1989 Phoenix Award Winner

*The Night Watchmen*
by Helen Cresswell
(Faber, 1969; Macmillan, 1969; Aladdin, 1989)

Bored and lonely Henry, about ten, encounters in the park two middle-aged tramps, amiable Josh and his gloomy brother, Caleb, “do-as-you-pleasers” on the watch for mysterious night villains called Greeneyes. When their enemies become too threatening, Henry helps his friends board the night train to “There” and safety. An inventive concept, original characters, careful pacing, escalating tension, and judiciously used humor create an exceptionally entertaining and convincing fantasy.

1989 Phoenix Honor Books

*Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?*
by Milton Meltzer
(Knopf, 1969)

*Pistol*
by Adrienne Richmond
(Little, Brown, 1969, 1989)