



# Forest of Reading<sup>®</sup>

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## Blue Spruce<sup>™</sup> Award Program

**2002 – 2016**

Winners and Nominees

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## 2016

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### **Butterfly Park**

Elly MacKay

Running Press/Publisher's Group Canada

### **The Cardinal and the Crow**

Michael Moniz

Simply Read Books

### **Fishermen Through and Through**

Colleen Sydor, Brooke Kerrigan

Red Deer Press

### **Henry Holton Takes the Ice**

Sandra Bradley, Sara Palacios

Penguin Young Readers; Dial

### **★ If Kids Ruled the World ★**

Linda Bailey, David Huyck

Kids Can Press

### **In a Cloud of Dust**

Alma Fullerton, Brian Deines

Pajama Press

### **Sam's Pet Temper**

Sangeeta Bhadra, Marion Arbona

Kids Can Press

### **Stop, Thief!**

Heather Tekavec, Pierre Pratt

Kids Can Press

### **Super Red Riding Hood**

Claudia Dávila

Kids Can Press

### **We're All Friends Here**

Nancy Wilcox Richards, Tom Goldsmith

Scholastic Canada Ltd.

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## 2015

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★ **The Day My Mom Came to Kindergarten** ★

Maureen Fergus, Mike Lowery  
Kids Can Press

**The Highest Number In The World**

Roy Macgregor, Geneviève Després  
Tundra Books

**Kenta and The Big Wave**

Ruth Ohi  
Annick Press

**Loula Is Leaving for Africa**

Anne Villeneuve  
Kids Can Press

**The Man with the Violin**

Kathy Stinson, Dušan Petričić  
Annick Press

**Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress**

Christine Baldacchino, Isabelle Malenfant  
Groundwood Books

**The Most Magnificent Thing**

Ashley Spires  
Kids Can Press

**My Blue Is Happy**

Jessica Young, Catia Chien  
Random House

**Oddrey and the New Kid**

Dave Whamond  
Owlkids

**Young Frank, Architect**

Frank Viva  
Abrams

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## 2014

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**A Good Trade**

Alma Fullerton, Karen Patkau  
Pajama Press

**I Dare You Not To Yawn**

Helene Boudreau, Serge Bloch  
Candlewick Press

**If You Hold A Seed**

Elly MacKay  
Running Press

**In The Tree House**

Andrew Larsen, Dusan Petricic  
Kids Can Press

**Mr. Zinger's Hat**

Cary Fagan, Dusan Petricic  
Tundra Books

★ **Oddrey** ★

Dave Whamond  
Owlkids Books

**Sky Color**

Peter H. Reynolds  
Candlewick Press

**This Is Not My Hat**

Jon Klassen  
Candlewick Press

**Uncle Wally's Old Brown Shoe**

Wallace Edwards  
Orca Book Publishers

**Willow Finds A Way**

Lana Button, Tania Howells  
Kids Can Press

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## 2013

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**The Busy Beaver**  
Nicholas Oldland  
Kids Can Press Ltd.

**Don't Laugh at Giraffe**  
Rebecca Bender  
Pajama Press Inc.

**Ella May and the Wishing Stone**  
Cary Fagan, Geneviève Côte  
Tundra Books

**Here Comes Hortense!**  
Heather Hartt-Sussman, Georgia Graham  
Tundra Books

**JoJo the Giant**  
Jane Barclay, Esperança Melo  
Tundra Books

**★ Kate and Pippin ★**  
Martin Springett, Isobel Springett  
Puffin Canada/Penguin Group

**Larf**  
Ashley Spires  
Kids Can Press Ltd.

**Really and Truly**  
Émilie Rivard, Anne-Claire Delisle  
OwlKids Books Inc.

**Splinters**  
Kevin Sylvester  
Tundra Books

**You Are Stardust**  
Elin Kelsey, Soyeon Kim  
OwlKids Books Inc.

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## 2012

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**A Flock of Shoes**  
Sarah Tsiang, Qin Leng  
Annick Press

**★ Giraffe and Bird ★**  
Rebecca Bender  
Dancing Cat Books/Cormorant Books

**Kiss Me! (I'm a Prince!)**  
Heather McLeod, Brooke Kerrigan  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

**The Little Hummingbird**  
Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas  
D&M Publishers/Greystone Books

**Making the Moose Out of Life**  
Nicholas Oldland  
Kids Can Press

**Noni Says No**  
Heather Hartt-Sussman, Geneviève Côté  
Tundra Books

**One Hockey Night**  
David Ward, Brian Deines  
Scholastic Canada/North Winds Press

**Roslyn Rutabaga and the Biggest Hole on Earth!**  
Marie-Louise Gay  
Groundwood Books/House of Anansi Press

**Small Saul**  
Ashley Spires  
Kids Can Press

**Stanley's Little Sister**  
Linda Bailey, Bill Slavin  
Kids Can Press

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## 2011

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**Big Bear Hug**

Nicholas Oldland  
Kids Can Press

★ **My Think-A-Ma-Jink** ★

Dave Whamond  
Owlkids

**C'mere Boy!**

Sharon Jennings and Ashley Spires  
Kids Can Press

**Perfect Snow**

Barbara Reid  
Scholastic Canada, Ltd.

**Have I Got a Book for You!**

Mélanie Watt  
Kids Can Press

**Proud as a Peacock, Brave as a Lion**

Jane Barclay and Renné Benoit  
Tundra Books

**The Imaginary Garden**

Andrew Larsen and Irene Luxbacher  
Kids Can Press

**Violet**

Tania Duprey Stehlik and Vanja Jovanovic  
Second Story Press

**Jack the Bear**

Christina Leist  
Simply Read Books

**Willow's Whispers**

Lana Button and Tania Howells  
Kids Can Press

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## 2010

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★ **Boo Hoo Bird** ★

Jeremy Tankard  
Scholastic Canada

**The King's Taster**

Kenneth Oppel  
Paintings by Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher  
HarperCollinsCanada

**Bradley McGogg, The Very Fine Frog**

Tim Beiser and Rachel Berman  
Tundra Books

**Stanley's Beauty Contest**

Linda Bailey and Bill Slavin  
Kids Can Press

**Crocodiles Play!**

Robert Heidbreder and Rae Maté  
Tradewind Books

**There's a Cow Under My Bed!**

Valerie Sherrard and David Jardine  
Creative Book Publishing

**Farley Follows His Nose**

Lynn C Johnston and Beth Cruikshank  
The Bowen Press / HarperCollinsCanada

**When Stella Was Very, Very Small**

Marie-Louise Gay  
Groundwood Books

**The King Has Goat Ears**

Katarina Jovanovic and Phillipe Béha  
Tradewind Books

**You're Mean, Lily Jean**

Frieda Wishinsky and Kady MacDonald Denton  
Scholastic Canada

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## 2009

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**Buttercup's Lovely Day**

Carolyn Beck  
Orca Book Publishers

★ **Chester** ★

Mélanie Watt  
Kids Can Press

**Clancy with the Puck**

Chris Mizzoni  
Raincoast Books

**Eliot Jones, Midnight Superhero**

Anne Cottringer  
Scholastic Canada Ltd

**It's Moving Day**

Pamela Hickman  
Kids Can Press

**Making Grizzle Grow**

Rachna Gilmour  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside Ltd

**Mattland**

Hazel Hutchins and Gail Herbert  
Annick Press

**My New Shirt**

Cary Fagan  
Tundra Books

**Stanley at Sea**

Linda Bailey  
Kids Can Press

**Such a Prince**

Dan Bar-el  
Clarion

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## 2008

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**The Farm Team**

Linda Bailey, Bill Slavin  
Kids Can Press

**Fox Walked Alone**

Barbara Reid  
Northwinds Press/Scholastic Canada Ltd.

**Grumpy Bird**

by Jeremy Tankard  
Scholastic Press

**In My Backyard**

Margriet Ruurs, Ron Broda  
Tundra Books

**Jeffrey and Sloth**

Kari-Lynn Winters, Ben Hodson  
Orca Book Publishers

**Lily and the Paper Man**

Rebecca Upjohn, Renné Benoit  
Second Story Press

**The List**

Hazel Hutchins, Maria van Lieshout  
Annick Press

**Please, Louise!**

by Frieda Wishinsky and Marie-Louise Gay  
Goundwood Books

**A Sack Full of Feathers**

by Debby Waldman, Cindy Revell  
Orca Book Publishers

★ **Scaredy Squirrel Makes A Friend** ★

Mélanie Watt  
Kids Can Press

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## 2007

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**Camilla Chameleon**  
Colleen Sydor, Pascale Constantin  
Kids Can Press

**Clara and the Bossy**  
Ruth Ohi  
Annick Press

**Earth to Audrey**  
Susan Hughes, Stéphane Poulin  
Kids Can Press

**Penelope and the Monsters**  
Sheri Radford, Christine Tripp  
Lobster Press

★ **Scaredy Squirrel** ★  
Mélanie Watt  
Kids Can Press

**Sophie and the Sea Monster**  
Don Gillmor, Michael Martchenko  
Scholastic Canada

**Stanley's Wild Ride**  
Linda Bailey, Bill Slavin  
Kids Can Press

**Taming Horrible Harry**  
Lili Chartrand, Rogé  
Tundra Books

**Wake up, Henry Rooster!**  
Margriet Ruurs, Sean Cassidy  
Fitzhenry and Whiteside

**Where's My Hockey Sweater?**  
Gilles Tibo, Bruno St-Aubin  
Scholastic Canada

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## 2006

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**Ben Over Night**  
Sarah Ellis, Kim LaFave  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

**Beneath The Bridge**  
Hazel Hutchins, Ruth Ohi  
Annick Press

**Bigbeard's Hook**  
Evan Solomon, Bill Slavin  
Viking Canada, 2005

★ **The Boy Who Loved Bananas** ★  
George Elliott, Andrej Krystoforski  
Kids Can Press

**Gummytoes**  
Sean Cassidy, Sean Cassidy  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

**Leon's Song**  
Stephanie McLellan, Dianna Bonder  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

**Mile High Apple Pie**  
Laura Langston, Lindsey Gardiner  
Bodley Head/Random House

**Penelope And The Humongous Burp**  
Sheri Radford, Christine Tripp  
Lobster Press

**Rainy Days With Bear**  
Maureen Hull, Leanne Franson  
Lobster Press

**Stella Princess Of The Sky**  
Marie Louise Gay  
Groundwood

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## 2005

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### **A Very Unusual Dog**

Dorothy Joan Harris, Kim LaFave  
North Winds Press/Scholastic

### **Bagels from Benny**

Aubrey Davis, Dušan Petričić  
Kids Can Press

### **Camels Always Do**

Lynn Manuel, Kasia Charko  
Orca

### ★ **Drumheller Dinosaur Dance** ★

Robert Heidbreder, Bill Slavin  
and Esperança Melo  
Kids Can Press

### **Our Canadian Flag**

Maxine Trottier, Brian Deines  
North Winds Press/Scholastic

### **Perfect Man**

Troy Wilson, Dean Griffiths  
Orca

### **Suki's Kimono**

Chieri Uegaki, Stéphane Jorisch  
Kids Can Press

### **The Sidewalk Rescue**

Hazel Hutchins, Ruth Ohi  
Annick Press

### **This is the Dog**

Sheryl McFarlane,  
Chrissie Wysotski  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

### **Too Many Books!**

Gilles Tibo, Bruno St-Aubin  
Scholastic Canada

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## 2004

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### **An Alien in My House**

Shenaaz Nanji, Chum G. McLeod  
Second Story

### **The F Team**

Anne Laurel Carter, Rose Cowles  
Orca

### **Hank and Fergus**

Susin Nielsen-Fernlund, Louise-Andre Laliberte  
Orca

### **How Hot Was It?**

Jane Barclay, Janice Donato  
Lobster Press

### **It Couldn't Be Worse**

Vlasta Van Kampen  
Annick

### **Jillian Jiggs and the Great Big Snow**

Phoebe Gilman  
Scholastic

### **Sink or Swim**

Valerie Coulman, Roge  
Lobster Press

### ★ **Stanley's Party** ★

Linda Bailey, Bill Slavin  
Kids Can Press

### **The Subway Mouse**

Barbara Reid  
Scholastic

### **You Can't Rush a Cat**

Karleen Bradford, Leslie Elizabeth Watts  
Orca



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## 2003

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### **Alphabeasts**

Wallace Edwards  
Kids Can Press

### **Badger's New House**

Robin Muller  
Scholastic Canada

### **Courage to Fly**

Troon Harrison, Zhong-Yang Huang  
Red Deer Press

### **Full Moon Rising**

Joanne Taylor, Susan Tooke  
Tundra Books

### **Give Maggie a Chance**

Frieda Wishinsky, Dean Griffiths  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

### **The Name of the Child**

Marilynn Reynolds, Don Kilby  
Orca Book Publishers

### **The Rumor: A Jataka Tale from India**

Jan Thornhill  
Maple Tree Press

### **Stella: Fairy of the Forest**

Marie-Louise Gay  
Groundwood Books

### **When the Giant Stirred: Legend of a Volcanic Island**

Celia Godkin  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

### **★ Z is for Zamboni: A Hockey Alphabet ★**

Matt Napier, Melanie Rose  
Sleeping Bear Press

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## 2002

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### **The Best Figure Skater in the Whole Wide World**

Linda Bailey, Alan and Lea Daniel  
Kids Can Press

### **Big Ben**

Sarah Ellis, Kim La Fave  
Fitzhenry and Whiteside

### **Caribou Song**

Tomson Highway, Brian Deines  
Harper Collins

### **Emma's Cold Day**

Margriet Ruurs, Barbara Spurrll  
Stoddart Kids

### **It's Raining It's Pouring**

Andrea Spalding, Leslie Elizabeth Watts  
Orca Books

### **M is for Maple: A Canadian Alphabet**

Mike Ulmer, Melanie Rose  
Sleeping Bear Press

### **No Two Snowflakes**

Sheree Fitch, Janet Wilson  
Orca Books

### **Oma's Quilt**

Paulette Bourgeois, Stephane Jorisch  
Kids Can Press

### **What The Animals Were Waiting For**

Jonathan London, Paul Morin  
Scholastic

### **★ When Pigs Fly ★**

Valerie Coulman, Roge  
Lobster Press