

# CORETTA SCOTT KING BOOK AWARD

"For more than fifty years, books by African American writers and artists have been honored by receiving the Coretta Scott King Book Award. This award promotes understanding and appreciation of African American culture and the culture of all peoples. The award is designed to commemorate the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and to honor Mrs. Coretta Scott King for her courage and determination to continue the work for peace and world brotherhood. The multidimensional characteristics of the authors' and illustrators' works reflect the African American experience from both the historical and contemporary perspectives. Opportunities to celebrate the rich and powerful experiences depicted in these books lie in the hands of the adults in children's and young adults' lives."

-Retrieved from the American Library Association Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee 2020 Discussion Guide, [ala.org/csk](http://ala.org/csk)



Bronze Seal



Silver Seal



Green Seal

The bronze seal denotes a Coretta Scott King Book Award author or illustrator winner; the silver denotes an author or illustrator honoree; and the green seal denotes a John Steptoe Award for New Talent recipient.

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## Insights into the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Seal

The symbolism used in designing the seal was centered on Dr. King's teachings and doctrines, and the purpose for which the Coretta Scott King Award was founded.

The basic circle represents continuity in movement, resolving from one idea to another. Within the circle is the image of an African American child reading a book. The five main religious symbols below the image of the child represent nonsectarianism. The superimposed pyramid symbolizes both strength and Atlanta University, the award's headquarters when the seal was designed. At the apex of the pyramid is the dove, symbolic of peace. The rays shine toward peace and brotherhood.

According to Lev Mills, the five nonsectarian\* symbols on the seal represent:



- Star and Crescent is a symbol of Islam. Many nations with a Muslim majority display this symbol on its flags. This not a religious symbol but rather it is a national, cultural, political, military, or community symbol.



- Om is a symbol of Hinduism. The written form of the word is in Sanskrit, a language of India. The sound OM is used repeatedly during meditation.



- Latin Cross is a symbol of Christianity; the cross upon which Jesus died; Christian emblem or badge.



- Star of David is a hexagram used as a symbol of Judaism.

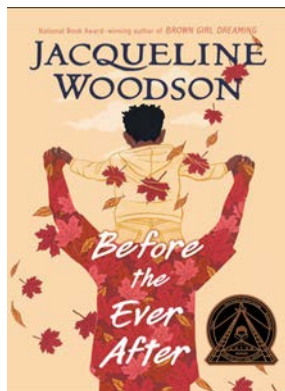


- Tao is a symbol of China. Pronounced "Dow," it has the design of "Yang and Yin" (Dualism); its purpose is to nourish balance in the universe.

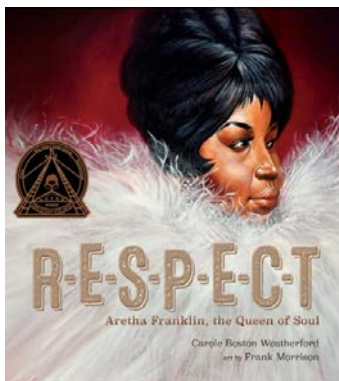
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[www.olos.ala.org/csk](http://www.olos.ala.org/csk).

# CORETTA SCOTT KING BOOK AWARD WINNERS

## 2021



Author Award:  
Jacqueline Woodson

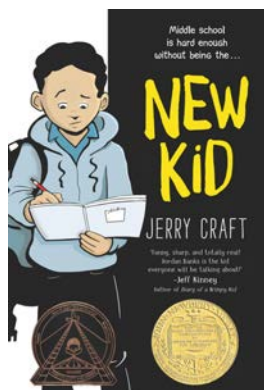


Illustrator Award:  
Frank Morrison

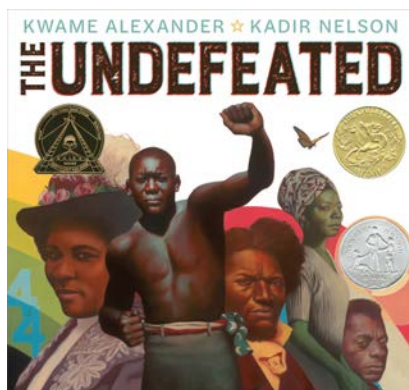


New Talent  
Author Award:  
Tracy Deonn

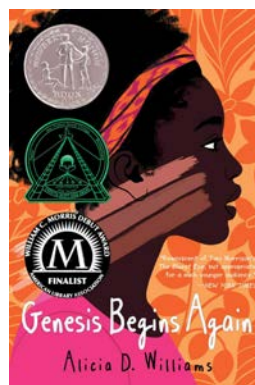
## 2020



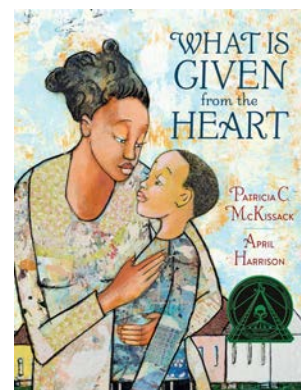
Author Award:  
Jerry Craft



Illustrator Award:  
Kadir Nelson

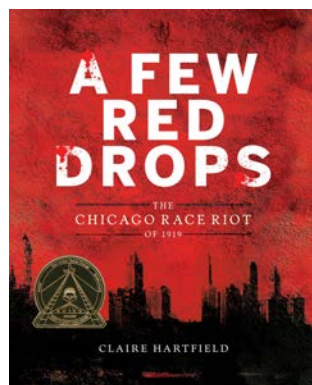


New Talent  
Author Award:  
Alicia D. Williams

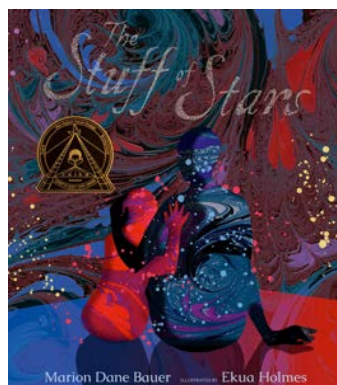


New Talent  
Illustrator Award:  
April Harrison

## 2019



Author Award:  
Claire Hartfield



Illustrator Award:  
Ekua Holmes



New Talent  
Author Award:  
Tiffany D. Jackson



New Talent  
Illustrator Award:  
Oge Mora

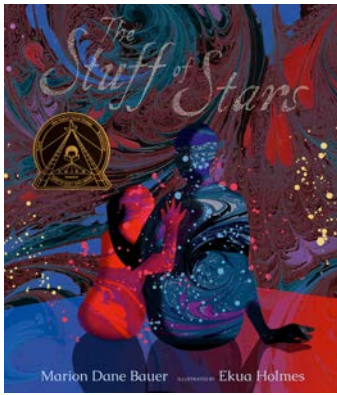
# **CORETTA SCOTT KING BOOK AWARD ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

ALA Coretta Scott King Book Award  
[www.ala.org/rt/emiert/cskbookawards](http://www.ala.org/rt/emiert/cskbookawards)

Educational Resources and Discussion Guides  
[www.ala.org/rt/emiert/coretta-scott-king-book-awards-educational-resources](http://www.ala.org/rt/emiert/coretta-scott-king-book-awards-educational-resources)

TeachingBooks.net African American Collection, Resources, Recordings  
[www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?adv=title&go=1&culturalArea=AA](http://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?adv=title&go=1&culturalArea=AA)





# Marbled Paper

Inspired by the artwork inside  
*The Stuff of Stars*

## Supplies:

### Provided:

- watercolor paper
- oil
- liquid food coloring (2 colors)

### You also need:

- fork and spoon
- small dishes for mixing color
- baking dish at least 1" deep
- water

## Directions:

1. Divide the oil into small dishes.
2. Add several drops of food coloring to each dish, one color per dish.
3. Mix well with a fork. The water based food coloring will resist the oil, so an adult may have an easier time mixing.
4. Fill the baking dish with 1" of water.
5. Use a spoon to drop the food coloring/oil mixture on top of the water.
6. Lay the watercolor paper on top of the water.
7. Remove the paper from the water and lay flat to dry.

You can use your marbled paper to cut shapes and make collages like Ekuia Holmes.