

# THE SCOTT O'DELL AWARD

In 1982, Scott O'Dell established *The Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction*. The annual award goes to an author for a meritorious book published in the previous year for children or young adults. Scott O'Dell established this award to encourage other writers to focus on historical fiction. He hoped in this way to increase the interest of young readers in the historical background that has helped to shape their country and their world.

## Please note the following when selecting a book:

[1] Those titles ~~marked out~~ should NOT be read for Summer Challenge because they are not grade appropriate OR are on the class novel list.

[2] Those titles that are **highlighted** have been read or recommended by either Mrs. Vincent or Covenant staff.

[3] Remember, if you have read a book within the last year, it does not count for Reading Challenge. You are encouraged to read books that you have NOT ever read before 😊

**Butterfly Yellow** (HarperCollins), by Thanh Hà Lại, 2020.

**Finding Langston**(Holiday House), by Lesa Cline-Ransome, 2019

**Beyond the Bright Sea** (Dutton Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers), by Lauren Wolk, 2018.

**Full of Beans** (Random House Books for Young Readers), by Jennifer L. Holm, 2017.

**The Hired Girl** (Candlewick Press), by Laura Amy Schlitz, 2016.

**Dash** (Scholastic Press), by Kirby Larson, 2015.

**Bo at Ballard Creek** (Henry Holt and Co.), by Kirkpatrick Hill, 2014.

**Chickadee** (HarperCollins), by Louise Erdrich, 2013.

**Dead End in Norvelt** (Farrar, Straus and Giroux), by Jack Gantos, 2012.

**One Crazy Summer** (Amistad), by Rita Williams Garcia, 2011.

**The Storm in the Barn** (Candlewick), by Matt Phelan, 2010.

**Chains** (Simon & Schuster), by Laurie Halse Anderson, 2009.

**Elijah of Buxton** (Scholastic), by Christopher Paul Curtis, 2008.

**The Green Glass Sea** (Viking Children's Books), by Ellen Klages, 2007.

**The Game of Silence** (HarperCollins Children's Books), by Louise Erdrich, 2006.

**Worth** (Simon & Schuster), A LaFaye, 2005.

**The River Between Us** (Dial Press), Richard Peck, 2004.

**Trouble Don't Last** (Alfred A. Knopf), Shelley Pearsall, 2003.

**The Land** (Phyllis Fogelman Books), Mildred D. Taylor, 2002.

**The Art of Keeping Cool** (A Richard Jackson Book/Antheneum), Janet Taylor Lisle, 2001.

**Two Suns in the Sky** (Front Street/Cricket Books), Miriam Bat-Ami, 2000.

***Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule*** (Jean Fritz/Antheneum), Harriette Robinette, 1999.  
~~***Out of the Dust*** (Scholastic), Karen Hesse, 1998.~~  
***Jip, His Story*** (Lodestar/Dutton), Katherine Patterson, 1997.  
***The Bomb*** (Harcourt, Brace), Theodore Taylor, 1996.  
***Under the Blood Red Sun*** (Delacorte), Graham Salisbury, 1995.  
***Bull Run*** (Laura Geringer/Harper-Collins), Paul Fleischmann, 1994.  
***Morning Girl*** (Hyperion), Michael Dorris, 1993.  
***Stepping on Cracks*** (Clarion), Mary Downing Hahn, 1992.  
***A Time of Troubles*** (Charles Scribner's Sons), Pieter Van Raven, 1991.  
***Shades of Gray*** (Macmillan), Carolyn Reeder, 1990.  
***The Honorable Prison*** (Lodestar/Dutton), Lyll Becca de Jenkins, 1989.  
***Charley Skedaddle*** (Morrow), Patricia Beatty, 1988.  
***Streams to the River, River to the Sea*** (Houghton Mifflin--Award money donated to Children's Book Council), Scott O'Dell, 1987.  
~~***Sarah, Plain and Tall*** (Harper & Row), Patricia MacLachlan, 1986.~~  
***The Fighting Ground*** (Lippincott), Avi, 1985.  
***The Sign of the Beaver*** (Houghton Mifflin), Elizabeth George Speare, 1984.  
**Additional Information:** *In 1981 and 1982, no books of sufficient merit were published, so no award was given in 1982 or 1983. Since 1984, the award has been presented each year.*