

Eisner Award Winners – Youth Categories

The Will Eisner Comic Industry Awards are considered the “Oscars” of comics. Nominees are chosen by a blue-ribbon committee of judges, and the winners are chosen by professionals in the comics industry. Started in 1988, the awards are named for Will Eisner, the legendary creator of “The Spirit” and giant of the graphic novel. The Eisner Award category designations for youth have changed a few times over the years. Here are the winners in all of the various youth categories.

Best Title for Younger Readers/Publication for a Younger Audience

The Batman and Robin Adventures, by Paul Dini, Ty Templeton, & Rick Burchett (DC) 1996
Leave It to Chance, James Robinson and Paul Smith (Homage) 1997
Batman & Robin Adventures, Ty Templeton, Brandon Kruse, Rick Burchett, and others (DC) 1998
Batman: The Gotham Adventures, by Ty Templeton, Rick Burchett, and Terry Beatty (DC) 1999
Simpsons Comics, by various (Bongo) 2000
Scary Godmother: The Boo Flu, by Jill Thompson (Sirius) 2001
Herobear and the Kid, by Mike Kunkel (Astonish) 2002, 2003
Walt Disney's Uncle Scrooge, by various (Gemstone) 2004
Plastic Man, by Kyle Baker and Scott Morse (DC) 2005
Owly: Flying Lessons, by Andy Runton (Top Shelf) 2006
Gumby, by Bob Burden and Rick Geary (Wildcard Ink) 2007
Mouse Guard: Fall 1152 and ***Mouse Guard: Winter 1152***, by David Petersen (Archaia) 2008
Tiny Titans, by Art Baltazar and Franco Aureliani (DC) 2009
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz hardcover, by L. Frank Baum, Eric Shanower, and Skottie Young (Marvel) 2010
Tiny Titans, by Art Baltazar and Franco Aureliani (DC) 2011
Dragon Puncher Island, by James Kochalka (Top Shelf) 2012
Snarked, by Roger Langridge (kaboom!) 2012
Babymouse for President, by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm (Random House) 2013
Adventure Time, by Ryan North, Shelli Paroline, & Braden Lamb (kaboom!) 2013
Itty Bitty Hellboy, by Art Baltazar and Franco (Dark Horse) 2014
The Adventures of Superhero Girl, by Faith Erin Hicks (Dark Horse) 2014
The Zoo Box, by Ariel Cohn & Aron Nels Steinke (First Second) 2015
El Deafo, by Cece Bell (Amulet/Abrams) 2015

Best Publication for Teens/Tweens/Young Adults

Laika, by Nick Abadzis (First Second) 2008
Beasts of Burden, by Evan Dorkin and Jill Thompson (Dark Horse) 2010
Smile, by Raina Telgemeier (Scholastic/Graphix) 2011
Anya's Ghost, by Vera Brosgol (First Second) 2012
Coraline, by Neil Gaiman, adapted by P. Craig Russell (HarperCollins Children's Books) 2009
A Wrinkle in Time, by Madeleine L'Engle, adapted by Hope Larson (FSG) 2013
Battling Boy, by Paul Pope (First Second) 2014
Lumberjanes, by Shannon Watters, Grace Ellis, Noelle Stevenson, & Brooke A. Allen (BOOM! Box) 2015

