1996 Phoenix Award Winner

*The Stone Book*
by Alan Garner

Young Mary’s views of life in her mid-nineteenth-century English village and of her heritage vastly expand when she accompanies her stonemason father up the steeple of the church he has built and later into a subterranean cavern. The first of a series of four powerfully realized books that take Mary’s family into World War II, *The Stone Book* is exemplary for its sharp characterizations, vivid sense of time and place, celebration of pride in craft, exquisitely honed style, and delicately balanced emotional intensity.

1996 Phoenix Honor Book

*Abel’s Island*
by William Steig
(Farrar, 1976)