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Excerpted from Deepening Literacy Learning: Art and Literature Engagements in K-8 Classrooms (2010, pp. 268-270), co-authored with Mary Ann Reilly and Rob Cohen:

Aboriginal Children’s Book of the Year. A Canadian award for indigenous artists.
(There is not one website; rather, I culled from different sources by googling the name of the award in quotes.)


American Library Association Coretta Scott King Award. Focuses on books by and about African Americans: http://www.al.org/ala/mgrps/rts/emiert/cskbookawards/index.cfm


American Library Association Pura Belpré Medal and Honor Awards. Focuses on books by and about Latinos/as: http://www.al.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/belpremedal/belprepast/index.cfm

Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association. Focuses on books by and about Asian Americans: http://www.apalaweb.org/awards/awards.htm


Bologna Ragazzi Award. Awards the best books in terms of graphic and editorial design in an annual international recognition given each year in Bologna, Italy: http://www.bookfair.bolognafiere.it/index.asp?m=52&l=2&ma=34


Canadian Library Association Book of the Year for Children Award. Focuses on books
published in North America: http://www.cla.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Book_of_the_Year_for_Children_Award

Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies Américas Book Award for Children’s and Young Adult Literature. Focuses on books by and about Latinos/as: http://www4.uwm.edu/clacs/aa/index.cfm

Cooperative Children’s Book Center (CCBC), University of Wisconsin Charlotte Zolotow Award. The CCBC has had a long-standing commitment to privileging multicultural books: http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/books/zolotow.asp

International Board on Books for Young Readers (IBBY). Awards outstanding international books: http://www.ibby.org/

International Reading Association (IRA) Notable Books for a Global Society. The IRA is committed to bringing more global books to young people: http://www.csulb.edu/org/childrens-lit/proj/nbgs/intro-nbgs.html


Middle East Book Award. Recognizes books set in the Middle East: http://socialscience.tjc.edu/mkho/MEOC/middle_east_book_award.htm


National Council for the Social Studies, Carter G. Woodson Award and Outstanding Merit Book Award Recipients. In honor of the African American historian, awards social science books depicting ethnic minorities: http://www.socialstudies.org/awards/carterG/winners

National Jewish Book Award for Children’s and Young Adult Literature. Honors books about the Jewish experience: http://www.jewishbookcouncil.org/e107_plugins/njba_winners_menu/njba_winners.php

Nordic Children’s Book Prize. I cannot find a website, but names of authors who have won the award appear.

Skipping Stones Award, Multicultural and International. A multicultural magazine that highlights multicultural books that build cross-cultural bridges: http://wwwSkippingstones.org/2009SkippingStonesAwardsPR.pdf

Tomás Rivera Mexican American Children’s Book Award. In honor of the Mexican American migrant worker who became a chancellor, awards books by and about Mexican Americans: http://www.education.txstate.edu/departments/Tomas-Rivera-Book-Award-Project-Link.html
United States Board on Books for Young People. The American affiliate of the International Board on Books for Young Readers: http://www.usbby.org/

Awards Not Specifically Multicultural or International (although such titles do appear):

American Alliance of Theatre and Education Distinguished Play Award (plays are an often under-utilized genre of children’s literature): http://www.aate.com/awards_winners.asp

American Library Association Caldecott Award: http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/caldecottmedal.cfm

American Library Association Newbery Award: http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberymedal.cfm


Boston Globe—Horn Book Award: http://www.hbook.com/bghb/current.asp

The Children’s Literature Association Phoenix Award (presented to a book published twenty years previously that did not at the time receive the recognition it deserved): http://www.childlitassn.org/phoenix_award.html

Christopher Award: http://www.christophers.org/Page.aspx?pid=192

Golden Kite Award (this award is given by authors and illustrators to authors and illustrators): http://www.scbwi.org/Pages.aspx/Golden-Kite-Award

International Reading Association Lee Bennett Hopkins Promising Poet Award: http://www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants/childrens_hopkins.aspx

The Mazza Medallion of Excellence Award for Artistic Diversity: http://www.findlay.edu/offices/resources/mazza/generalinformation/mazzamedallion/default.htm

National Book Award for Young People’s Literature: http://www.nationalbook.org/nba.html


National Council of Teachers of English Orbis Pictus Nonfiction Award: http://www.ncte.org/awards/orbispictus

Scott O’Dell Award for Historical Fiction: http://www.scottodell.com/odellaward.html