



What is the Caldecott Medal?

You may notice that some of your child's favorite books have a gold or silver medal on the front of the book. The gold medal represents the Caldecott medal. This was named in honor of a 19th century English illustrator, Randolph Caldecott. This award is given annually to the artist with the most distinguished picture book for children. 2020's award was given to the illustrator of *The Undefeated*, illustrated by Kadir Nelson.

There were three runner-ups:

Bear Came Along—illustrated by LeUyen Pham

Double Bass Blues—illustrated by Rudy Gutierrez

Going Down Home With Daddy—illustrated by Daniel Minter

Some of the most popular Caldecott Award Books are: *The Snowy Day*, *Where the Wild things are*, *Kitten's First Full Moon*, *Officer Buckle and Gloria*, *Tuesday*, *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*, *The Polar Express* and *A Ball for Daisy*.



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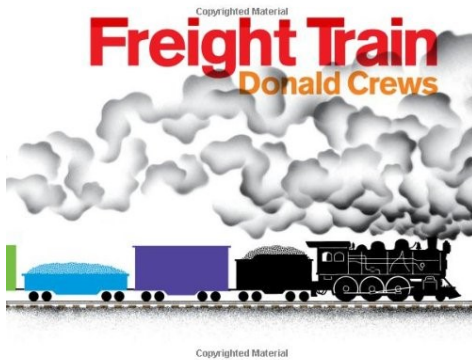
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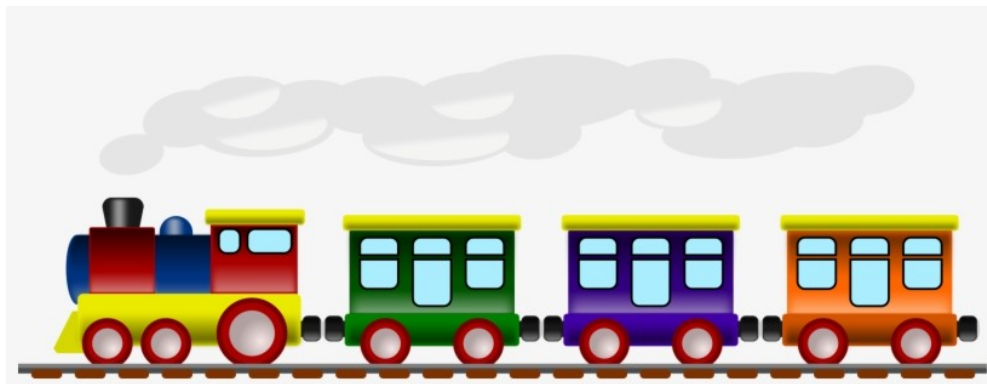


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Book of the Month



This Caldecott Honor book, written and illustrated by Donald Crews is fun for all children! It's bright colors and bold shapes are engaging for all children. It's simple words are fun for them to repeat and memorize. This book is also great for learning colors and shapes. Donald Crews used childhood memories of trains seen during his travels to his grandparents' farm in the American South as the inspiration for this timeless, favorite book.



Painting with Trains

Provide the children with various colors of paint, trains and paper. Let the children run the wheels through the paint and then onto the paper, to make train tracks. The children can observe what happens when the paint colors mix or talk about if the lines are straight or curvy.

