, 2012).
- 2011 Co-Awards—***THE GENIUS OF ISLAM: HOW MUSLIMS MADE THE MODERN WORLD*** by Bryn Barnard (Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2011) and ***HOW TO UNDERSTAND ISRAEL IN 60 DAYS OR LESS*** by Sarah Glidden (Vertigo, 2011).
- 2010 Award--***A BRIEF HISTORY OF SAUDI ARABIA*** by James Wynbrandt (Checkmark Books, 2010).
- 2010 Honorable Mention—***ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MUSLIM-AMERICAN HISTORY*** by Edward E. Curtis IV, editor (Facts on File, 2010).
- 2009 Award—***THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION*** by Brendan January (Twenty-First Century Books, 2008).
- 2009 Honorable Mentions—***THE ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF ARABIA*** by Mary Beardwood (Stacey International Publishing, 2009) and ***THE MIDDLE EAST TODAY; POLITICAL, GEOGRAPHICAL & CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES*** by Dona J. Stewart (Routledge, 2008).

- 2008 Award—**EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN FROM THE MUSLIM WORLD** by Natalie Maydell and Sep Riahi, illustrated by Heba Amin (Global Content Ventures, 2007).
- 2007 Co-Awards--**IRAQ (MODERN WORLD NATION SERIES)** by Dale Lightfoot, Charles F. Gritzner, series editor (Chelsea House Publishers, 2007). and **OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS: IRAN (OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS SERIES)**, Laura K. Egendorf, editor (Greenhaven Press, 2006).
- 2006 Award--**THE ILLUSTRATOR'S NOTEBOOK** by Mohieddin Ellabbad (Groundwood Books, 2006)
- 2006 Honorable Mentions--**GREAT MUSLIM PHILOSOPHERS AND SCIENTISTS IN THE MIDDLE AGES** series (Rosen Publishing Group, 2006). Includes: *Albucasis (Abu al-Qasim Al-Zahrawi): Renowned Muslim Surgeon of the Tenth Century* by Fred Ramen; *Averroes (Ibn Rushd): Muslim Scholar, Philosopher, and Physician of the Twelfth Century* by Liz Sonneborn; *Avicenna (Ibn Sina): Muslim Physician and Philosopher of the Eleventh Century* by Aisha Khan; *Al-Biruni: Master Astronomer and Muslim Scholar of the Eleventh Century* by Bill Scheppler; *Al-Khwarizmi: The Inventor of Algebra* by Corona Brezina; and *Al-Kindi: The Father of Arab Philosophy* by Tony Abboud and **LEBANON A to Z: A MIDDLE EASTERN MOSAIC** by Marijean Boueri, Jill Boutros, and Joanne Sayad, illustrated by Tatiana Sabbagh (Publishing Works, 2005).
- 2005 Award--**HISTORICAL ATLAS OF ISLAM** by Malise Ruthven and Azim Nanji (Harvard University Press, 2004).
- 2004 Award--**MOSQUE** by David Macaulay (Houghton Mifflin Company, 2003) and **TEEN LIFE IN THE MIDDLE EAST** by Ali Akbar Mahdi, editor (Greenwood Press, 2003).
- 2004 Honorable Mentions--**WITNESS TO HISTORY: AFGHANISTAN** by David Downing (Heinemann Library, 2004) and **A HISTORY OF THE MUSLIM WORLD TO 1405: THE MAKING OF A CIVILIZATION** by Vernon O. Egger (Prentice Hall, 2003).
- 2003 Award--**WOMEN IN THE MIDDLE EAST: TRADITION AND CHANGE** by Ramsay Harik and Elsa Marston (revised edition, Franklin Watts, 2003).
- 2001 Award--**ISLAM** by Sue Penney (*World Beliefs and Cultures* series, Heinemann Library, 2000).