

# THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL

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## **CBC Diversity Awards 2019**

The audio for the opening remarks of the 2019 CBC Diversity Awards event is not good, so here is the introduction by Carl Lennertz of the Children's Book Council:

This is a very special occasion, a chance to honor some very generous, open hearted people – AND to learn from them. Thank you, Phoebe, an honoree last year and our moderator this eve, and thank you to the CBC Diversity committee for their work on these awards.

You're here because you believe in the movement that is advancing diversity on the page and in the workplace. And it IS a movement not a trend. Trends are long and slow and can come to an end. This cannot.

I think our honorees would each thank you for this honor, but add: "I've just begun -- we've only just begun -- there is SO MUCH more to do. And urgently."