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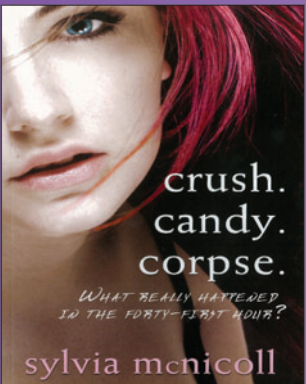
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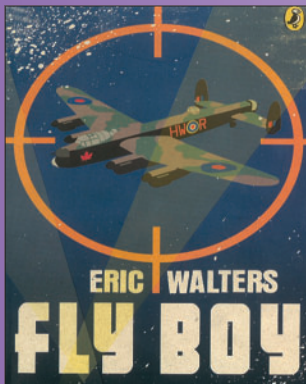
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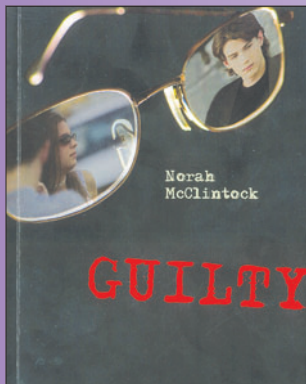
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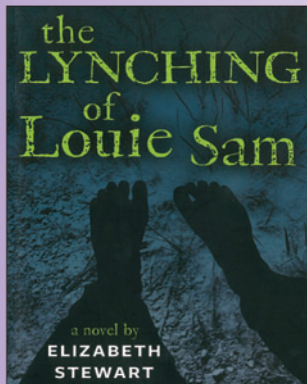
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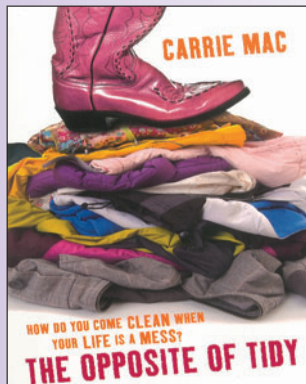
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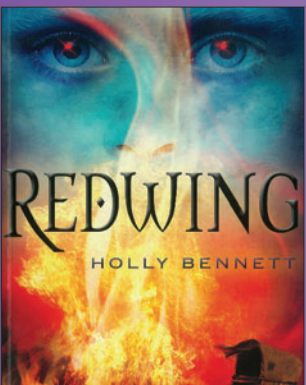
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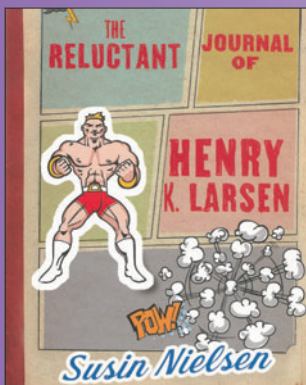
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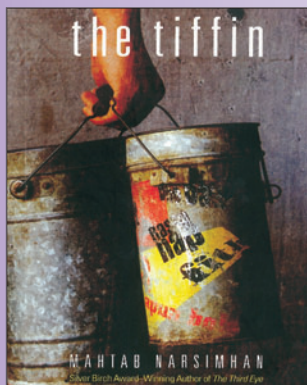
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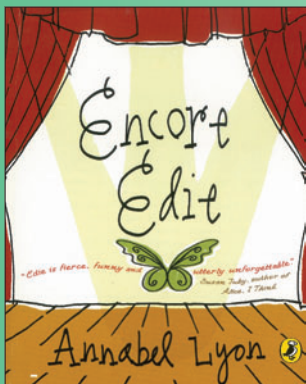


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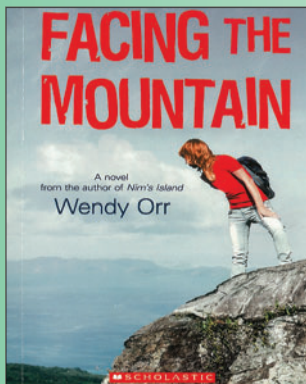
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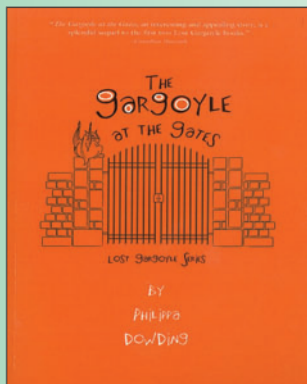
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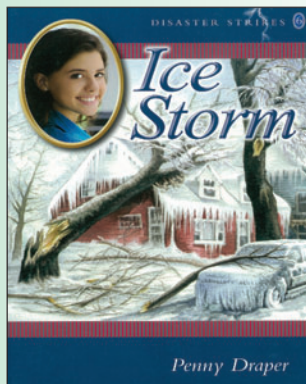
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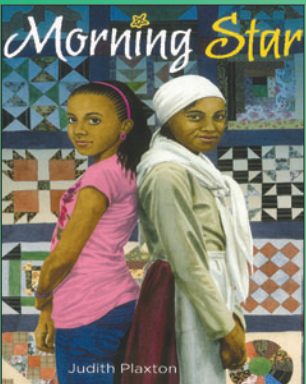
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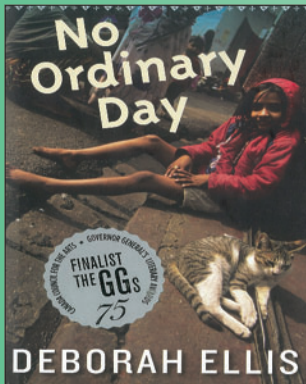
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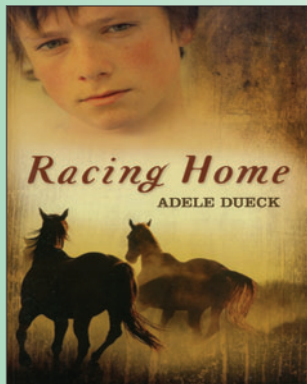
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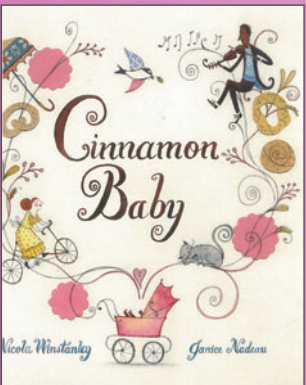


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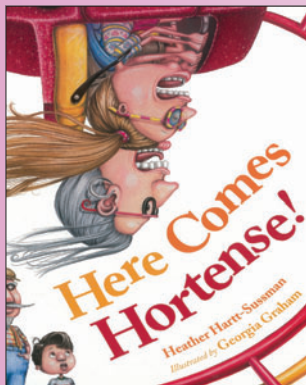
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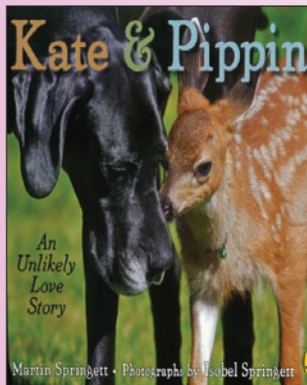
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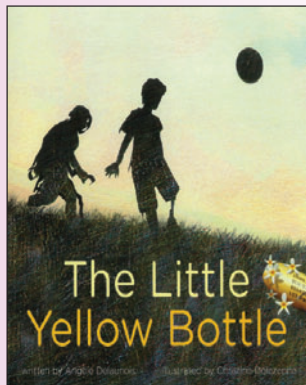
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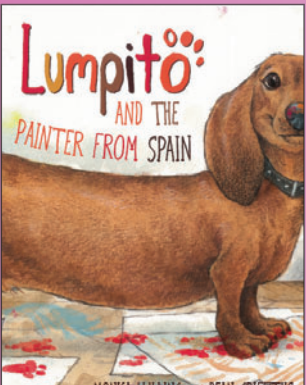
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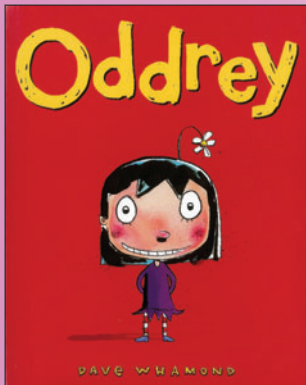
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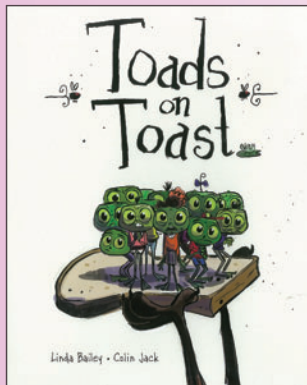
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Saskatchewan students must read or have heard read the minimum number in each category to vote for that award.

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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by Sylvia McNicoll
LORIMER, ©2012
ISBN 978-1-4594-0062-7 (pbk)
Sunny had to serve forty volunteer hours on the Alzheimer's ward. Now she's on trial for manslaughter. What really happened in the forty-first hour? How did Cole's grandmother die, and could Sunny really be held responsible? Funny how the truth can sound like a lie.

Fly Boy
by Eric Walters
PUFFIN CANADA, ©2011
ISBN 978-0-14-317630-5 (pbk)
Robbie is not quite old enough to enlist in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1943, but he finds a way by using birth documents that are not his own. His dreams of becoming a pilot do not come together as he had planned, and he finds himself in enemy territory on treacherous missions.

Guilty
by Norah McClintock
ORCA BOOK PUBLISHERS, ©2012
ISBN 978-1-55469-989-6 (pbk)
Finn witnesses his stepmother's murder, and his father's reaction - shooting the gunman in self-defense. When Finn learns that the killer is the same man who murdered his birth mother ten years earlier, it must be more than coincidence. But why is the killer's daughter now stalking Finn?

the Lynching of Louie Sam
by Elizabeth Stewart
annick press, ©2012
ISBN 978-1-55451-438-0 (pbk)
Could fourteen-year-old Louie Sam really be a vicious murderer? Or was his lynching done to cover up a shocking secret? George Gillies has his doubts, and tries to right a wrong. This powerful novel, set in 1884, is inspired by the true story of the only recorded lynching on Canadian soil.

The Opposite of Tidy
by Carrie Mac
razorbill, ©2012.
ISBN 978-0-14-318091-3 (pbk)
Junie is having trouble coping with her mother's hoarding obsession. When the new guy at school seems interested in her, her lies quickly spiral as she tries to cover up her family issues. Will Junie be able to face the truth before the whole world finds out her secrets?

Redwing
by Holly Bennett
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ISBN 978-1-4598-0038-0 (pbk)
Rowan's family has all died from the plague, but he continues on in the caravan, making music for a few coins. Samik, another musician, claims to get guidance from Rowan's dead sister. A warlord is pursuing Samik, and the two boys form an alliance in order to survive.

The Reluctant Journal of Henry K. Larsen
by Susin Nielsen
TUNDRA BOOKS, ©2012
ISBN 978-1-77049-372-8
Henry's family is trying to put back the pieces of their lives, after the worst-case bully scenario leaves them each shattered in their own way. Henry tries to keep his past a secret, and his new group of oddball friends help him navigate the waters of life after "IT".

Shade & Sorceress
by Catherine Egan
COTEAU BOOKS, ©2012
ISBN 978-1-55050-514-6 (pbk)
Eliza learns that she is the next great Shang Sorceress, but since her father is human, she doesn't seem to have the magical powers needed. Somehow, she needs to rescue her father from the evil Xia Sorceress, and conquer the world's greatest evil. Can Eliza trust anyone?

the tiffin
by Mahtab Narsimhan
DANCING CAT BOOKS, ©2011.
ISBN 978-1-77086-039-1 (pbk)
When one in six million deliveries of tiffins (boxed lunches) gets lost in Bombay, a young boy is separated from his birth mother and as a result, lives as a slave with a cruel foster father. Twelve-year-old Kunal hatches a plan that might reunite him with his mother. Can it possibly work?

Ungifted
by Gordon Korman
SCHOLASTIC CANADA LTD., ©2012
ISBN 978-1-4431-1920-7
Troublemaker Donovan Curtis pulls a major prank, but instead of getting into serious trouble, an administrative error sends him to a special school for gifted students. While trying not to get caught, he discovers that sometimes being different is the glue that sticks us together.

Diamond Willow Award Nominees - Read at least 4

Dragon Seer's Gift
by Janet McNaughton
HarperCollinsPublishersLtd., ©2011
ISBN 978-1-44340-678-9 (pbk)
Gwyn Rae isn't adjusting to grade seven. Bullied at school and failing in most subjects, he takes on a Heritage project to boost his grades. Immediately, strange things begin to happen. Gwyn and his sister Maddie unlock more than just a secret doorway. A hidden dragon and an ancient Viking curse demand their attention.

Encore Edie
by Annabel Lyon
PUFFIN CANADA, ©2011
ISBN 978-0-14-317741-8 (pbk)
Life at a new school is not easy for Edie. A request to go to the washroom turns into a complete social embarrassment. As well, Edie has been asked to walk Merry, her cousin with Down syndrome, to school, forcing her to endure what she assumes to be the judgmental gaze of her peers.

Facing the Mountain
by Wendy Orr
Scholastic Canada Ltd., ©2011
ISBN 978-1-4431-0488-3 (pbk)
Insecure and uncertain, Raven feels completely unenthused when her new step dad proposes a mountain climbing trip. When Raven summits her first mountain, the world tilts and she finds herself falling, riding a wave of rocks. Where is her stepfather; where is her sister? What should she do now?

The Gargoyle at the Gates
by Philippa Dowding
DUNDURN, ©2012
ISBN 978-1-4597-0394-0 (pbk)
Christopher has moved to a new school and is friendless. He hears odd voices and weird whispers whenever he passes a neighbourhood park. When he discovers the truth behind the whispers and voices, he suddenly becomes involved in a crusade to save two gargoyles from an evil collector!

Ice Storm
by Penny Draper
COTEAU BOOKS FOR KIDS, ©2011
ISBN 978-1-55050-451-4 (pbk)
Cousins Alice and Sophie are as different as night and day. City girl Alice is tall, brown-haired and has "attitude". Short, blonde Sophie lives on a farm, and loves to help her parents. Each finds that a vicious storm brings out the best and the worst in those they encounter.

Morning Star
by Judith Plaxton
Second Story Press, ©2011
ISBN 978-1-897187-97-5 (pbk)
Flower and her family have escaped from slavery. As they make their way to freedom they are helped by some, and hunted by others. One hundred and fifty years later, we meet Felicia who is researching her ancestors. Will her new friends be interested in learning about her family's history as slaves?

No Ordinary Day
by Deborah Ellis
GROUNDWOOD BOOKS, ©2011
ISBN 978-1-55498-108-3 (pbk)
Learn about life on the streets of Kolkata, India, and view Indian culture through the eyes of a ten-year-old girl, Valli. As she begins a series of adventures, and starts to hope for a better life, she faces a much bigger hurdle - the disease of leprosy.

Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes
by Jonathan Auxier
PUFFIN CANADA, ©2011
ISBN 978-0-670-06466-3 (cl)
Peter Nimble, a ten-year-old blind orphan trained in the art of thievery, steals a box containing three pairs of magical eyes. With his faithful sidekick, Sir Tode, Peter travels to the dangerous Vanished Kingdom to rescue a princess and her people. This magical adventure is packed with violent battles and fast-paced action.

Racing Home
by Adele Dueck
COTEAU BOOKS FOR KIDS, ©2011
ISBN: 978-1-55050-450-7 (pbk)
Erik Brekke, a twelve-year-old Norwegian immigrant, must face many hardships on the Saskatchewan prairie in the early 1900's. Erik must learn to adjust to a new stepfather while he helps build a sod house, works on the farm, and tries to save his stepbrother from horse thieves.

A Tinfoil Sky
by Cyndi Sand-Eveland
Tundra Books, ©2012
ISBN 978-1-77049-277-6 (cl)
Twelve-year-old Mel and her mother Cecily live in poverty, and eventually end up homeless. When Cecily is jailed, Mel must live with her distrustful grandmother Gladys. Mel is determined to beat incredible odds and steer her own destiny, but she has some tough decisions to make.

Shining Willow Award Nominees - Read at least 5

Cinnamon Baby
by Nicola Winstanley
Illustrated by Janice Nadeau
KIDS CAN PRESS, ©2011
ISBN: 978-1-55337-821-1
Miriam is a baker whose cinnamon bread delights Sebastian. He buys it every day for a year and then asks her to marry him. After their baby is born, all is blissful until the baby begins crying and crying. When the two are almost at their wits' end, Miriam suddenly knows what to do.

A Hen for Izzy Pippik
by Aubrey Davis
Illustrated by Marie Lafrance
KIDS CAN PRESS, ©2012
ISBN 978-1-55453-243-8 (hc)
Shaina finds a magnificent hen and knows that Izzy Pippik, the hen's owner, is sure to return for her. Meanwhile, Shaina decides she will care for the hen. When dozens of eggs hatch and rowdy chickens scatter throughout the village, Shaina must fight the entire town to protect the birds.

Here Comes Hortense!
by Heather Hartt-Sussman
Illustrated by Georgia Graham
TUNDRA BOOKS, ©2012
ISBN 978-1-77049-221-9
What could be more fun for a six-year-old than having your nana and her new husband take you to a theme park? But Nana and Bob announce that they've planned a surprise: they are going to be joined by Bob's granddaughter, Hortense. It turns out to be the worst surprise ever.

Kate & Pippin An Unlikely Love Story
by Martin Springett
Photographs by Isobel Springett
Puffin Canada, ©2012
ISBN 978-0-670-06597-4
This is the real-life story of Pippin, a helpless baby fawn, who was abandoned by her mother and taken in by Isobel Springett. Isobel's Great Dane, Kate, adopts Pippin immediately, and an unlikely and remarkable friendship develops.

The Little Yellow Bottle
by Angèle Delaunois
Illustrated by Christine Delezenne
Second Story Press, ©2011
ISBN 978-1-926920-34-4
Marwa and Ahmad live in an unnamed country that is at war, and life in their village goes on as normal until one day planes fly over their village, dropping bombs. Marwa describes the long-lasting consequences of Ahmad picking up a little yellow bottle that explodes.

Lumpito and the Painter from Spain
by Monica Kulling
Illustrated by Dean Griffiths
pajamapress, ©2012
ISBN 978-1-927485-00-2
Lump, the dachshund, is happy living with David in Italy. When David goes to the south of France to photograph a famous painter, Lump goes along. Pablo Picasso greets them and is enchanted with the little dog he calls Lumpito. The feeling is mutual and the two become soul mates.

Oddrey
by Dave Whamond
Owlkids, ©2012
ISBN: 978-1-926973-45-6
Oddrey is a young girl who is a little different from everybody else. Her world is a study in playful curiosity. Never one to let anything get her down, Oddrey comes up with creative solutions to her problems and saves the day when her class puts on a play.

Something's Fishy
by Jeff Szpirglas and Danielle Saint-Onge
Illustrated by Dave Whamond
ORCA BOOK PUBLISHERS, ©2011
ISBN: 978-1-55469-787-8 (pbk)
Jamie has an accident while feeding the new class pet, and everyone is upset. He needs to find a way to make things right, so he comes up with an idea that will please both his teacher and classmates, and at the same time he gets excited about something other than sharks.

Toads on Toast
by Linda Bailey
Illustrated by Colin Jack
KIDS CAN PRESS, ©2012
ISBN: 978-1-55453-662-7
Mamma Toad does everything she can think of to save her unruly brood from Fox's frying pan, including offering up herself. She eventually persuades Fox to try her own secret recipe for Toad-in-a-Hole, a tasty treat that they all end up enjoying together. The secret? No toads!

Uncle Wally's Old Brown Shoe
by Wallace Edwards
ORCA BOOK PUBLISHERS, ©2012
ISBN: 978-1-4598-0154-7
Uncle Wally's Old Brown Shoe follows the course of one very unusual shoe as it travels through a fascinating, imaginative world to encounter an assortment of quirky characters. The cumulative story and detailed illustrations take us on an amazing journey.