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Responses From Readers

We have heard from some of you during the last month. Barbara Lewis wrote to tell us that her favorite Newbery Award Book was *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* (Taylor, 1977). Her least favorite book was *Westing Game* (Raskin, 1979). She felt that one book that should have won a Newbery was *Sourland* (Armstrong, 1971). Her favorite Caldecott was *St. George and the Dragon* (by Margaret Hodges; Illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman, 1985) and she didn't have a least favorite. Her nomination for the best picture book published in 1989 was Beth Peck's illustrations for Truman Capote's *A Christmas Morning*. She's right. "The naive, wispy feeling of Peck's watercolors evoke a special characterization of 'Buddy' and 'My Friend'." You'll want to look at *A Christmas Morning* to see if you think the Caldecott committee missed a prospective award winner.

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