1994 Phoenix Award Winner

Of Nightingales That Weep by Katherine Paterson

(Crowell, 1974; Kestrel, 1976; Avon, 1980; Harper-Collins, 1989)



After her samurai father is killed in the internecine wars of twelfth-century Japan and her mother marries a man she despises for his ugly appearance, Takiko happily accepts a position at court. Caught up in the intrigues and horror of renewed hostilities, she clarifies her values and returns home to help her family. Characters are sharply drawn and individualized, Takiko matures convincingly, and the detailed picture of turmoil in warring, feudal Japan is outstanding.

1994 Phoenix Honor Books



Listen for the Fig Tree by Sharon Bell Mathis (Viking, 1974)



My Brother Sam Is Dead
by James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier
(Four Winds, 1974)