Newbery Medal Novels, 1950-1979



The Westing Game

A millionaire's will requires his sixteen heirs to solve a puzzle before they can get their share of the estate.



The Grey King

Will Stanton must fulfil a Welsh prophecy that would lead to the final battle between Dark and Light.



Julie of the Wolves

While surviving amidst a family of wolves, an Eskimo girl chooses between the old and new ways of living.



Sounder

A boy tells the tragic but uplifting story of his sharecropping family and their coondog, Sounder.



Up a Road Slowly

Julie grows up in the home of her Aunt Cordelia after her mother dies.



It's Like This, Cat

David is a teen in 1960s New York City who makes friends and grows up in part due to his adopted cat, Cat.



Island of the Blue Dolphins

Karana is a Chumash girl who survives on an island the Pacific Ocean by herself. Based on a true story.



Rifles for Watie

Jeff, a boy from Kansas, witnesses the American Civil War from both sides.



The Wheel on the School

Dutch children seek to find out why swans no longer nest in their fishing village, and try to bring them back.



Ginger Pye

Jerry and Rachel solve the mystery of their missing dog Ginger in small-town Conneticut in 1919.



Bridge to Terabithia

The story of Jess Aarons and Leslie Burke, the girl who teaches him about imagination, life, and loss.



M.C. Higgins, the Great

M.C. Higgins hopes that the arrival of two strangers will help him save his home from a mining disaster.



Ms. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH

To save her son, a widowed mouse bravely embarks on a dangerous mission.



The High King

The fifth installment of The Chronicles of Prydian, about the quest of Taran and Princess Eilonwy



I, Juan de Pareja

Juan, born a slave, becomes a respected artist in 17th century Spain. Based on a true story.



A Wrinkle in Time

Two kids, with their neighbor, embark on a quest through time and space to find their father.



Onion John

Twelve-year-old Andy befriends an immigrant, who the townspeople try to modernize.



Miracles on Maple Hill

When her father returns home from war, Marly's family moves to the country to recover.



...And Now Miguel

Miguel desperately wants to join the men of his family as they drive their sheep into the mountains.



Amos Fortune, Free Man

A biographical novel about an African prince who is kidnapped and sold as a slave in New England.



Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

An African-American family fights to stay together and defies racism during the Great Depression.



The Slave Dancer

Kidnapped and forced to play music on a slave ship, young Jesse witnesses the horrors of the slave trade.



Summer of the Swans

When her young brother goes missing. Sara learns how to be compassionate the hard way.



From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

A brother and sister run away and live in a museum, where they investigate an artist mystery.



Shadow of a Bull

Manolo follows in the footsteps of his father, a legendary Spanish bullfighter.



The Bronze Bow

David is determined to defeat the Romans who killed his father in firstcentury Israel.



The Witch of Blackbird Pond

Kit moves to Conneticut in 1867 and decides how willing she is to fit in there.



Carry On, Mr. Bowditch

Biography of Nat Bowditch, who became a master of sea navigation in the 18th century against all odds



Secret of the Andes

Cusi is raised as a traditional Incan Ilama herder in 20th-century Peru.



The Door in the Wall

In medieval England, a boy with a physical disability saves a castle from siege.