

Sydney Taylor Book Award Criteria for Recognition

WINNER

A **Sydney Taylor Book Award Winner** (gold medal) is the book for youth in a given year that best exemplifies the highest standards of literary expression, attractive illustration or book design, compelling content, and an authentic portrayal of the Jewish experience. Winners generally have a story or message that is of interest to a very broad Jewish audience, and will appeal to non-Jewish readers as well. Winners are "must-haves" for any collection serving youth.

HONOR

A **Sydney Taylor Honor Book** (silver medal) is a book that demonstrates excellent literary standards and an authentic portrayal of the Jewish experience. It usually demonstrates attractive illustration or book design and compelling content. It may appeal to a narrower audience than a Winner, although Honor Books are often of interest to both Jewish and non-Jewish readers. Honor Books are very strongly recommended for collections serving youth.

NOTABLE

An **AJL Notable Children's Book of Jewish Content** is a book that demonstrates solid writing and an authentic portrayal of the Jewish experience. It usually demonstrates attractive illustration or book design and high-interest content. It may appeal to a narrower audience than a Winner or Honor Book. Notable Books are strongly recommended for Judaic book collections serving youth and should be considered for general collections as well.