

Newberry Honor Books

These books did not win the Newberry Medal, but they were in the running for it. This list only includes Honor Books from 1987 on. For help finding any of these books, please visit the Reference Desk on the first floor.

Armstrong, Alan. **Whittington.** (CBC Fic Ar572w 2005)

Whittington, a feline descendant of Dick Whittington's famous cat of English folklore, appears at a rundown barnyard plagued by rats and restores harmony while telling his ancestor's story.

Avi. **Nothing but the Truth: A Documentary Novel.** (CBC Fic Av51n 1991)

A ninth-grader's suspension for singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story.

Avi. **The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle.** (CBC Fic Av51t 1990)

As the lone "young lady" on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, Charlotte learns that the captain is murderous and the crew rebellious.

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. **Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow.** (CBC 943.086 B2853h 2005)

The story of a generation of German young people who devoted all their energy to the Hitler Youth and the propaganda that brought Hitler his power, and the youths that resisted the Nazi movement. "I begin with the young. We older ones are used up. But my magnificent youngsters! Look at these men and boys! What material! With them, I can create a new world."-Adolf Hitler, Nuremberg, 1933. By the time Hitler became Chancellor of Germany in 1933; 3.5 million children belonged to the Hitler Youth. It would become the largest youth group in history.

Bauer, Joan. **Hope Was Here.** (CBC Fic B3262h 2000) When sixteen year old Hope and the aunt who has raised her move from Brooklyn to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, to work as a waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways diner, they become involved with the diner owner's political campaign to oust the town's corrupt mayor.

Brooks, Bruce. **What Hearts.** (CBC Fic B7914w 1992)

After his mother divorces his father and remarries, Asa's sharp intellect and capacity for forgiveness help him deal with the instabilities of his new world.

Choldenko, Gennifer. **Al Capone Does My Shirts.** (CBC Fic C4534a 2004)

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

Coman, Carolyn. **What Jamie Saw.** (CBC Fic C7303w 1995)

Having fled to a family friend's hillside trailer after his mother's boyfriend tried to throw his baby sister against a wall, nine year old Jamie finds himself living an existence full of uncertainty and fear.

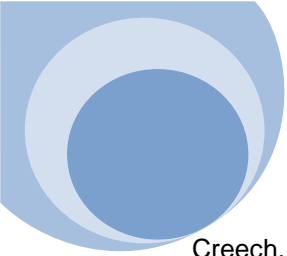
Conly, Jane Leslie. **Crazy Lady!** (CBC Fic C7617c 1993)

As he tries to come to terms with his mother's death, Vernon finds solace in his growing relationship with the neighborhood outcasts, an alcoholic and her retarded son.

Coulombis, Audrey. **Getting Near To Baby.** (CBC Fic C8317g 1999)

Although thirteen year old Willa Jo and her Aunt Patty seem to be constantly at odds, staying with her and Uncle Hob helps Willa Jo and her younger sister come to terms with the death of their family's baby.

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Creech, Sharon. **The Wanderer.** (CBC Fic C8615wa 2000)

Thirteen year old Sophie and her cousin Cody record their transatlantic crossing aboard the Wanderer, a forty five foot sailboat, which, along with uncles and another cousin, is en route to visit their grandfather in England.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. **The Watsons Go To Birmingham.**(CBC Fic C9413w 1995)

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

Cushman, Karen. **Catherine, Called Birdy.** (CBC Fic C9597c 1994)

The thirteen year old daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off.

De Paola, Tomie. **26 Fairmont Avenue.** (CBC 921 D4408t 1999)

Children's author-illustrator Tomie De Paola describes his experiences at home and in school when he was a boy.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Because of Winn-Dixie.** (CBC Fic D5473b 2000)

Ten year old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

Farmer, Nancy. **The Ear, The Eye, And The Arm.** (CBC Fic F2297e 1994)

In 2194 in Zimbabwe, General Matsika's three children are kidnapped and put to work in a plastic mine, while three mutant detectives use their special powers to search for them.

Farmer, Nancy. **A Girl Named Disaster.** (CBC Fic F2297g 1996) While fleeing from Mozambique to Zimbabwe to escape an unwanted marriage, Nhamo, an eleven year old Shona girl, struggles to escape drowning and starvation and in so doing comes close to the luminous world of the African spirits.

Freedman, Russell. **Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery.** (CBC 921 R6774f 1993)

A photo biography of the first wife of a president to have a public life and career of her own.

Freedman, Russell. **The Voice that Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights.** (CBC 921 An242f 2004)

In the mid-1930s, Marian Anderson was a famed vocalist who had been applauded by European royalty and welcomed at the White House. But, because of her race, she was denied the right to sing at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. This is the story of her resulting involvement in the civil rights movement of the time.

Freedman, Russell. **The Wright Brothers: How They Invented The Airplane.** (CBC 920 F8757w 1991)

Follows the lives of the Wright brothers and describes how they developed the first airplane.

Gantos, Jack. **Joey Pigza Loses Control.** (IMC CBC Fic G1586jl 2000)

Joey, who is still taking medication to keep him from getting too wired, goes to spend the summer with the hard-drinking father he has never known and tries to help the baseball team he coaches win the championship. Sequel to: Joey Pigza swallowed the key.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Lily's Crossing.** (CBC Fic G3666li 1997)

During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.

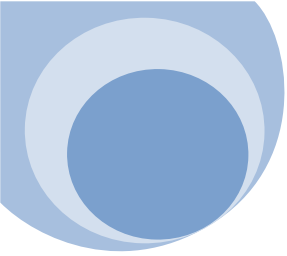
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- Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Pictures of Hollis Woods.** (Fic G3666p 2002)
A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.
- Hamilton, Virginia. **In the Beginning: Creation Stories From Around the World.** (CBC 291.24 H1808i 1988)
An illustrated collection of twenty-five myths from various parts of the world explaining the creation of the world.
- Hale, Shannon. **Princess Academy.** (CBC Fic H1357p 2005)
While attending a strict academy for potential princesses with the other girls from her mountain village, fourteen-year-old Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland.
- Henkes, Kevin. **Olive's Ocean.** (CBC Fic H3896o 2003)
On a summer visit to her grandmother's cottage by the ocean, twelve-year-old Martha gains perspective on the death of a classmate, on her relationship with her grandmother, on her feelings for an older boy, and on her plans to be a writer.
- Hiaasen, Carl. **Hoot.** (CBC Fic H5202 2002)
Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.
- Holm, Jennifer L. **Our Only May Amelia.** (CBC Fic H7304o 1999) As the only girl in a Finnish American family of seven brothers, May Amelia Jackson resents being expected to act like a lady while growing up in Washington state in 1899.
- Holm, Jennifer L. **Penny from Heaven.** (CBC Fic H7304p 2006)
It's 1953 and 11-year-old Penny dreams of a summer of butter pecan ice cream, swimming, and baseball. But nothing's that easy in Penny's Italian-American family. For starters, she can't go swimming because her mother's afraid she'll catch polio at the pool. To make matters worse, her favorite uncle is living in a car. Her Nonny cries every time her father's name is mentioned. And the two sides of her family aren't speaking to each other!
- Horvath, Polly. **Everything on a Waffle.** (CBC Fic H7896e 2001)
Eleven-year-old Primrose living in a small fishing village in British Columbia recounts her experiences and all that she learns about human nature and the unpredictability of life in the months after her parents are lost at sea.
- Larson, Kirby. **Hattie Big Sky.** (CBC Fic L3296h 2006)
For years, sixteen-year-old Hattie's been shuttled between relatives. Tired of being Hattie Here-and-There, she courageously leaves Iowa to prove herself up on her late uncle's homestead claim near Vida, Montana. With a stubborn stick-to-itiveness, Hattie faces frost, drought and blizzards. Despite many hardships, Hattie forges ahead, sharing her adventures with her friends--especially Charlie, fighting in France--through letters and articles for her hometown paper. Her backbreaking quest for a home is lightened by her neighbors, the Muellers. But she feels threatened by pressure to be a "Loyal" American, forbidding friendships with folks of German descent. Despite everything, Hattie's determined to stay until a tragedy causes her to discover the true meaning of home.
- Levine, Gail Carson. **Ella Enchanted.** (CBC Fic L5787e 1997)
In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.
- Lisle, Janet Taylor. **Afternoon of the Elves.** (CBC Fic L6894a 1989)
As Hillary works in the miniature village, allegedly built by elves, in Sara-Kate's backyard, she becomes

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more and more curious about Sara- Kate's real life inside her big, gloomy house with her mysterious, silent mother.

Lord, Cynthia. **Rules.** (CBC Fic L8844r 2006)

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

Martin, Ann M. **A Corner of the Universe.** (CBC Fic M3632c 2002)

The summer that Hattie turns twelve, she meets the childlike uncle she never knew and becomes friends with a girl who works at the carnival that comes to Hattie's small town.

Mazer, Norma Fox. **After the Rain.** (CBC Fic M4577a 1987)

After discovering her grandfather is dying, fifteen-year-old Rachel gets to know him better than ever before and finds the experience bittersweet.

McGraw, Eloise. **The Moorchild.** (CBC Fic M1783mo 1996)

Feeling that she is neither fully human nor "Folk," a changeling learns her true identity and attempts to find the human child whose place she had been given.

McKissack, Patricia. **The Dark Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural.** (CBC Fic M2178d 1992)

A collection of ghost stories with African American themes, designed to be told during the Dark Thirty--the half hour before sunset--when ghosts seem all too believable.

Murphy, Jim. **An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793.** (CBC 974.811 M9545a 2003)

It's 1793, and there's an invisible killer roaming the streets of Philadelphia. The city's residents are fleeing in fear. This killer has a name--yellow fever--but everything else about it is a mystery. Its cause is unknown and there is no cure. This [book] traces the devastating course of the epidemic. [The book] offers a ... glimpse into the conditions in American cities at the time of our nation's birth while drawing thought-provoking parallels to modern-day epidemics.

Myers, Walter Dean. **Scorpions.** (CBC Fic M9925sc 1988)

After reluctantly taking on the leadership of the Harlem gang, the Scorpions, Jamal finds that his enemies treat him with respect when he acquires a gun--until a tragedy occurs.

Myers, Walter Dean. **Somewhere in the Darkness.** (CBC Fic M9925so 1992)

A teenage boy accompanies his father, who has recently escaped from prison, on a trip that turns out to be an, often painful, time of discovery for them both.

Paulsen, Gary. **Hatchet.** (CBC Fic P2856h 1999)

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

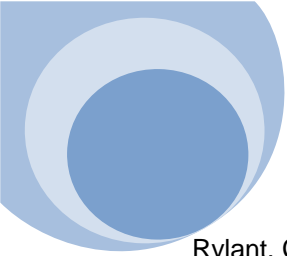
Paulsen, Gary. **The Winter Room.** (CBC Fic P2856w 1989)

A young boy growing up on a northern Minnesota farm describes the scenes around him and recounts his old Norwegian uncle's tales of an almost mythological logging past.

Peck, Richard. **A Long Way From Chicago.** (CBC Fic P3661 1998)

A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger than life grandmother.

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Rylant, Cynthia. **A Fine White Dust.** (CBC Fic R9834f 1986)

The visit of the traveling Preacher Man to his small North Carolina town gives new impetus to thirteen-year-old Peter's struggle to reconcile his own deeply felt religious belief with the beliefs and non-beliefs of his family and friends.

Schmidt, Gary. **Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy.** (CBC Fic Sch5371 2004)

In 1911, Turner Buckminster hates his new home of Phippsburg, Maine, but things improve when he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin, a girl from a poor, nearby island community founded by former slaves that the town fathers—and Turner's—want to change into a tourist spot.

Spinelli, Jerry. **Wringer.** (CBC Fic Sp464w 1997)

As Palmer comes of age, he must either accept the violence of being a wringer at his town's annual Pigeon Day or find the courage to oppose it.

Staples, Suzanne Fisher. **Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind.** (CBC Fic St273s 1989)

When eleven-year old Shabanu, the daughter of a nomad in the Cholistan Desert of present-day Pakistan, is pledged in marriage to an older man whose money will bring prestige to the family, she must either accept the decision, as is the custom, or risk the consequences of defying her father's wishes.

Tolan, Stephanie S. **Surviving the Applewhites.** (CBC Fic T5745s 2002)

Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent for home schooling to the arty and eccentric Applewhite family's Creative Academy, where he discovers talents and interests he never knew he had.

Turner, Megan Whalen. **The Thief.** (CBC Fic T8554t 1998)

Gen flaunts his ingenuity as a thief and relishes the adventure which takes him to a remote temple of the gods where he will attempt to steal a precious stone.

White, Ruth. **Belle Prater's Boy.** (CBC Fic W5856b 1996)

When Woodrow's mother suddenly disappears, he moves to his grandparents' home in a small Virginia town where he befriends his cousin and together they find the strength to face the terrible losses and fears in their lives.

Woodson, Jacqueline. **Show Way.** (CBC Fic W8697sh 2005)

The making of "Show ways," or quilts which once served as secret maps for freedom-seeking slaves, is a tradition passed from mother to daughter in the author's family.

Yep, Laurence. **Dragon's Gate.** (CBC Fic Y4304ds 1993)

When he accidentally kills a Manchu, a fifteen-year-old Chinese boy is sent to America to join his father, an uncle, and other Chinese working to build a tunnel for the transcontinental railroad through the Sierra Nevada mountains in 1867. Sequel to "Mountain light."

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