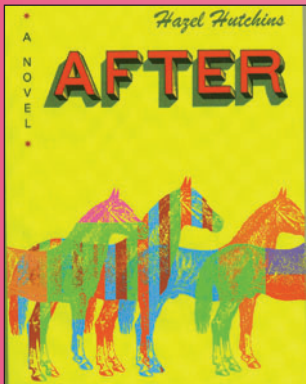


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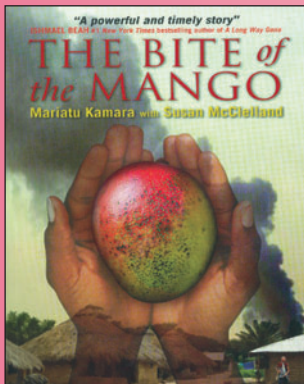
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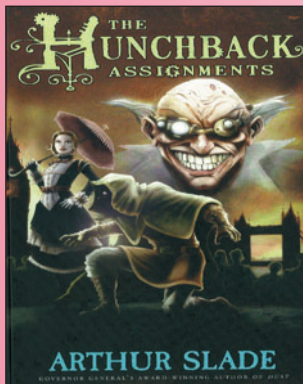
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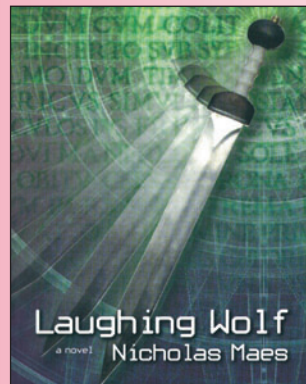
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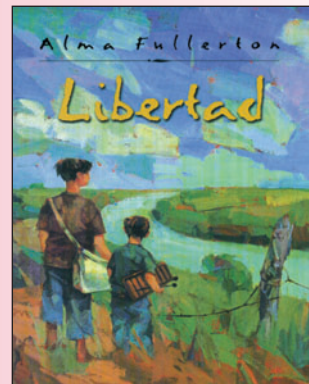
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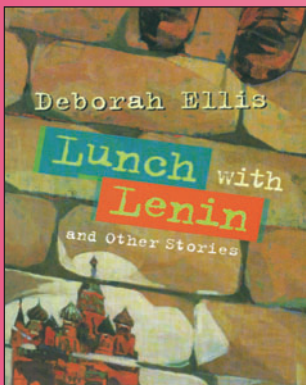
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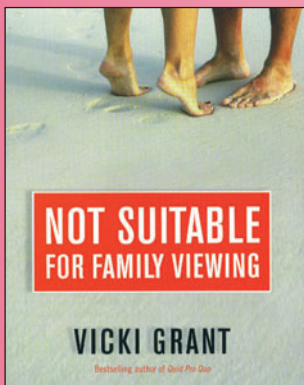
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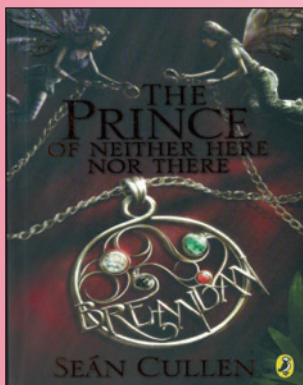
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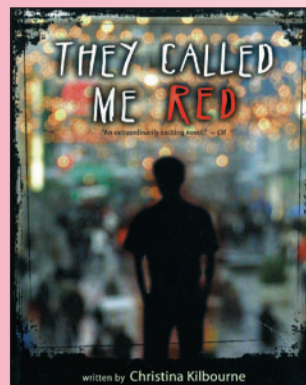
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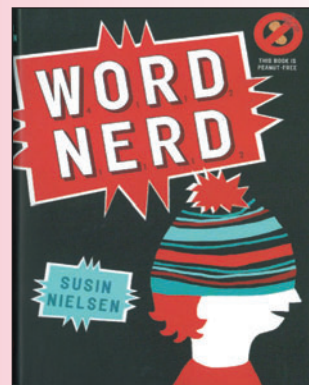
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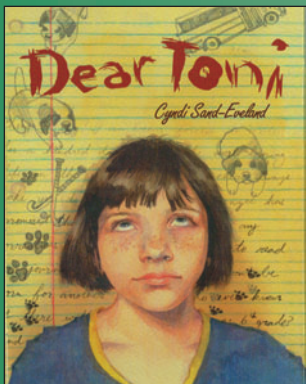


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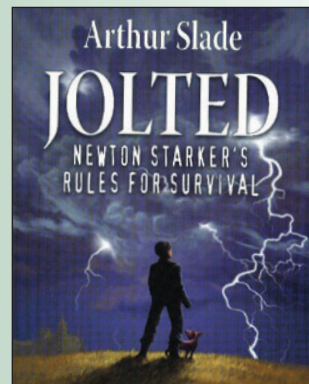
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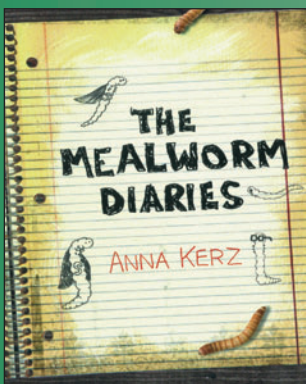
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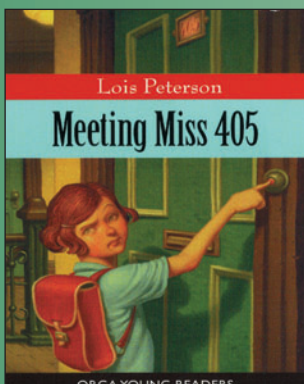
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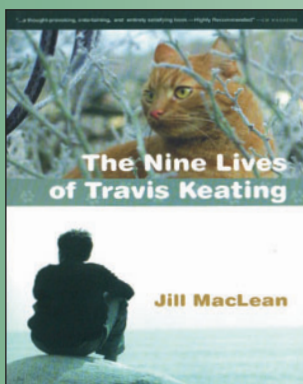
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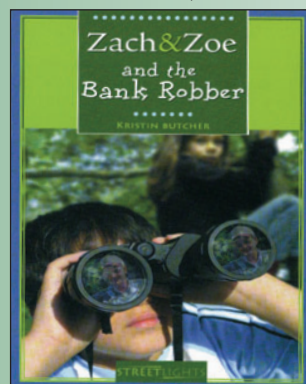
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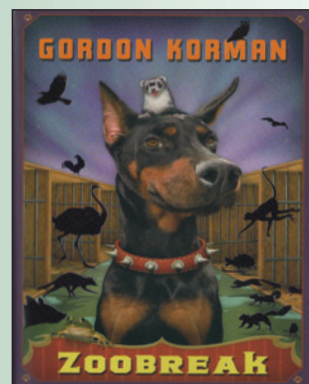
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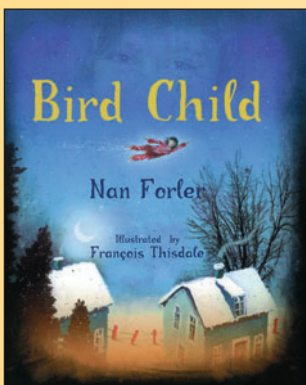


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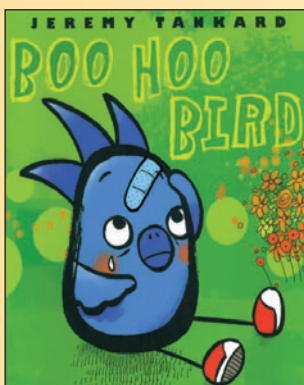


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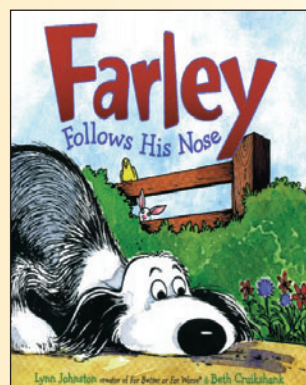
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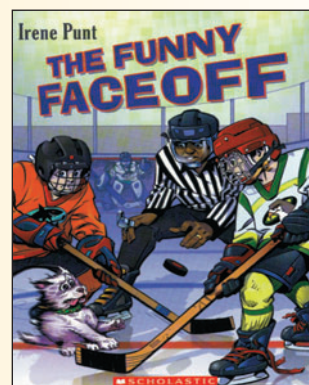
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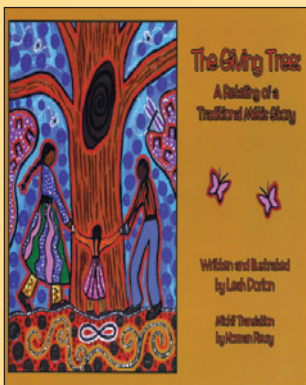
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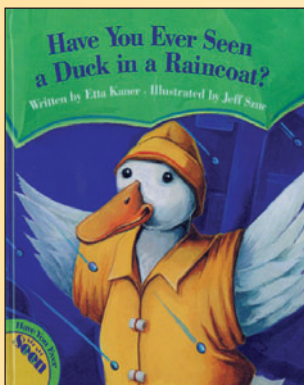
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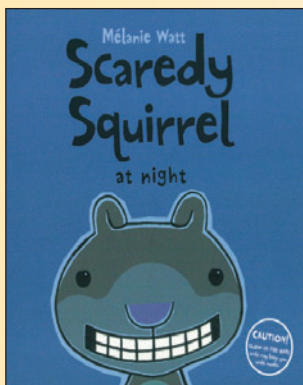
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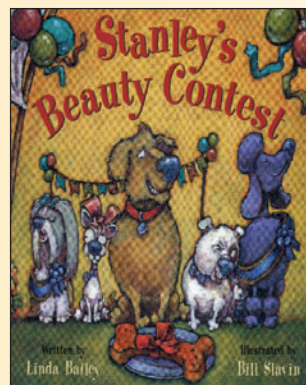
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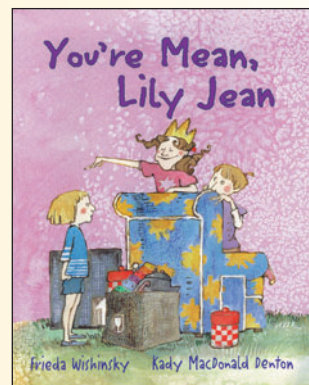
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Kids Can Press,   2009



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by M  lanie Watt  
Kids Can Press,   2009



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by Linda Bailey  
Illustrated by Bill Slavin  
Kids Can Press,   2009



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by Frieda Wishinsky  
Illustrated by Kady MacDonald Denton  
North Winds Press,   2009



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

**Diamond Willow Award:** At least 4 of the 10 titles.

**Shining Willow Award:** At least 5 of the 10 titles.

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## Snow Willow Award Nominees - Read at least 3

### After

by Hazel Hutchins  
Smith, Bonapp  t & Son,   2008  
ISBN 9781897118429 (pbk)

When their families are plunged into intense grief by a fatal shooting, two young teens from very different backgrounds struggle to rebuild their lives. Their realities are separate, but the link between them is real, and moving on requires a unique act of personal courage.

### The Bite of the Mango

by Mariatu Kamara with Susan McClelland  
Annick Press,   2008

ISBN 9781554511587 (pbk)

In war-torn Sierra Leone, twelve-year-old Mariatu finds herself the victim of extreme brutality in a civil war. This is the true story of her attack by child soldiers, and her heart wrenching struggle – not only to survive but to escape to Freetown, and eventually to Canada.

### The Hunchback Assignments

by Arthur Slade  
HarperCollins,   2009

ISBN 9781554683543 (hc)

Mr. Socrates is a member of the shadowy Permanent Association in Victorian London. When he hears of a hunchback infant with the ability to transform his appearance, he decides to take him in. Naming him Modo, he raises the boy in isolation, and trains him to become a secret agent.

### Laughing Wolf

by Nicholas Maes  
Dundurn Press,   2009  
ISBN 9781554883851 (pbk)

In the year 2213, when technology has defeated war, crime, poverty and famine, humanity is poised on the brink of eradication due to a mysterious plague. Fifteen-year-old Felix time-travels back to Roman times and must navigate through challenges and dangers to find the cure.

### Libertad

by Alma Fullerton  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside,   2008  
ISBN 9781554551064 (pbk)

When Libertad's mother is killed while working in the Guatemala City dump, Libertad decides to take his seven-year-old brother Julio on a journey to America to find their father. This account based on the travels of many migrant children of Central America is written in free verse.

### Lunch with Lenin and Other Stories

by Deborah Ellis  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside,   2008

ISBN 9781554551057 (pbk)

This collection of short stories is a powerful glimpse into the lives of children who have been affected directly, or indirectly, by drugs. Set against many diverse backdrops, including Moscow, Afghanistan and the remote north, these stories illustrate the toll drugs take on the lives of teenagers and their families.

### Not Suitable for Family Viewing

by Vicki Grant  
HarperTrophyCanada,   2009

ISBN 9781554681808 (pbk)

Robin's mother is an internationally acclaimed talk show host, and Robin is obsessed with watching endless reruns of her show. When she finds an old high-school ring she travels to Nova Scotia, where she discovers love, the truth of her own background – and a shocking secret.

### The Prince of Neither Here Nor There

by Se n Cullen  
Puffin Canada,   2009

ISBN 9780143171201 (pbk)

Brendan is caught in a struggle between two worlds. He faces strange and unknown dangers, discovers amazing powers, and meets friends and family he never knew existed. Will Brendan be forced to turn his back on his human parents and embrace his Faerie roots? Can he live in two worlds at once?

### They Called Me Red

by Christina Kilbourne  
Lobster Press,   2008

ISBN 9781897073889 (pbk)

Devon's life changes when Dad's new girlfriend, Lily, walks into their life. When his father falls mysteriously ill, Lily convinces them to travel to her native Vietnam in search of a cure. Devon awakes one morning locked in a basement, and discovers that Lily has sold him into slavery in Cambodia.

### Word Nerd

by Susin Nielsen  
Tundra Books,   2008

ISBN 9780887769900 (pbk)

Ambrose is the target of every mean kid in school. He doesn't fit in, no matter where he moves. After a near fatal incident, his mother decides to home school. Lonely and bored, Ambrose befriends Cosmo, the son of his Greek landlords, who has a dark and mysterious past.

## Diamond Willow Award Nominees - Read at least 4

### Dear Toni

by Cyndi Sand-Eveland  
Tundra Books,   2008

ISBN 9780887768767 (hc)

Gene Tucks has the worst school assignment ever – to write a journal for 100 days. Gene is convinced she has a really dull life, but with playing on the field hockey team, her St. Bernard Sally with new pups, and her new friend Winn, Gene finds plenty to write about.

### Fight for Justice

by Lori Saigeon  
Coteau Books for Kids,   2009

ISBN 9781550504057 (pbk)

When bully Trey starts picking on him and his twin sister Charity, Justice doesn't know what to do. He is afraid that telling someone will only make things worse. Then on a family visit to his home reserve, Justice gets the courage to talk to his mushum about his problems.

### Focus on Flies

by Norma Dixon  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside,   2008

ISBN 9781550051292 (pbk)

Flies are fascinating! There are over 100,000 species of flies, including mosquitoes. They are nature's best flyers and one of the worst threats to human health, yet they also help maintain nature's balance. This book is full of information, experiments and activities.

### Gotcha! 18 Amazing Ways to Freak Out Your Friends

by David Acer  
Illustrated by Stephen MacEachern  
Kids Can Press,   2008

ISBN 9781554531950 (pbk)

Make a Bigfoot print, film your own UFO video, or test your ESP. Join Doubting Dave and the Mystery Hunters as they investigate some of the world's oldest and coolest mysteries. Then learn how to recreate these mysteries – to impress your friends and confuse your enemies!

### Jolted

by Arthur Slade  
HarperTrophy Canada,   2008

ISBN 9780006395690 (pbk)

Most of Newton's ancestors have been killed by lightning strikes, including his mother. In desperation, Newton enrolls in a school in Moose Jaw, and has to deal with wearing a kilt, hiding his pet pig Josephine, battling a competitive student, and preparing for an expedition.

### The Mealworm Diaries

by Anna Kerz  
Orca Book Publishers,   2009

ISBN 9781551439822 (pbk)

Jeremy is the new kid in class. He also has a secret that gives him nightmares. The last thing Jeremy needs is a science partner as weird as Aaron, the kid who can't keep still, who bangs his head when he's upset, and who thinks Jeremy is his best friend.

### Meeting Miss 405

by Lois Peterson  
Orca Book Publishers,   2008

ISBN 9781554690152 (pbk)

Tansy is pretty lonely, with her Mom away and her Dad at work. Then she has to go to Miss Stella's after school, the strange old lady in Apartment 405. Miss Stella doesn't own a TV or a car. She eats unusual things like artichoke hearts. Miss Stella can't become a friend, can she?

### The Nine Lives of Travis Keating

by Jill MacLean  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside,   2008

ISBN 9781554551538 (pbk)

Travis moves to a tiny town on the coast of Newfoundland for one year, but is already wishing the year was over. Then he discovers a group of abandoned cats. Travis takes on the challenging task of caring for the cats, but he will need to find someone to help him.

### Zach & Zoe and the Bank Robber

by Kristin Butcher  
James Lorimer & Company Ltd.,   2008

ISBN 9781552770153 (pbk)

Zach and Zoe enjoy the company of their neighbour Mr. Doty. He takes them on expeditions to the nearby marshland and gives them great recycled gifts. So when they see pictures of a bank robber who looks just like Mr. Doty they are horrified, and go looking for clues.

### Zoobreak

by Gordon Korman  
Scholastic Press,   2009

ISBN 9780545124997

Savannah discovers that her stolen monkey, Cleopatra, is being kept aboard a floating zoo. She enlists the help of her friend, Griffin, to free the monkey, along with all the other badly treated animals. But the zoobreak is just the beginning. Where can you hide a zoo of animals?

## Shining Willow Award Nominees - Read at least 5

### Bird Child

by Nan Forler  
Illustrated by Fran  ois Thisdale  
Tundra Books,   2009

ISBN 9780887768941 (hc)

Eliza wants to help the new girl, Lainey, when children pick on her in the schoolyard. As the sun disappears from Lainey's beautiful paintings, Eliza finds a way to pass along the gifts her mother has given her – "wings to fly" and the ability to see the wonderful possibilities that lie before her.

### Boo Hoo Bird

by Jeremy Tankard  
Scholastic Press,   2009

ISBN 9780545065702 (hc)

Poor Bird has another dilemma. He gets bonked on the head, and can't stop crying. His friends try out their ideas to make him feel better, but a kiss, a hug, a cookie, a game, and even a Band-Aid can't make Bird stop crying. Young readers will enjoy the surprise solution to Bird's problem.

### The Delicious Bug

by Janet Perlman  
Kids Can Press,   2009

ISBN 9781553379966 (hc)

One delicious bug, two foolish chameleons, and a pair of hungry crocodiles. The rainforest animals watch as friends Willy and Wally become engaged in a battle over a tasty bug. As the conflict escalates, disaster approaches. Will peace be restored? Can Willy and Wally repair their friendship?

### Farley Follows His Nose

by Lynn Johnston & Beth Cruikshank

Illustrated by Lynn Johnston  
The Bowen Press,   2009

ISBN 9781554685189 (hc)

Good-natured and ever-hungry Farley goes wherever his nose leads him. One delicious smell leads to another, and as Farley meets new friends and explores new parts of town, he also uses his nose to help a little boy find his way home. But will Farley be able to find his own way home?

### Stanley's Beauty Contest

by Linda Bailey  
Illustrated by Bill Slavin  
Kids Can Press,   2009

ISBN 9781554533183 (hc)

Stanley isn't exactly sure what beautiful is, but his people have entered him in a dog show. The good news – his friends, Alice and Nutsy and Gassy Jack, are in the contest, too. The bad news – Stanley's not so great at winning contests. As expected, chaos ensues, and love and loyalty win the day.

### The Funny Faceoff

by Irene Punt  
Illustrated by Ken Steacy  
Scholastic Canada Ltd.,   2008

ISBN 9780545996815 (pbk)

The Glenlake Hawks are having a great hockey season – on the ice and in the dressing room. Tom and his friends take their team spirit to the classroom and the schoolyard. But after a funny presentation in the class, they are sent to the principal's office. Can their teamwork save the day?

### You're Mean, Lily Jean

by Frieda Wishinsky  
Illustrated by Kady MacDonald  
Denton

North Winds Press,   2009

ISBN 9780545994996 (hc)

Carly and her sister Sandy are happy to have a new friend join their games. But Lily Jean changes things. She decides what they'll play, and gives all the orders. Tired of being bossed around, Carly comes up with a way to teach Lily Jean a lesson. Can her plan turn a bully into a friend?