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What Are You Reading?

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Mini Fact:

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Dave Eggers

In 2024, the John Newbery Medal was awarded to "The Eyes and the Impossible" by Dave Eggers. The book was illustrated by Shawn Harris.

The Newbery Medal is awarded by the American Library Association for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature.

"The Eyes and the Impossible" is a story about friendship and working together. Johannes, a wild dog, is the narrator of the tale who lives in a city park near the ocean. He works with other animals who live there, too — three old bison, a seagull, a raccoon, a one-eyed squirrel and a pelican. Together, they try to keep an eye on the humans who visit the park and the other animals there.

Dave Eggers has written many books for adults and children. He also started McSweeney's, an independent publishing company in San Francisco, where he and his family live.

Eggers told NPR that writing this book was "more fun than anything else that I've ever done." He hopes that "The Eyes and the Impossible" will appeal to readers of all ages.



Dave Eggers

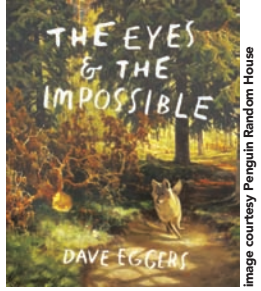


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Vashti Harrison

Illustrator and author Vashti Harrison received the 2024 Randolph Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished picture book for children.

Her book, "Big," is about a little girl who is suddenly "too big" for some people, who criticize her. She learns to accept herself, even when she feels invisible to other people.

Vashti Harrison grew up in Onley, Virginia, and now lives in Brooklyn, New York. She is the author and illustrator of many other books, including the Little Leaders and Little Dreamers series books. Harrison also creates films and videos about her Caribbean heritage.

Harrison told Publishers Weekly that she "wanted to make a story that focused on someone who isn't the smallest in the classroom but is still deserving of us cheering for her and rooting for her. ... I think it's the most important thing for children to feel that they can learn, change, grow, experiment and be whoever they are."



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Vashti Harrison

Honor Books

Five Newbery Honor Books and four Caldecott Honor Books were recognized:

- "Eagle Drums," written and illustrated by Nasugraq Rainey Hopson
- "Elf Dog and Owl Head," written by M.T. Anderson and illustrated by Junyi Wu
- "Mexikid: A Graphic Memoir," written and illustrated by Pedro Martin
- "Simon Sort of Says" by Erin Bow
- "The Many Assassinations of Samir, the Seller of Dreams," written by Daniel Nayeri and illustrated by Daniel Miyares

- "In Every Life," illustrated and written by Marla Frazee
- "Jovita Wore Pants: The Story of a Mexican Freedom Fighter," illustrated by Molly Mendoza and written by Aida Salazar
- "There Was a Party for Langston," illustrated by Jerome Pumphrey and Jarrett Pumphrey and written by Jason Reynolds
- "The Truth About Dragons," illustrated by Hanna Cha and written by Julie Leung

Coretta Scott King

The Coretta Scott King Author Book Award honored "Nigeria Jones" by Ibi Zoboi.

The King Illustrator Book Award winner was "An American Story," illustrated by Dare Coulter and written by Kwame Alexander.

The King Author Honor Books were "Big"; "How Do You Spell Unfair?: MacNolia Cox and the National Spelling Bee" by Carole Boston Weatherford; and "Kin: Rooted in Hope," also by Weatherford.

The King Illustrator Honor Books were "Big"; "Holding Her Own: The Exceptional Life of Jackie Ormes," illustrated by Shannon Wright; and "There Was a Party for Langston."



Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of good books are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

- AUTHOR, AWARD, BOOK, CALDECOTT, CHILDREN, DISTINGUISHED, EGGERS, HARRISON, HONOR, ILLUSTRATOR, KING, MEDAL, NEWBERY, READ, STORY, WINNER, WORDS, WRITE.

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Mini Jokes



Lily: Where does a librarian sleep?

Liam: Between the covers!

Eco Note



A new study finds that human-caused climate change produced a clear decline of snowpack in at least 31 locations around the Northern Hemisphere between 1981 and 2020. The changing snowfall patterns threaten people in areas that depend on spring snowmelt as a source of fresh water. Scientists say that when snow doesn't accumulate in winter, droughts can follow during the spring and summer. They found that when a region warms to a wintertime average of 17.6 degrees, snow melts away more quickly as the seasons change.

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For later:

Look in your newspaper for kids' book reviews.

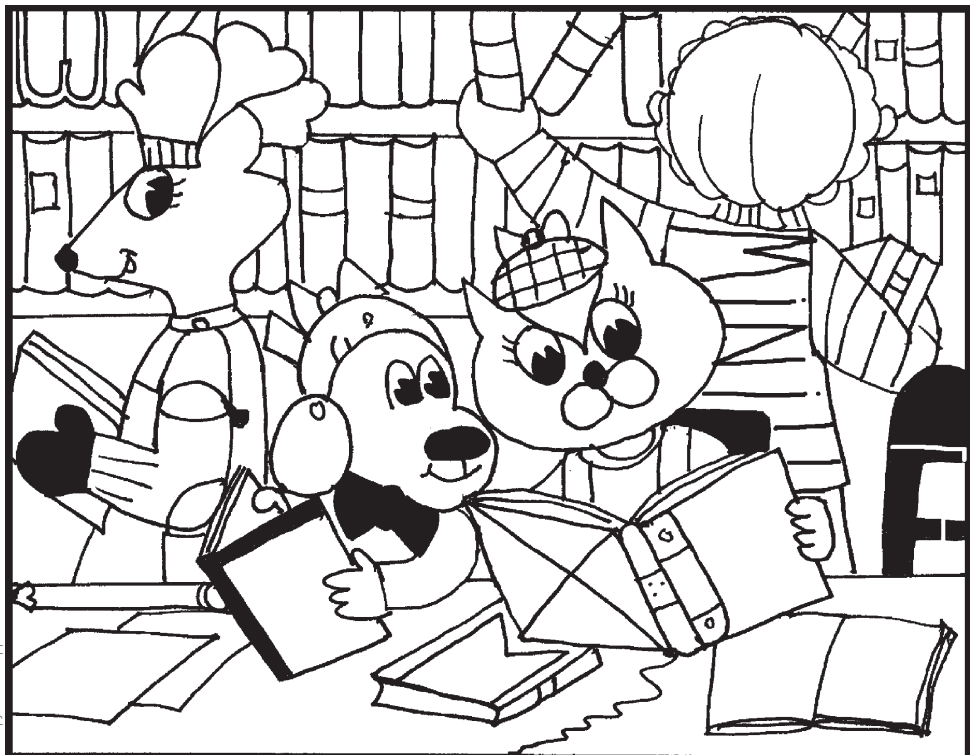
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