

Announcing the Jane Addams Children's Book Award 2023 Finalists in the Younger Children Category

New York, N.Y.--(November 19, 2022)--The Jane Addams Peace Association is delighted to announce the finalist titles under consideration for the 2023 Jane Addams Children's Book Award in the Younger Children category. **Please find the exemplary Jane Addams Children's Book Award Finalists for Younger Children listed at the conclusion of this release.**

The Jane Addams Peace Association will announce winning and honor books from among these finalists on January 13, 2023. Awards will be presented to the winning and honored authors and illustrators at a hybrid ceremony in Spring 2023 (exact date to come). All are invited, whether they be in classrooms, libraries or at home.

Since 1953, the Jane Addams Children's Book Award has annually recognized children's books of literary and aesthetic excellence that effectively engage children in thinking about peace, social justice, global community, and equity for all people. A national committee of members with passion for and expertise in children's literature and social justice is responsible for making the choices each year.

We believe that these books, and others like them, can open up conversations between children and their adults—teachers, librarians and caregivers—about what is happening in the world around them and how they can be changemakers in their own families and communities. We hope that promoting our final contenders in this way will serve to highlight a greater number of excellent children's books that can deepen understanding of peace and justice.

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2023 Jane Addams Children's Book Award Finalist Titles for Younger Children

Ablaze with Color: A Story of Painter Alma Thomas. Jeanne Walker Harvey, illustrated by Loveis Wise. HarperCollins Children's Books.

Because Claudette. Tracey Baptiste, illustrated by Tonya Engel. Dial Books for Young Readers.

Because of You, John Lewis: A True Story of a Remarkable Friendship. Andrea Davis Pinkney, illustrated by Keith Henry Brown. Scholastic Press.

Choosing Brave: How Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till Sparked the Civil Rights Movement. Angela Joy, illustrated by Janelle Washington. Roaring Brook Press.

Going Places: Victor Hugo Green and His Glorious Book. Tonya Bolden, illustrated by Eric Velasquez. Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins Publishers.

I Am an American: The Wong Kim Ark Story. Martha Brockenbrough with Grace Lin, illustrated by Julia Kuo. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

Ida B. Wells, Voice of Truth: Educator, Feminist, and Anti-Lynching Civil Rights Leader. Michelle Duster, illustrated by Laura Freeman. Godwin Books/Macmillan.

¡Mambo Mucho Mambo! The Dance that Crossed Color Lines. Dean Robbins, illustrated by Eric Velasquez. Candlewick Press.

Sanctuary: Kip Tiernan and Rosie's Place, the Nation's First Shelter for Women. Christine McDonnell, illustrated by Victoria Tentler-Krylov. Candlewick Press.

The Mother of a Movement: Jeanne Manford—Ally, Activist and Co-Founder of PFLAG. Rob Sanders, illustrated by Sam Kalda. Magination Press/American Psychological Association.

Until Someone Listens: A Story about Borders, Family, and One Girl's Mission. Estela Juarez with Lissette Norman, illustrated by Teresa Martinez. Roaring Brook Press, a division of Holtzbrinck Publishing Holdings Limited Partnership. Also available in a Spanish language edition, translated by Cecilia Molinari: ***Hasta Que Alguien Me Escuche***

When the Schools Shut Down: A Young Girl's Story of Virginia's Lost Generation and the Brown V. Board of Education of Topeka Decision. Yolanda Gladden, as told to Dr. Tamara Pizzoli, illustrated by Keisha Morris. HarperCollins Children's Books.