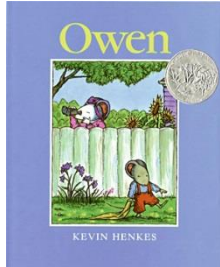


2013 Phoenix Picture Book Award

Kevin Henkes for *Owen* (Greenwillow, 1993)



Owen, a Caldecott Honor Book, is a perfect picture book in which text and illustrations together tell the story of a mouse child, his beloved “fuzzy yellow blanket,” and his parents’ (and nosy neighbor Mrs. Tweezer’s) efforts to separate them. From the bright yellow endpapers to the spare, well-paced language and simple colored drawings that brilliantly and economically convey character and emotion, Henkes has created a timeless story that resonates for young and old alike, and that with each new reading reveals additional delightful and clever details.