



This award is presented annually by the Children's and Young Adult Round Table of the Virginia Library Association for distinguished books written for young people in the fields of American history, biography, or historical fiction.

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Rostkowski, Margaret. After the Dancing Days.
Harper & Row, 1986.

1987 Honor Books:

Lawson, Don. An Album of the Vietnam War.
Watts, 1986.

Levinson, Riki. I Go With My Family To Grandma's.
Dutton, 1986.

Taylor, Theodore. Walking Up A Rainbow.
Delacorte, 1986.

1986 Jefferson Cup Award:

MacLachlan, Patricia. Sarah, Plain and Tall.
Harper & Row, 1985.

1985 Jefferson Cup Award:

Lord, Bette Bao. In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson.
Harper & Row, 1984.

1984 Jefferson Cup Award:

Spencer, Paula Underwood. Who Speaks for Wolf?
Tribe of Two Press, 1983.

1983 Jefferson Cup Award:

Meltzer, Milton. The Jewish Americans: A History in Their Own Words.
Harper & Row, 1982.

PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

The purpose of the award is to encourage the writing of quality books for young people in the fields of U.S. history, biography and historical fiction; to give recognition to authors in these disciplines and to promote the reading of books which illustrate America's past.

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After the Dancing Days

by Margaret Rostkowski
Harper & Row, 1986. Grades 6-9.

World War I has ended and thirteen-year-old Annie Metcalf's doctor father has come home from Europe, but the ramifications of the conflict continue to affect her family in this small Kansas town. When Annie volunteers to accompany her father and grandfather to the veterans' hospital, she must confront men who are disfigured, both physically and psychologically. Despite her inner qualms, and in defiance of her mother, who resists acknowledgment of the wounded men, Annie continues her trips to read to them. Over time, she comes to befriend them and even develops a special love for one maimed young soldier. Skillfully and movingly written, the novel makes a strong statement about the realities, myths, and horrors of the aftermath of war, a subject rarely touched upon in works of fiction for young people.

HONOR BOOKS

Lawson, Don. An Album of the Vietnam War.
Watts, 1986. Grades 5-8.

Straightforward text and numerous photographs vividly document the Vietnam War. Its beginnings, the escalating involvement of U.S. troops, criticism of the war on the homefront, and contemporary efforts to come to terms with the Vietnam experience are included.

Levinson, Riki. I Go With My Family To Grandma's.
Dutton, 1986. Grades K-4.

In New York City at the turn of the century, cousins come from each of the five boroughs to visit Grandma by means of bicycle, wagon, train, trolley, and ferry. A beautifully illustrated and warm-hearted celebration of family life.

HONOR BOOKS continued

Taylor, Theodore. Walking Up A Rainbow.

Delacorte, 1986. Grades 6-9.

After her father's death in 1852, fourteen-year-old Susan Carlisle, newly orphaned, discovers that she must pay off his debts in order to keep the family's Iowa home. Spunky Susan devises an outrageous plan to herd sheep to California and sell them for profit. Journeying west with Susan, the reader is treated to realistic and intriguing adventure and an odd crew of memorable, unique, witty characters. Taylor skillfully supports and balances the story's ultimate goal with a myriad of touching, humorous and very human relationships.

...AND ALSO WORTH NOTING

Archer, Jules. The Incredible Sixties: The Stormy Years That Changed America. HBJ, 1986.

Grades 5 up.

Ten tumultuous years are documented through photographs and quotes. Archer brings to life a decade that included the civil rights struggle, the sexual revolution, the Vietnam war and the anti-war movement, feminism, the drug scene and the counterculture lifestyle.

Beatty, Patricia. Behave Yourself, Bethany Brant.

Morrow, 1986. Grades 3-6.

Being a preacher's daughter is trial enough for eleven-year-old Bethany, but her troubles increase when her widowed father sends her and her brother to live with an aunt and a resentful cousin. Bethany's high spirits and determination soon win her friends and help her reunite her family in this humorous look at turn of the century Texas.

Clapp, Patricia. The Tamarack Tree. Lothrop, 1986. Grades 5-7.

Eighteen-year-old Rosemary Leigh, newly arrived in Virginia from England, is torn between her affection for her southern friends and her belief that slavery is wrong. Her emotional and physical stamina are tested as she struggles to survive the siege of Vicksburg in 1863.

Coerr, Eleanor. The Josefina Story Quilt.

Harper, 1986. Grades 1-3.

Pa reluctantly allows daughter, Faith, to take her prize pet hen, Josefina, on a wagon train trip headed to California, and, of course mishaps abound. Josefina ultimately proves her worth when her squawks thwart a robbery attempt, but it is the hen's last gasp. Knowing "how important quilts were for remembering," Faith has recorded Josefina's adventures in quilt patches and is comforted by her cloth treasure. An unusually touching tale in easy-to-read format.

Faber, Doris. Martin Luther King, Jr. Messner, 1986. Grades 6 up.

Adler's biography reveals how King's personal, religious, and political views were shaped by his experiences with prejudice and segregation. Quotations, excerpts from speeches and black and white photographs highlight this informative introduction.

Fisher, Leonard. Ellis Island: Gateway To the New World. Holiday, 1986. Grades 5-8.

The oral histories of immigrants combined with striking photographs and illustrations create a moving and vivid book. Fisher's scratchboard drawings blend beautifully with the black and white reproductions.

Hirschfelder, Arlene. Happily May I Walk: American Indians and Alaska Natives Today. Scribner's, 1986. Grades 5-12.

A sensitive and comprehensive look at the lifestyles of Native Americans. This very readable book dispels common myths and stereotypes.

Levinson, Nancy. I Lift My Lamp: Emma Lazarus and the Statue of Liberty. Dutton, 1986. Grades 4-8.

Emma Lazarus emerges as a "quiet hero", admired and emulated by others. Levinson skillfully interweaves Lazarus' life with that of the sculptor, Bartholdi, and portrays her dedication to the immigrant cause as well as her longing for recognition as a poet.

Murphy, Jim. Guess Again: More Weird and Wacky Inventions. Bradbury, 1986. Grades 4-7.

Fun-filled, amusing challenges require the reader to examine drawings of "weird and wacky inventions" and to guess their real purpose.

O'Dell, Scott. Streams To the River, River To the Sea: A Novel of Sacagawea. Houghton, 1986. Grades 5-8.

The Lewis and Clark expedition is seen through the eyes of Sacagawea, who served as interpreter and guide. Portrayed initially as one who follows the will of others, Sacagawea eventually gains the confidence to make her own life.

Sanders, Scott. Bad Man Ballad. Bradbury, 1986. Grades 6 up.

An odd trio at best: Ely Jackson, a backwoods boy searching for his one surviving brother; Owen Lightfoot, an overstuffed Philadelphia lawyer with idealistic yearnings for frontier adventure; and Rain Hawk, a halfbreed spice girl. Together they embark upon an epic journey across the Ohio Valley in search of a murderer who has not only left behind the bone-crushed body of a dwarf, but also footprints three times normal size!

Shore, Laura. The Sacred Moon Tree. Bradbury, 1986. Grades 5 up.

Phoebe and Jotham embark on a dangerous journey through Confederate lines from Pennsylvania to Virginia in order to help Jotham's brother escape from prison and to find Phoebe's mother who is a Union spy.

1987 JEFFERSON CUP COMMITTEE

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ELIGIBILITY

1. The book must be an original work published in the year prior to selection.
2. The book must be about U.S. history or an American person, 1492 to the present, or fiction which highlights the U.S. past.
3. Author must reside in the U.S.
4. The book must be especially published for young people.
5. The book must be accurate, informative, well researched, unbiased, literate and give a clear and interesting picture of the past.

SELECTION OF THE WINNERS

1. Selection of the winning book will be made by a special Jefferson Cup Committee composed of a chairperson (selected by the previous year's committee), six members from throughout the state (selected by the current chair) and one at-large member (the out-going chair of CYART).
2. Each VLA region will be encouraged to send nominations for award candidates to the Jefferson Cup Committee members or directly to the Jefferson Cup Committee Chairperson.
3. Publishers are requested to submit books which they consider to be of high quality in the fields of American history, American biography or American historical fiction.
4. Although children do not have direct participation in the selection, librarians should attempt to pass on suggestions from children and they will be duly considered.
5. The award will be presented annually at the Virginia Library Association fall conference.

NOMINATION FORM

My nomination for the 1988 Jefferson Cup Award is:

Author.....

Title.....

Publisher.....

Date.....

Type of work (circle one):

History

Biography

Historical Fiction

Please send your suggestions to the 1988 Chair of
the Jefferson Cup Committee:

Susan McCarthy
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