

USING THE NEWBERY AND CALDECOTT MEDAL AWARD  
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## INTRODUCTION

There are 108 books in America today which have been judged the best children's literature written over the past fifty-four years. These books are those which comprise the Newbery and Caldecott Medal Award winners. They represent the most distinguished contribution to children's literature published each year.

The purpose of this study will be to determine the usefulness of a proven list of books, the Newbery and Caldecott Medal Award books, in studying the social studies.