**GENERAL – Your best bets/if you’re feeling overwhelmed:**

* Caldecott Award winners
  + 2017 (most recent): <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/caldecottmedal>
  + Medal & Honor books, 1938 to present: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/caldecotthonors/caldecottmedal>
* ALA Notables:
  + 2017 (most recent): <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>
  + Past lists: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb/ncbpastlists>
* American Indians in Children’s Literature – Best Books link here: <https://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com/p/best-books.html>
* New York Public Library’s “100 Titles for Reading and Sharing,” 2014 (can narrow search to picture books): <http://childrens100.nypl.org/2014/#/_>
* “100 Picture Books Everyone Should Know”; New York Public Library (last updated in 2013): <http://www.aadl.org/user/lists/26610>
* “100 Great Children’s Books / 100 Years” from the New York Public Library -- <http://www.nypl.org/childrens100>
* Betsy Bird’s Top 100 Picture Book Poll Results;  *A Fuse #8 Production*, 2012: <http://blogs.slj.com/afuse8production/2012/07/06/top-100-picture-books-poll-results/>
* Boston Globe Horn Book (BGHB) awards:
  + 2016 winners: <http://www.hbook.com/2016/06/news/boston-globe-horn-book-awards/2016-boston-globe-horn-book-awards-press-release/>
  + Winners from recent years: <http://www.hbook.com/boston-globe-horn-book-awards/#_>
  + 1967 to present (winners and Honors): <http://archive.hbook.com/bghb/past/past.asp>
* Coretta Scott King Awards:
  + 2017 winners (most recent): <http://www.ala.org/emiert/cskbookawards>
  + Winners – all years: <http://www.ala.org/awardsgrants/awards/24/all_years>
* *Horn Book* Fanfare (see “Picture Book” category):
  + 2016 (most recent): <http://www.hbook.com/2016/12/blogs/read-roger/fanfare-2016/>
  + 1938 to present: <http://www.hbook.com/2012/12/choosing-books/horn-book-fanfare-1938-to-present/>
* *Kirkus Reviews:*
  + Most recent “Best Of” lists:
    - Best Picture Books of 2016: <https://www.kirkusreviews.com/issue/best-of-2016/section/picture-books/>
    - Best Middle-Grade Books of 2016: <https://www.kirkusreviews.com/issue/best-of-2016/section/middle-grade/>
    - You can explore *Kirkus’* Best-Of lists ***from previous years***. A simple search will yield lots of results.
  + Kirkus Prize:
    - The 2016 finalists in the category of Young Readers: <https://www.kirkusreviews.com/prize/2016/finalists/young-readers/>
    - The 2015 winners and finalists in the category of Young Readers: <https://www.kirkusreviews.com/prize/2015/finalists/young-readers/>
    - The 2014 winners and finalists in the category of Young Readers: <https://www.kirkusreviews.com/prize/2014/finalists/young-readers/>
* Pura Belp[ré Award](http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/belpremedal/index.cfm) winners in all years: <http://www.ala.org/awardsgrants/awards/4/all_years>
* *School Library Journal* Best Books of the Year: <http://www.slj.com/bestof2016/>

**GENERAL – Other:**

* “100 Magnificent Children’s Books” from Betsy Bird’s site:
  + 2016: <http://blogs.slj.com/afuse8production/2017/01/02/like-you-really-need-another-list-from-me-100-magnificent-childrens-books-2016/>
  + 2015: <http://blogs.slj.com/afuse8production/2016/01/01/100-magnificent-childrens-books-2015/>
  + 2014: <http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/lesson_images/lesson42/booklist.pdf>
  + 2013: <http://blogs.slj.com/afuse8production/2013/12/18/100-magnificent-childrens-books-2013/>
  + 2012: <http://blogs.slj.com/afuse8production/2013/01/01/100-magnificent-childrens-books-of-2012/>
  + 2011: <http://blogs.slj.com/afuse8production/2011/12/23/100-magnificent-childrens-books-of-2011/>
  + 2010: <http://blogs.slj.com/afuse8production/2010/12/03/100-magnificent-childrens-books-of-2010/>
* Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award (given to “authors, illustrators, oral storytellers and those active in reading promotion work” – not given to titles):
  + Past winners: <http://www.alma.se/en/Award-winners/>
* Bank Street College of Education’s Best Children’s Books of the Year:
  + 2016 (most recent): <https://www.bankstreet.edu/center-childrens-literature/childrens-book-committee/best-books-year/2016-edition/>
  + Past lists can be found here: <http://bankstreet.edu/center-childrens-literature/childrens-book-committee/best-books-year/past-editions/>
* *Booklist* Editors’ Choice: Books for Youth, 2016 (scroll down for Nonfiction: Young Readers category, as well as Fiction: Young Readers) -- <https://www.booklistonline.com/Booklist-Editors-Choice-Books-for-Youth-2016/pid=8602421>
* The Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books’ Blue Ribbon titles:
  + 2016 (most recent – scroll down for “Picture Books” ): <http://bccb.ischool.illinois.edu/2016-blue-ribbons/>
  + Archives: <http://bccb.lis.illinois.edu/BlueRibbons/blueindex.html>
* Charlotte Zolotow Award (recent and past winners): <http://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/detailListBooks.asp?idBookLists=221>
* Coretta Scott King – John Steptoe Award for New Talent: <http://www.ala.org/awardsgrants/awards/161/all_years>
* E.B. White Award Winners:
  + 2016 (most recent – look for the picture books): <http://www.bookweb.org/news/2016-indies-choice-and-eb-white-read-aloud-award-winners-announced-33531>
  + See past winners here: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_E.B._White_Read_Aloud_Award>.
* Ezra Jack Keats New Writer and New Illustrator Awards:
  + 2016 (most recent): <http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/press-release/2016-ejk-book-award/>
  + Past winners: <http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/ejk-new-writer-and-new-illustrator-awards/>
* Geisel Award (picture books are sometimes awarded):
  + 2017 winners: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/geiselaward>
  + Winners – all years: <http://www.ala.org/awardsgrants/awards/12/all_years>
* Golden Kite Awards (Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators):
  + 2016 winners: <https://www.scbwi.org/2016-golden-kite-winners/>
  + Past winners: <http://www.scbwi.org/awards/golden-kite-award/125854-2/>
* Hans Christian Andersen Awards (given to author and illustrator, not titles):
  + 2016 winners: <http://www.ibby.org/awards-activities/awards/hans-christian-andersen-awards/hcaa-2016/?L=0>
  + Past winners: <http://www.ibby.org/awards-activities/awards/hans-christian-andersen-awards/>
* Irma Black Award (Irma Simonton Black and James H. Black Award for Excellence in Children's Literature – children are final judges of the winning book): <https://www.bankstreet.edu/center-childrens-literature/irma-black-award/list-winners/>
* Jane Addams Children’s Book Awards:
  + 2016 winners: <http://www.janeaddamspeace.org/jacba/2016ceremony.shtml>
  + Past winners, 1953 to present: [http://www.janeaddamspeace.org/jacba/docs/JACBAawards.pdfhttp://www.janeaddamspeace.org/jacba/docs/JACBAawards.pdf](http://www.janeaddamspeace.org/jacba/docs/JACBAawards.pdfhttp:/www.janeaddamspeace.org/jacba/docs/JACBAawards.pdf)
* New York Times Best Illustrated Picture Books (recent years):
  + 2016: <https://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/03/books/review/best-illustrated-books-of-2016.html>
  + 2015 -- <http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2015/10/28/books/review/28-new-york-times-best-illustrated-childrens-books-of-2015.html?_r=0>
  + 2014 -- <http://www.nytimes.com/slideshow/2014/10/30/books/review/2014-BEST.html?_r=0>
  + 2013 -- <http://www.nytimes.com/slideshow/2013/10/31/books/review/31best-illustrated.html>
  + 2012 -- <http://www.nytimes.com/slideshow/2012/11/09/books/review/11best-illustrated.html>
  + 2011 -- <http://www.nytimes.com/slideshow/2011/11/09/books/bkr-illo-ss.html?ref=artsspecial>
  + 2010 -- <http://www.nytimes.com/gift-guide/holiday-2010/best-illustrated-childrens-books-2010/list.html>
  + 2009 -- <http://www.nytimes.com/gift-guide/holiday-2009/20091108_best-illustrated_gg/list.html>
  + Feel free to search for winners even further back …
* *Publishers Weekly’s* Best Children’s Picture Books of 2015: <http://best-books.publishersweekly.com/pw/best-books/2016/picture-books#book/book-1>
* Schneider Family Book Award:
  + 2017: <http://www.ala.org/awardsgrants/schneider-family-book-award>
* Society of Illustrators’ Original Art Award:
  + 2016 winners (most recent): <https://www.societyillustrators.org/exhibits/original-art-2016-exhibit>
  + Past winners listed here: <https://www.societyillustrators.org/programs/original-art>
* Sydney Taylor Book Award (from the Association of Jewish Libraries):
  + 2017: <http://jewishlibraries.org/content.php?page=Sydney_Taylor_Book_Award>
  + Past winners: <http://jewishlibraries.org/images/downloads/Sydney_Taylor_Book_Award/stbaallawardwinnersever.pdf>

**Awards specifically given to NONFICTION:**

* Sibert Award winners:
  + 2017 (most recent): <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/sibertmedal>
  + 2001 to present: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/sibertmedal/sibertpast/sibertmedalpast>
* Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children (from NCTE, the National Council of Teachers of English):
  + 2017 winner, Honors, and recommended books (most recent): <http://www.ncte.org/awards/orbispictus>
  + Past winners: See links on top left of this page (<http://www.ncte.org/awards/orbispictus>) – see “Orbis Pictus Links”
* ALA’s Amelia Bloomer booklist (awarding feminist literature): <https://ameliabloomer.wordpress.com/2017/01/26/2017-amelia-bloomer-list/>

**Awards given specifically to POETRY:**

* Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award:
  + 2016 winner (most recent): <https://pabook.libraries.psu.edu/awards-contests/lee-bennett-hopkins-poetry-award>
  + Past winners: <http://pabook.libraries.psu.edu/activities/hopkins/LBHpastwinners.html>
* NCTE Award for Excellence in Poetry for Children (award to poets, not titles):
  + 2017 winner (most recent): <http://www.ncte.org/awards/poetry> (past winners listed on the left side of that page)

**INTERNATIONAL:**

* Bologna Ragazzi Awards – 2016 winners are here: <http://www.bookfair.bolognafiere.it/en/the-fair/bologna-childrens-book-fair-awards/bolognaragazzi-award/winners-2016/2225.html>
* USBBY’s Outstanding International Books
  + 2017 list: <http://www.usbby.org/res/2017_USBBY_OIB_Bookmark.pdf>
  + Previous lists at this link: <http://www.usbby.org/list_oibl.html>
* Mildred L. Batchelder Award winners in all years: <http://www.ala.org/awardsgrants/awards/3/all_years>
* Kate Greenaway Medal, UK: <http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/greenaway/recent_winners.php>

**“WHAT MAKES A GOOD …” series (at *Horn Book*) – includes recommended titles:**

* Board book – by Viki Ash: <http://archive.hbook.com/magazine/articles/2010/mar10_ash.asp>
* Alphabet book – by Lolly Robinson: <http://archive.hbook.com/magazine/articles/2008/mar08_robinson.asp>
* Concept books (not a “What Makes a Good…” article, but a reliable list of recommended concept books for preschool and primary): <http://www.hbook.com/2013/01/choosing-books/recommended-books/recommended-concept-books/>
* Three Little Pigs – by Joanna Rudge Long: <http://archive.hbook.com/magazine/articles/2009/mar09_long.asp>
* Pop-up book – by Betty Carter: <http://archive.hbook.com/magazine/articles/2009/nov09_carter.asp>
* Biography -- by Viki Ash and Thom Barthelmess: <http://archive.hbook.com/magazine/articles/2011/mar11_ash_barthelmess.asp>
* Science book – by Janet Hamilton: <http://archive.hbook.com/magazine/articles/2009/may09_hamilton.asp>

**RECOMMENDED BOOKS in many categories at *Horn Book*, including nonfiction, poetry, etc. – “annotated booklists of recommended, mostly recently published titles”:** <http://archive.hbook.com/resources/books/default.asp>