NCTA Freeman Book Awards

The Freeman Book Awards - recognizing quality books for children and young adults that contribute meaningfully to an understanding of East and Southeast Asia.

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 Shiella 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)

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Information on the submission process and on-line book groups exploring these and other titles — appropriate for student reading and classroom use — can be found on our website. Professional Development Hours available.

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### Young Adult/High School (Text)

#### Crossing the Farak River
- **Year of the Rabbit**
  - 2020 Winner – High School (Graphic)
  - by Michelle Aung Thin
  - Fiction, set in Myanmar
  - (Annick Press)

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

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

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

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  - 2020 Of Note – Young Adult/High School (Text)
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  - Fiction, set in China
  - (Lerner Publishing Group)

### Young Adult/High School (Graphic)

#### Tiananmen 1989: Our Shattered Hopes
- **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
- **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)