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Adult Awards

- **Audie Awards**—Spoken word, audiobook narration, and audiodrama
- **Booker Prize**—Literary fiction
- **Bram Stoker Award**—Horror
- **Carnegie Medals for Excellence**—Fiction and nonfiction
- **Edgar Award**—Mystery fiction and nonfiction
- **Hugo Awards**—Science fiction and fantasy
- **National Book Award**—American fiction, nonfiction, poetry, young people's literature, and translated literature
- **Pulitzer Prize**—Public service and achievement in American literature
- **Romantic Novel Awards**—Romantic fiction
- **Spur Award**—Distinguished writing about the American West
- **Stonewall Book Award**—Works of exceptional merit relating to the LGBTQ+ experience

Young Adult Awards

- **Lincoln Award**—Voted favorite by Illinois students in grades 9-12
- **Morris Award**—First-time author
- **Printz Award**—Young Adult literature
- **YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction**—Nonfiction

Young Adult and Children's Awards

- **Coretta Scott King Award**—African American authors and illustrators
- **National Book Award**—American fiction, nonfiction, poetry, young people's literature, and translated literature
- **Odyssey Award**—Audiobook
- **Pura Belpré Award**—Latino/Latina writers and illustrators
- **Schneider Family Book Award**—Author or illustrator for a book that embodies an artistic expression of the disability experience
- **Stonewall Book Award**—Works of exceptional merit relating to the LGBTQ+ experience

Children's Awards

- **Caldecott Medal**—Illustrator of American picture book for children
- **Geisel Award**—Author(s) and illustrator(s) of American book for beginning readers
- **Newbery Medal**—American literature for children
- **Monarch Awards**—Voted favorite by Illinois students in grades K-3
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