1998 Phoenix Award Winner

**A Chance Child**  
_by Jill Paton Walsh_  
(Macmillan, 1978; Farrar, 1978)

A nameless, illegitimate child escapes from the closet where he has been confined and travels back in time via a canal boat to nineteenth-century England. His brother’s poignant search from him, a strictly controlled tone, deftly drawn characters, and carefully paralleled modern and historical scenes of abusive child labor and exploitation, both human and environmental, distinguish this unsentimental novel of social awareness and survival.

1998 Phoenix Honor Books

**The Devil in Vienna**  
_by Doris Orgel_

**Beauty**  
_by Robin McKinley_  
(HarperCollins, 1978)