

## **Margaret A. Edwards Award 2010 Winner**

**Murphy, Jim.** *An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793*, published by Clarion Books, an imprint of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, tells the story of the devastating course of the epidemic and highlights the heroic efforts of some, and the ignorance of others, to curb this disease that has yet to be eradicated. *Blizzard! The Storm that Changed America*, published by Scholastic Press, an imprint of Scholastic, tells the chilling story of the three-day 1888 storm that crippled the East Coast. *The Great Fire*, published by Scholastic Press, an imprint of Scholastic, reveals the myriad events that led to the catastrophic fire that destroyed much of Chicago in 1871. *The Long Road to Gettysburg*, published by Clarion Books, an imprint of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, details perspectives of young soldiers on both sides of the Civil War and the events that culminated in the Gettysburg Address. *A Young Patriot: The American Revolution as Experienced by One Boy*, published by Clarion Books, an imprint of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, follows 15-year-old Joseph Plumb Martin, from his enlistment through the many battles and hardships of the American Revolution.

Murphy's well-researched books bring history alive through multiple narratives involving young people. Primary sources, maps, photos, illustrations and dialogue reveal the drama of historical events, making Murphy's books fast-paced reading of particular interest for young adults. The reader participates in the lives of these individuals and the events that shaped history.