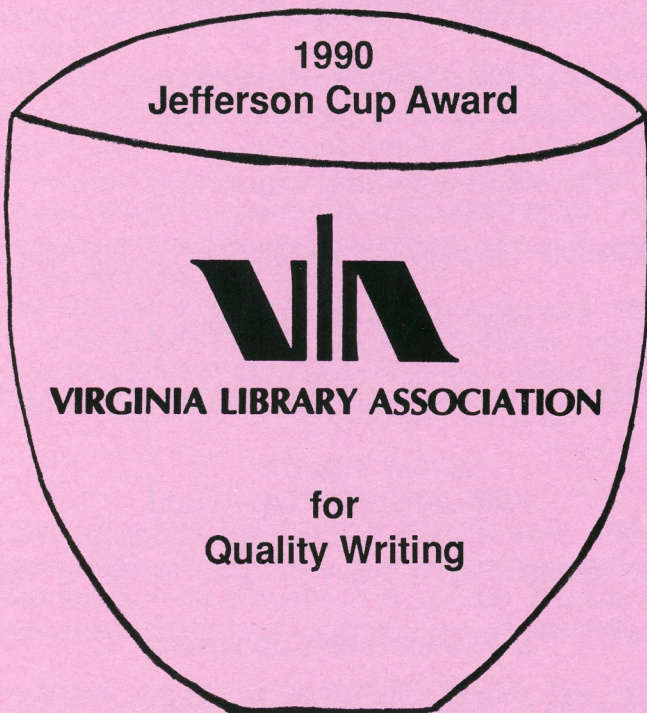


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BIOGRAPHY • HISTORICAL FICTION • US HISTORY

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.

1990 Jefferson Cup Award

Reeder, Carolyn. *Shades of Gray*. Macmillan, 1989.

Honor Books for 1990

Fritz, Jean. *Great Little Madison*. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1989.
Meltzer, Milton. *Voices from the Civil War*. Harper & Row, 1989.
Peck, Robert Newton. *Arly*. Walker, 1989.

1989 Jefferson Cup Award

Hamilton, Virginia. *Anthony Burns: the Defeat and Triumph of a Fugitive Slave*. Knopf, 1988.

1988 Jefferson Cup Award

Freedman, Russell. *Lincoln: a Photobiography*. Clarion, 1987.

1987 Jefferson Cup Award

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

Children's/Young Adult Round Table of the Virginia Library Association

1990 JEFFERSON CUP AWARD

Shades of Gray by Carolyn Reeder
Macmillan, 1989. Grades 5-8

Moving from Winchester to live with relatives in the Virginia Piedmont has never been part of 12-year old Will Page's plans. After his father and brother are killed by Yankees and his little sisters and mother die of illness, Will must honor his mother's wish that he go live with her sister's family in the country.

Not only are there problems adjusting to life with strangers, but everything is different from what Will knows and understands. Will's family had owned three slaves to do the heavy work. Uncle Jed wouldn't own slaves because he feels it is wrong. In fact, Jed Jones wouldn't even participate in the war, wouldn't defend his state's rights. That, more than anything else, is what Will can't understand, even as he grows to respect and admire his uncle.

How Will learns that right cannot be measured in black and white terms; good people may hold different opinions; and you can love people even when they don't agree with you; makes *Shades of Gray* a book that can be enjoyed on several levels.

HONOR BOOKS

Fritz, Jean. *Great Little Madison*. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1989. Grades 4+

James Madison was sickly, quiet child who grew into one of the most important voices in the formation of our country. This is a vivid portrait of our fourth president told in the wonderful style of Jean Fritz.

Meltzer, Milton. *Voices from the Civil War*. Harper & Row, 1989. Grades 6+

The history of the Civil War was much more than battles, logistics, soldiers and generals to the people who lived through those years. It was the draft riots, cities under siege, runaway slaves, overworked nurses and doctors, prisoners of war, women at home in the fields and factories, speculators and money grubbers here speaking across the years to tell us what that dreadful time was like for them.

Peck, Robert Newton. *Arly*. Walker, 1989. Grades 7+

Eleven year old Arly and his crop picking father live a hard scrabble existence of ignorance and virtual slavery in 1927. Life in Florida seems to offer no hope for spirited Arly, until the new school teacher, Binnie Hoe, comes to town.

WORTHY OF SPECIAL NOTE

Altman, Susan. Extraordinary Black Americans. Grades 5-9

A collective biography comprised of two page highlights of 85 men and women and 15 articles on historical events which give a feel for the times. Each biographical sketch is prefaced with a photograph or sketch.

The book is rated as "an excellent source for reports and assignments and it fills a need for biographical material on a wide range of black historical figures." (S.L.J.)

National Gallery of Art. ABC Americana. Grades K-6

A folk art representation of the alphabet using twenty-six paintings from the National Gallery of Art.

...AND ALSO WORTH NOTING

Avi. The Man Who Was Poe. Watts, 1989. Grades 6-9

Searching for his sister and aunt who have strangely disappeared in Providence, RI in 1848, eleven year-old Edmund enlists the help of Auguste Dupin (a.k.a. Edgar Allen Poe) to discover their whereabouts, thus giving Poe inspiration for a new tale.

Gourley, Catherine. Courtship of Joanna. Graywolf, 1989. YA

Sixteen year-old Joanna leaves her beloved family farm to become housekeeper for a recently widowed Irish miner and his mother in a Pennsylvania mining town in the 1880's. This is an exciting, well-developed story of love, family, and hope in the midst of sorrow, hardship, and danger.

Levitin, Sonia. Silver Days. Atheneum, 1989. Grades 6-8

Reunited in New York after a year's separation from Papa, teenager Lisa Platt and her family find that the everyday reality of life in the 1940's as Jewish immigrants is nothing like that of Americans they have seen in movies. Instead, life is full of poverty, hard work, worry and prejudice. It is also full of strength and spirit. Lisa is determined to make a new and better life for herself and her family and to become an American. This book is a poignant sequel to Journey to America, but can also be read independently.

Siegel, Beatrice. George and Martha Washington at Home in New York. Four Winds, 1989. Grades 4-6

Combining biography and social history, Seigel presents a lively and informative look into the months that Washington held office in New York City. American history comes alive as a new country and presidency takes shape.

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 the 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 1990 Jefferson Cup Award:

Author.....

Title.....

Publisher.....

Date.....

Type of work (circle one)

History

Biography

Historical Fiction

Please send your suggestions to the
1991 Chair to the Jefferson Cup Committee:

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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.