

Jack Gantos wins Zarrow Medal

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Newbery Medal-winning author Jack Gantos is the winner of the Tulsa Library Trust's 2014 Zarrow Award for Young Readers' Literature. He will accept the award at a public presentation at Hill Regional Library's Connor's Cove, 8316 E. 93rd St., Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. He also will present a winners of the 2014 Young People's Adult Creative Writing Contest awards at the ceremony, the culmination of the 2014 children's and teen summer reading programs.

Gantos is being recognized for writing more than 40 books for children, teens and adults, many of which were recognized with distinguished national awards. In 2012, he received the John Newbery Award for his book *Dead End In Norvelt*. His 2002 memoir, *Hole In My Life*, won Michael L. Printz and F. B. Iyengar honors. He also is widely known for the Rotten Ralph, Jack Henry and Joey Pigza series.

His career as a professional writer began in 1976 with the publication of *Rotten Ralph*, which was illustrated by his illustrator friend, Nicole Rubel. Gantos has taught creative writing, literature and other various topics, ranging from introductory classes to graduate-level seminars, at various universities.

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