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Blue Spruce[™] Award Program

2002 – 2016

Winners and Nominees

2016

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.

2015

★ **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

2014

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

2013

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.

2012

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

2011

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

2010

★ **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

2009

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

2008

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

2007

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

2006

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

2005

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

2004

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

2003

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

2002

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 Spurr
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