

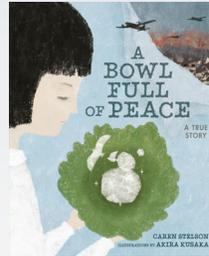
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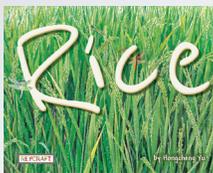
## Children's Literature



**No Steps Behind: Beate Sirota Gordon's Battle for Women's Rights in Japan**  
2020 Winner – Children's Literature  
by Jeff Gottesfeld, Illustrated by Shiela Witanto  
Nonfiction, biography, set in Japan  
(Creston Books)



**A Bowl Full of Peace: A True Story**  
2020 Honorable Mention – Children's Literature  
by Caren Stelson,  
Illustrated by Akira Kusaka  
Nonfiction, set in Japan  
(Carolrhoda Books)

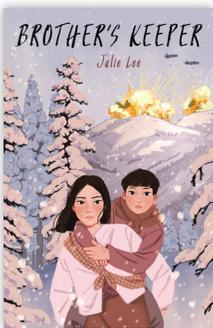


**Rice**  
2020 Honorable Mention – Children's Literature  
by Hongcheng Yu  
(Reycraft Books)  
Nonfiction, set in China



**The Ocean Calls: A Haenyeo Mermaid Story**  
2020 Honorable Mention – Children's Literature  
by Tina Cho,  
Illustrated by Jess X. Snow  
Fiction, set in Korea  
(Kokila Press)

## Young Adult/Middle School



**Brother's Keeper**  
2020 Winner – Young Adult/Middle School  
by Julie Lee  
Fiction, set in Korea  
(Holiday House)



**Beyond Me**  
2020 Honorable Mention – Young Adult/Middle School  
by Annie Donwerth-Chikamatsu  
Fiction, set in Japan  
(Simon & Schuster)



**All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team**  
2020 Of Note – Young Adult/Middle School  
by Christina Soontornvat  
Nonfiction, set in Thailand  
(Candlewick Press)



## High School Winners, See Page 2

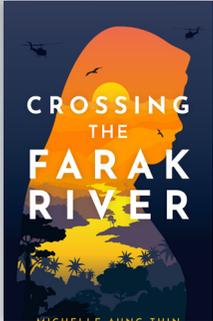
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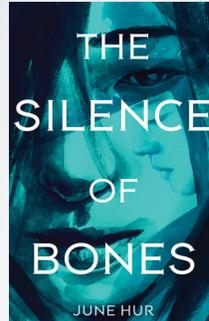


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## Young Adult/ High School (Text)



***Crossing the Farak River***  
2020 Winner – High School (Text)  
by Michelle Aung Thin  
Fiction, set in Myanmar  
(Annick Press)



***The Silence of Bones***  
2020 Honorable Mention – Young Adult/Middle School (Text)  
by June Hur  
Fiction, set in Korea  
(Macmillan)

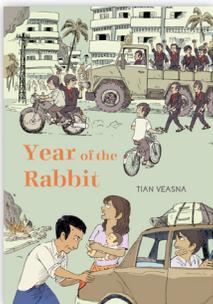


***Almond***  
2020 Of Note – Young Adult/Middle School (Text)  
by Won-pyung Sohn,  
Translated by Sandy Joosun Lee  
Fiction, set in Korea  
(Harper Collins)

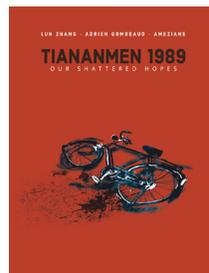


***Like Spilled Water***  
2020 Of Note – Young Adult/High School (Text)  
by Jennie Liu  
Fiction, set in China  
(Lerner Publishing Group)

## Young Adult/High School (Graphic)



***Year of the Rabbit***  
2020 Winner – High School (Graphic)  
by Tian Veasna,  
Translated by Helge Dascher  
Nonfiction, set in Cambodia  
(Drawn and Quarterly)



***Tiananmen 1989: Our Shattered Hopes***  
2020 Honorable Mention – Young Adult/Middle School (Graphic)  
by Lun Zhang, Adrien Gombeaud,  
Illustrated by Ameziane  
Nonfiction, set in China  
(IDW Publishing)



***Banned Book Club***  
2020 Of Note – Young Adult/Middle School (Graphic)  
by Kim Hyun Sook, Ryan Estrada,  
Illustrated by Hyung-Ju Ko  
Nonfiction, set in Korea  
(Iron Circus Comics)