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2004

Orbis Pictus Winner: *An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793* by Jim Murphy (Clarion Books, 2003)
ISBN: 0395776082

Honor Books: *Empire State Building: When New York Reached for the Skies* by Elizabeth Mann (Mikaya Press, 2003)
ISBN: 1931414068

In Defense of Liberty: The Story of America's Bill of Rights by Russell Freedman (Holiday House, 2003)
ISBN: 0823415856

Leonardo: Beautiful Dreamer by Robert Byrd (Dutton Children's Books, 2003)
ISBN: 0525470336

The Man Who Made Time Travel by Kathryn Lasky
illustrated by Kevin Hawkes (Farrar Straus & Giroux, 2003)
ISBN: 0374347883

Shutting Out the Sky: Life in the Tenements of New York, 1880-1924 by Deborah Hopkinson (Orchard Books, 2003)
ISBN: 0439375908

2003

Orbis Pictus Winner: ***When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson: The Voice of a Century*** by Pam Munoz Ryan, illustrated by Brian Selznick (Scholastic Trade, 2002)
ISBN: 0439269679

Honor Books: ***Confucius: The Golden Rule*** by Russell Freedman, illustrated by Frederic Clement (Arthur A. Levine Books, 2002) ISBN: 0439139570

Emperor's Silent Army: Terracotta Warriors of Ancient China by Jane O'Connor (Viking Children's Books, 2002)
ISBN: 0670035122

Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science by John Fleischman (Houghton Mifflin, 2002)
ISBN: 0618052526

Tenement: Immigrant Life on the Lower East Side by Raymond Bial (Houghton Mifflin, 2002)
ISBN: 0618138498

To Fly: The Story of the Wright Brothers by Wendie C. Old, illustrated by Robert Andrew Parker (Clarion Books, 2002) ISBN: 061813347X

2002

Orbis Pictus Winner: ***Black Potatoes: The Story of the Great Irish Famine, 1845-1850*** by Susan Campbell Bartoletti (Houghton Mifflin, 2001) ISBN: 0618002715

Honor Books:

The Cod's Tale by Mark Kurlansky, illustrated by S.D. Schindler (Penguin Putnam Books, 2001)
ISBN: 0399234764

The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins: An Illuminating History of Mr. Waterhouse Hawkins, Artist and Lecturer
by Barbara Kerley, illustrated by Brian Selznick (Scholastic Press, 2001) ISBN: 0439114942

Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
by Doreen Rappaport, illustrated by Bryan Collier (Hyperion Books for Children) ISBN: 0786807148

2001

Orbis Pictus Winner: ***Hurry Freedom: African Americans in Gold Rush California*** by Jerry Stanley (Crown, 2000)
ISBN: 0517800942

Honor Books:

The Amazing Life of Benjamin Franklin by James Cross Giblin, illustrated by Michael Dooling (Scholastic Press, 2000) ISBN: 0590485342

America's Champion Swimmer: Gertrude Ederle by David A. Adler, illustrated by Terry Widener (Gulliver Books, 2000)
ISBN: 0152019693

Michelangelo by Diane Stanley (HarperCollins Juvenile Books, 2000) ISBN: 0688150853

Osceola: Memories of a Sharecropper's Daughter by Alan B. Govenar, illustrated by Shane W. Evans (Jump at the Sun, 2000) ISBN: 0786804076

Wild & Swampy by Jim Amosky (HarperCollins Juvenile Books)

2000

Orbis Pictus Winner: *Through My Eyes* by Ruby Bridges, Margo Lundell
(Scholastic Press, 1999) ISBN: 0590189239

Honor Books: *At Her Majesty's Request: An African Princess in Victorian England* by Walter Dean Myers (Scholastic Press, 1999) ISBN: 0590486691

Clara Schumann: Piano Virtuoso by Susanna Reich
(Clarion Books, 1999) ISBN: 0395891191

Mapping the World by Sylvia A. Johnson (Atheneum Books, 1999) ISBN: 0689818130

The Snake Scientist by Sy Montgomery, illustrated by Nic Bishop (Houghton Mifflin, 1999) ISBN: 0395871697

The Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest by Steve Jenkins (Houghton Mifflin) ISBN: 0618196765

1999

Orbis Pictus Winner: *Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance* by Jennifer Armstrong (Crown, 1998) ISBN: 0375810498

Honor Books: *Black Whiteness: Admiral Byrd Alone in the Antarctic* by Robert Burleigh, illustrated by Walter Lyon Krudop (Atheneum) ISBN: 068981299X

Fossil Feud: The Rivalry of the First American Dinosaur Hunters by Thom Holmes (Messner, 1997)

Hottest, Coldest, Highest, Deepest by Steve Jenkins
(Houghton Mifflin, 1998) ISBN: 0395899990

No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War by Anita Lobel
(Greenwillow Books, 1998) ISBN: 0688159354

1998

Orbis Pictus Winner: *An Extraordinary Life: The Story of a Monarch Butterfly*
by Laurence Pringle , paintings by Bob Marstall (Orchard
Books,1997)
ISBN:0531300021; ISBN:0531330028

Honor Books: *A Drop of Water: A Book of Science and Wonder* by
Walter Wick (Scholastic,1997) ISBN:0590221973

A Tree Is Growing by Arthur Dorros, illustrated by S.D.
Schindler (Scholastic, 1997) ISBN: 0590453009

Charles A. Lindbergh: A Human Hero by James Cross
Giblin (Clarion, 1997) ISBN: 0395633893

*Kennedy Assassinated! The World Mourns: A
Reporter's Story* by Wilborn Hampton (Candlewick)
ISBN: 0763615641

*Digger: The Tragic Fate of the California Indians from the
Missions to the Gold Rush* by Jerry Stanley (Crown, 1997)

1997

Orbis Pictus Winner: *Leonardo da Vinci* by Diane Stanley (Morrow Junior
Books, 1996) ISBN: 0688104371

Honor Books: *Full Steam Ahead: The Race to Build a Transcontinental
Railroad* by Rhoda Blumberg (National Geographic Society,
1996) ISBN: 0792227158

The Life and Death of Crazy Horse by Russell Freedman
(Holiday House, 1996) ISBN: 0823412199

One World, Many Religions: The Way We Worship by
Mary Pope Osborne (Alfred A. Knopf, 1996)
ISBN: 0679839305

1996

Orbis Pictus Winner: ***The Great Fire*** by Jim Murphy (Scholastic, 1995)
ISBN: 0590472674

Honor Books: ***Dolphin Man: Exploring the World of Dolphins*** by
Laurence Pringle, photos by Randall S. Wells
(Atheneum, 1995) ISBN: 0689802994

***Rosie the Riveter: Women Working on the Home Front in
World War II*** by Penny Colman (Crown)
ISBN: 0517885670

1995

Orbis Pictus Winner: ***Safari Beneath the Sea: The Wonder of the North Pacific
Coast*** by Diane Swanson (Sierra Club Books, 1994)
ISBN: 0871564157

Honor Books: ***Wildlife Rescue: The Work of Dr. Kathleen Ramsay*** by
Jennifer Owings Dewey (Boyd's Mill Press)
ISBN: 1563977621

***Kids at Work: Lewis Hine and the Crusade Against Child
Labor*** by Russell Freedman (Clarion Books, 1994)
ISBN: 0395587034

Christmas in the Big House, Christmas in the Quarters by
Patricia and Frederick McKissack (Scholastic, 1994)
ISBN: 0590430270

1994

Orbis Pictus Winner: ***Across America on an Emigrant Train*** by Jim Murphy
(Clarion Books,1993) ISBN: 0395633907

Honor Books: ***To the Top of the World: Adventures with Arctic Wolves***
by Jim Brandenburg (Walker & Company,1993)
ISBN: 0802782191; ISBN: 0802782205

Making Sense: Animal Perception and Communication
by Bruce Brooks (Farrar, Straus & Grioux, 1993)
ISBN: 0374347425

1993

Orbis Pictus Winner: ***Children of the Dust Bowl: The True Story of the School at Weedpatch Camp*** by Jerry Stanley (Crown Publishers)
ISBN: 0785716750

Honor Books: ***Talking with Artists*** by Pat Cummings (Bradbury Press,
1992) ISBN: 0027242455

Come Back, Salmon by Molly Cone (Sierra Club Books)
ISBN: 0785758119

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