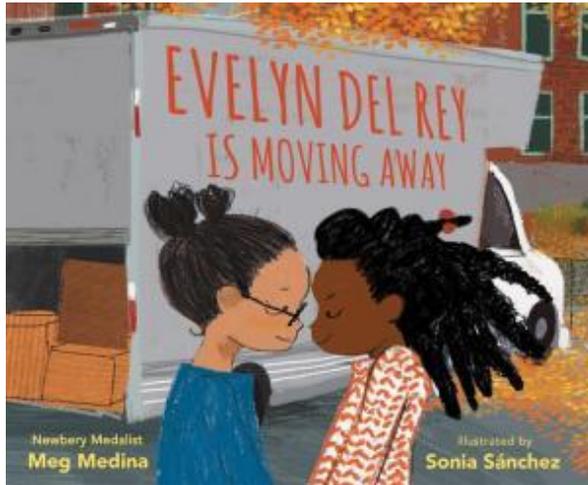


THE MARGARET WISE BROWN AWARD

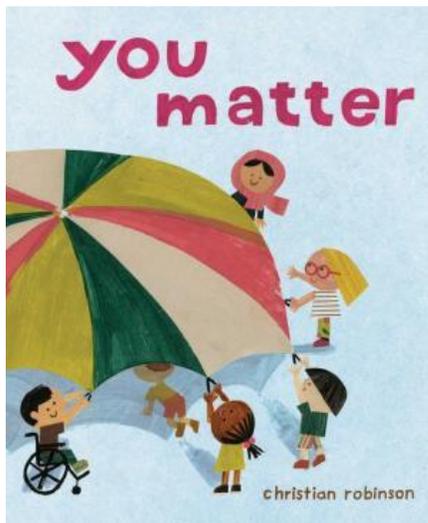


Hollins pays tribute to one of its best-known alumnae and one of America's most beloved children's authors by awarding the Margaret Wise Brown Prize in Children's Literature. The annual award showcases the best picture book manuscript as selected by a panel of judges and will be among the few children's book honors with a cash prize. Margaret Wise Brown graduated from Hollins in 1932 and went on to write *Goodnight Moon*, *The Runaway Bunny*, and other children's classics before she died in 1952. The cash prize comes from an endowed fund created by James Rockefeller, Brown's fiancé at the time of her death.

This year's winner is Newbery medalist and *New York Times* bestselling author Meg Medina. Her winning book *Evelyn Del Rey Is Moving Away* is a story that combines the sadness of parting with the endurance of a beautiful friendship. As this year's judges stated: "Evelyn Del Rey Is Moving Away is all at once poignant and hopeful, poetic but utterly child-centered."

Medina's other books include *Merci Suárez Changes Gears*, the 2019 John Newbery Medal winner; *Burn Baby Burn*, long-listed for the 2016 National Book Award; and *The Girl Who Could Silence the Wind*, a 2012 Bank Street College Best Children's Book of the Year. She resides in Richmond, Virginia, and in addition to writing, she works on community projects that support girls, Latino youth, and/or literacy. She serves on the National Board of Advisors for the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, and is a faculty member of Hamline University's Master of Fine Arts program in children's literature.

THE MARGARET WISE BROWN HONOR BOOK



Judges for this year's Margaret Wise Brown Prize also named one Honor Book, *You Matter*, by author/illustrator Christian Robinson, describing it as "Lyrical and affirming but also funny and particular in such a Margaret Wise Brown way." A story of different perspectives from different people and creatures all around the world, *You Matter* teaches empathy, showing how we are all connected.

Christian Robinson is an illustrator, author, animator, and designer based in Oakland, California. Born in Los Angeles, he grew up in a small one-bedroom apartment with his brother, two cousins, aunt, and grandmother. Drawing became a way to make space for himself and to create the kind of world he wanted to see. He

studied animation at the California Institute of the Arts and would later work with the Sesame Workshop and Pixar Animation Studios before becoming an illustrator of books for children. His books include the #1 New York Times bestseller *Last Stop on Market Street*, written by Matt de la Peña, which was awarded a Caldecott Honor, a Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor, and the Newbery Medal. Robinson's debut as an author/illustrator is his picture book *Another*, which was named a New York Times Best Illustrated Book of 2019.