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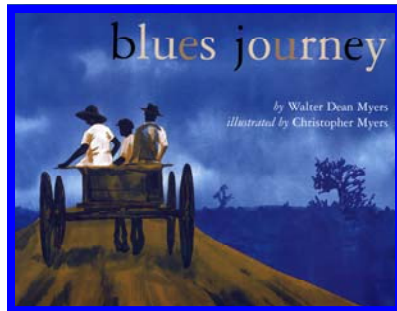
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Illustrator Honor**

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Meet the Artist

CHRISTOPHER MYERS



"I've always wanted to be a part of that life of making books. I had stories to tell."
— Christopher Myers

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A FOCUS ON CHRISTOPHER MYERS

Christopher Myers, accomplished children's book author and illustrator, was born in New York City in 1974.

Harlem, his first picture book with his father, acclaimed author Walter Dean Myers, was awarded a Caldecott Honor, a Coretta Scott King Honor, and a *Boston Globe-Horn Book* Honor, to name just a few.

Christopher and his father have come together to create *Jazz*. This Coretta Scott King Honor-winning book is a vibrant look at the diversity and distinctive styles of jazz music through poetry and paintings. The jazz-inspired poetry captures the soulfulness of the music, whether in defining its origins or in reveling in its infectious toe-beating effect. And like an accompanist in a musical duet, Christopher Myers's fluid black-ink-and-acrylic paintings complement his father's glowing lyrics, at various times harmonizing with the text and at others quietly diverging.

blues journey, their previous collaboration for Holiday House, is a celebration of the African experience in America that details the long voyage from the Middle Passage to life today. Christopher's bold and powerful paintings are the perfect complement to Walter's soulful, affecting blues poem. This is a story very close to their hearts—a true labor of love. The winner of numerous awards, *blues journey* has also been adapted into an original production for the Family Theater of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC.

In addition to the awards won for *Harlem*, Christopher has received a Coretta Scott King Honor for *Black Cat*. He is also a fine artist, and his artwork has appeared in a number of shows, including at the famed P.S. 1 Contemporary Arts Center, an affiliate of the Museum of Modern Art, in New York City. He took part in the highly selective Whitney Museum of American Art Independent Studio program.

Christopher, a graduate of Brown University, makes his home in Brooklyn, New York.

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Publishers Weekly's 100 Best Books of the Year

Kirkus Reviews Editor's Choice

Booklist Editors' Choice

Booklist Top Ten in Black History

A *Book Links* Best New Book for the Classroom

Golden Kite Award for Picture Book Text

IRA Notable Book for a Global Society 2007

Hans Christian Andersen Award, Illustrator Honor

New York Public Library 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing

NAACP Image Award Nominee for

Outstanding Literary Work—Poetry

Parenting Mom-Tested Book of the Year

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New York Public Library Book for the Teen Age

NCTE Notable Children's Trade Book in the Language Arts

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