

The Bechtel Prize

*2009 Winner
and Finalists*

Winner

Emily Raboteau

New York City

“Jazz Poetry”

Finalists

Marcia Chamberlain

Houston, Texas

“When You Listen Deeply”

Garth Greenwell

New York City

“Reading with the Voice”



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The Bechtel Prize is endowed by the Cerimon Fund in honor of Louise Seaman Bechtel (1894–1985). Editor-critic, author, and teacher of young children, Bechtel was the first person to head a juvenile book department established by an American publishing house. During her 15-year tenure as managing editor at the Macmillan Company (1919–1934), Bechtel shepherded production of more than 600 new books, marking a milestone in the growth and development of American literature for children.