



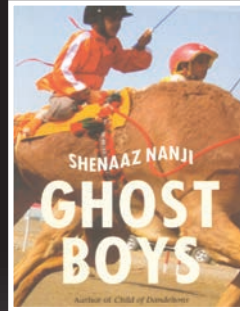
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## Snow Willow Finalists



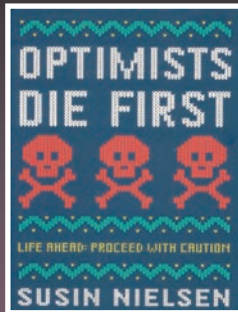
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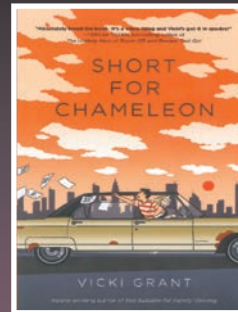
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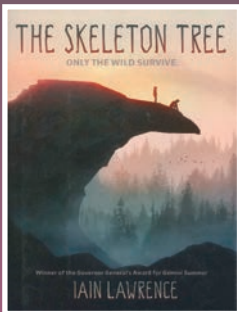
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# 2018 Who Can Vote

Saskatchewan students must read or have heard the minimum number in the Snow category to vote.

**Snow Willow Award:** At least 3 of the 10 titles.

**Voting Deadline:** March 31, 2019

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## Snow Willow Finalists

### Dominion

by Shane Arbuthnott  
Orca Book Publishers, © 2017  
ISBN 9781459820029 (pbk)

Molly, a young engineer on her family's airship Legerdemain, is following in the footsteps of her pioneering ancestor, Haviland Stout - capturing spirits to harness their powers. When Molly catches her first spirit and it speaks to her, her world is overturned revealing a history of lies.

### Ghost Boys

by Shanaaz Nanji  
Mawenzi House Publishers Ltd., © 2017  
ISBN 9781988449135 (pbk)

Munna is sold to a Sheikh's camel farm, where he must train the young camel jockeys. He must starve them so that they remain light, and he must win the Gold Sword race. Trapped, under pressure and forced to support cruel practices, Munna's only hope is to try to escape this nightmare.

### Hit the Ground Running

by Alison Hughes  
Orca Book Publishers, © 2017  
ISBN 9781459815445 (pbk)

Dee and her little brother, Eddie, have been on their own for six weeks. They embark on the long road trip to Canada, their birthplace and former home. Lacking a driver's license and facing a looming interrogation at the border, Dee rations their money and food as they burn down the interstate in their ancient car.

### Optimists Die First

by Susin Nielsen  
Wendy Lamb Books, © 2017  
ISBN 9781770497832 (pbk)

A family tragedy has turned Petula into a chronic pessimist seeing danger around every corner. However, Petula's cynical outlook is challenged when optimist Jacob joins her art therapy class and they are forced to work on a school project together.

### Short for Chameleon

by Vicki Grant  
HarperTrophy, © 2017  
ISBN 9781443448987 (pbk)

Cam and his father run Almost Family Surrogate Agency, hiring themselves out to anyone in need of a relative. When they are hired by two new clients, Cam, who is used to being a chameleon, may finally have to play himself if he is going to succeed unraveling the mysteries of his new assignment.

### The Skeleton Tree

by Iain Lawrence  
Tundra Books, © 2016  
ISBN 9781101918371 (pbk)

Soon after Chris embarks down the Alaskan coast with his uncle and a surly boy named Frank, their boat sinks. The only survivors are Chris and Frank. With no food and no way to radio for help, the boys must learn to get along if they are going to survive.

### Summer's End

by Joel A. Sutherland  
Scholastic Canada, © 2017  
ISBN 9781443139311 (pbk)

It's the summer before high school and Jacob and his friends are determined to make it a memorable one. The kids find themselves inexplicably drawn to an abandoned house on an island that had once been a sanatorium for children with Tuberculosis and learn that it has some haunting secrets.

FRENCH VERSION AVAILABLE

### The Valiant

by Lesley Livingston  
HarperCollins Publishers Ltd., © 2017  
ISBN 9781443446280

Fallon, a Celtic princess, hopes to gain warrior status in her father's war band to protect her homeland from Rome and avenge her sister's death. Her dreams are destroyed and her life in peril when she is captured and sold to a training school for female gladiators, owned by her enemy Julius Caesar.

### The Winnowing

by Vikki VanSickle  
Scholastic Canada, © 2017  
ISBN 9781443148863 (pbk)

Marivic lives with her grandfather in a small town where a medical discovery was developed that saved humankind - though not without significant repercussions. Now all adolescents must undergo the mandatory medical winnowing procedure to halt the disease ACES. When Marivic and her friend Saren develop ACES they are sent for the winnowing and uncover dark secrets about the procedure.

### Yellow Dog

by Miriam Körner  
Red Deer Press, © 2016  
ISBN 9780889955462 (pbk)

While roaming his northern community, Jeremy is pressured into an act of cruelty that alters the course of his life. Trying to atone for his behaviour, Jeremy befriends Yellow Dog and the mysterious old man who is his owner. Soon Jeremy is caught up in the world of dog-sledding, which opens doors on family secrets.

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