The award was established in 2014 to promote and recognize excellence in the writing of fiction for children that has the potential to transform their lives by inviting compassion, imagination, and wonder. The award commemorates the work of educator Charlotte Huck and her focus on the importance of bringing books and children together in significant ways.

2019  **Sweep: The Story of a Girl and her Monster**
by Jonathan Auxier (Amulet)

Honor Books:
- Can I Touch Your Hair?: Poems of Race, Mistakes, and Friendship by Irene Latham, Charles Waters, Sean Qualls, Selina Alko (Carolrhoda Books)
- Everything Else in the Universe by Tracy Holczer (G.P. Putnam)
- Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes (Little, Brown and Company)
- Merci Suárez Changes Gear by Meg Medina (Candlewick Press)
- The Day War Came by Nicola Davies, illustrated by Rebecca Cobb (Candlewick Press)

Recommended Books
- Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Martínez-Neal (Candlewick Press)
- Drawn Together by Minh Lê, illustrated by Dan Santat (Disney-Hyperion)
- Ivy Aberdeen’s Letter to the World by Ashley Herring Blake (Little, Brown and Company)
- I Walk with Vanessa: A Story About a Simple Act of Kindness by Kerascoët (Schwartz & Wade Books)
- Lifeboat 12 by Susan Hood (Simon & Schuster)
- The Cardboard Kingdom by Chad Sell (Alfred A. Knopf)
- The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Rafael López (Nancy Paulsen Books)
- The Rabbit Listened by Cori Doerrfeld (Dial Books)

2018  **After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again**
by Dan Santat (Roaring Brook Press)

Honor Books:
- Forever or a Long Long Time by Caela Carter (HarperCollins Children’s Books)
- Little Fox in the Forest by Stephanie Graegin (Schwartz & Wade Books)
- Refugee by Alan Gratz (Scholastic Press)
- The End of the Wild by Nicole Lea Heigel (Little, Brown and Company)
- The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet by Carmen Agra Deedy, illustrated by Eugene Yelchin (Scholastic Press)

Recommended Books
- All’s Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamieson (Dial Books for Young Readers)
- Amina’s Voice by Hena Khan (Salaam Reads/Simon & Schuster)
- Big Cat, Little Cat by Elisha Cooper (Roaring Brook Press)
- Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut by Derrick D Barnes, illus by Gordon C. James (Agate Bolden Publishing)
- Saving Marty by Paul Griffin (Dial Books for Young Readers)
- Shelter by Celine Clair, illustrated by Quin Leng (Kids Can Press)
- Stef Soto, The Taco Queen by Jennifer Torres (Little Brown and Company)
- Wishtree by Katherine Applegate, illustrated by Charles Santoso (Feiwel & Friends)
2017  **Ghost** by Jason Reynolds (Atheneum Books for Young Readers)

**Honor Books:**
- The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill (Algonquin Young Readers)
- Ms. Bixby’s Last Day by John David Anderson (Walden Pond Press)
- The Night Gardener by Eric and Terry Fan (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)
- The Wild Robot by Peter Brown (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers)
- Worm Loves Worm by J.J. Austrian, Illustrated by Mike Curato (Baltzer & Bracy)

**Recommended Books:**
- A Bandit’s Tale: The Muddled Misadventures of a Pickpocket by Deborah Hopkinson (Knopf Books for Young Readers)
- Hoot and Peep by Lita Judge (Dial Books)
- Inquisitor’s Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog by Adam Gidwitz, illustrated by Hatem Aly (Dutton Books for Young Readers)
- Luis Paints the World by Terry Farish, Illustrated by Oliver Dominguez (Carolrhoda Books)
- One Half from the East by Nadia Hashimi (Harper Collins)
- The Princess and the Warrior: A Tale of Two Volcanoes by Duncan Tonatiuh (Harry N. Abrams)
- The Seventh Wish by Kate Messner (Bloomsbury)
- Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk (Dutton Books for Young Readers)

2016  **Stella by Starlight** by Sharon M. Draper (Atheneum Books for Young Readers)

**Honor Books:**
- Little Tree by Loren Long (Philomel Books)
- New Shoes by Susan Lynn Meyer, illustrated by Eric Velasquez (Holiday House)
- Paper Things by Jennifer Richard Jacobson (Candlewick)
- Strictly No Elephants by Lisa Mantchev, illustrated by Taeun Yoo (Simon & Schuster)
- Tiger Boy by Mitali Perkins, illustrated by Jamie Hogan (Charlesbridge)

**Recommended Books:**
- Circus Mirandus by Cassie Beasley (Dial Books for Young Readers)
- Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate (Feiwel & Friends)
- Francine Poulet Meets the Ghost Raccoon: Tales from Deckawoo Drive, Volume Two by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Chris Van Dusen (Candlewick)
- George by Alex Gino (Scholastic Press)
- Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson (G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers)
- Little Elliot, Big Family by Mike Curato (Henry Holt and Company)
- Sidewalk Flowers by JonArno Lawson, illustrated by Sydney Smith (Groundwood Books)
- Two White Rabbits by Jairo Buitrago, illustrated by Rafael Yockteng, translated by Elisa Amado (Groundwood Books)

2015  **Rain Reign** by Ann M. Martin (Feiwel and Friends)

**Honor Books:**
- Absolutely Almost by Lisa Graff (Philomel)
- The Crossover by Kwame Alexander (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
- El Deafo by Cece Bell (Harry N. Abrams)
- The Farmer and the Clown by Marla Frazee (Beach Lane)
- Revolution by Deborah Wiles (Scholastic)

**Recommended Books:**
- A Snicker of Magic by Natalie Lloyd (Scholastic)
• Draw by Raul Colon (Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books)
• The Madman of Piney Woods by Christopher Paul Curtis (Scholastic)
• The Meaning of Maggie by Megan Jean Sovern (Chronicle Books)
• The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires (Kids Can Press)
• Otis and the Scarecrow by Loren Long (Penguin Group)
• The Secret Hum of a Daisy by Tracy Holczer (Putnam)
• The Turtle of Oman by Naomi Shihab Nye (Greenwillow Books)