



**THE 2009 SYDNEY TAYLOR BOOK AWARDS
ANNOUNCED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LIBRARIES**

The Sydney Taylor Book Award Winner for Younger Readers:

As Good As Anybody: Martin Luther King, Jr. and Abraham Joshua Heschel's Amazing March Toward Freedom by Richard Michelson with illustrations by Raul Colon
(Alfred A. Knopf, an imprint of Random House Children's Books)

The Sydney Taylor Book Award Winner for Older Readers:

Brooklyn Bridge by Karen Hesse
(Feiwel & Friends, an imprint of Macmillan)

The Sydney Taylor Book Award Winner for Teen Readers:

A Bottle in the Gaza Sea by Valerie Zenatti
(Bloomsbury)

Sydney Taylor Honor Award Winners for Younger Readers:

Engineer Ari and the Rosh Hashanah Ride by Deborah Bodin Cohen with illustrations by Shahar Kober
(Kar-Ben, an imprint of Lerner)

Sarah Laughs by Jacqueline Jules with illustrations by Natascia Ugliano
(Kar-Ben, an imprint of Lerner)

A is for Abraham: A Jewish Family Alphabet by Richard Michelson with illustrations by Ron Mazellan
(Sleeping Bear Press, an imprint of Gale)

Naming Liberty by Jane Yolen with paintings by Jim Burke
(Philomel Books, an imprint of Penguin)

Sydney Taylor Honor Award Winners for Older Readers:

Memories of Babi by Aranka Siegal
(Farrar Straus and Giroux)

Sydney Taylor Honor Award Winner for Teen Readers:

Freerfall by Anna Levine
(Greenwillow Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers)

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Notable Books for Younger Readers:

- Mysterious Guests: A Sukkot Story* by Eric Kimmel with illustrations by Katya Krenina
(Holiday House)
- Jodie's Hanukkah Dig* by Anna Levine with illustrations by Knesia Topaz
(Kar-Ben, an imprint of Lerner)
- Harvest of Light* by Allison Ofanansky with photographs by Eliyahu Alpern
(Kar-Ben, an imprint of Lerner)
- Sammy Spider's First Shavuot* by Sylvia Rouss with illustrations by Katherine Janus Kahn
(Kar-Ben, an imprint of Lerner)
- My Tzitzis Book* by Elisheva Schreiber with clay creations by Batsheva Ravad
(Feldheim)
- Hanukkah Haiku* by Harriet Ziefert with illustrations by Karla Gudeon
(Blue Apple Books)

Notable Books for Older Readers:

- The Boy Who Dared: A Novel Based on the True Story of a Hitler Youth* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti
(Scholastic Press)
- The Walls of Cartagena* by Julia Durango with illustrations by Tom Pohrt
(Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)
- Capturing the Moon* by Rabbi Edward M. Feinstein
(Behrman House)
- Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass: Igniting the Nazi War Against Jews* by Stephanie Fitzgerald
(Compass Point Books)
- My Chocolate Year* by Charlotte Herman with illustrations by LeUyen Pham
(Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)
- The Mozart Question* by Michael Morpurgo with illustrations by Michael Forman
(Candlewick Press)
- Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman* by Marc Tyler Nobleman with illustrations by Ross McDonald
(Alfred A. Knopf, an imprint of Random House Children's Books)
- The Bat-Chen Diaries: Selected Writings* by Bat-Chen Shahak (Kar-Ben, an imprint of Lerner)
- Keeping Israel Safe: Serving in the Israel Defense Forces* by Barbara Sofer
(Kar-Ben, an imprint of Lerner)
- Honey Cake* by Joan Betty Stuchner with illustrations by Cynthia Nugent
(Random House, a Stepping Stone Book)

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Notable Books for Teens:

Nothing by Robin Friedman (Flux)
Rutka's Notebook: A Voice from the Holocaust by Rutka Laskier
(Time, Inc. Home Entertainment)
Gravity by Leanne Lieberman
(Orca Book Publishers)
The Freak by Carol Matas
(Key Porter Books)

Notable Books for All Ages:

Genesis—the Book with Seventy Faces: A Guide for the Family by Esther Takac with illustrations by
Anna Pignataro
(Pitspopany Press)
Celebrating with Jewish Crafts by Rebecca Edid Ruzansky with photographs by Roberto Zeballos-
Peralta
(self-published)

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