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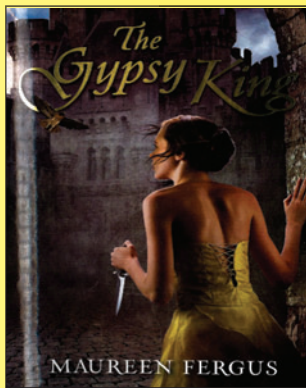
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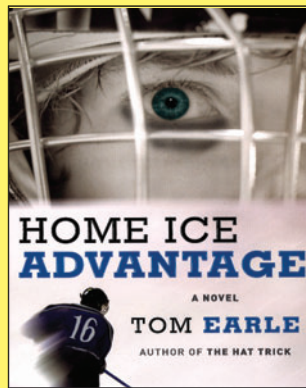
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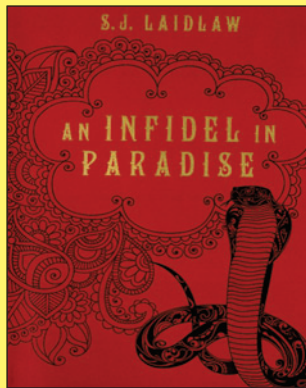
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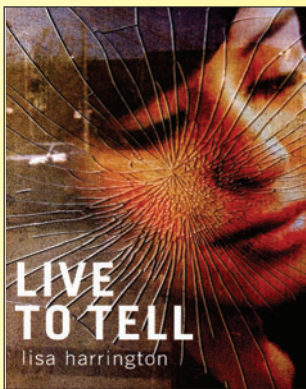
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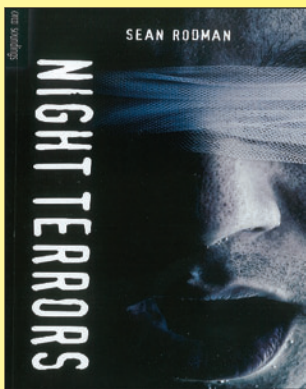
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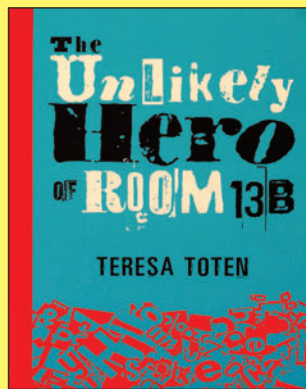
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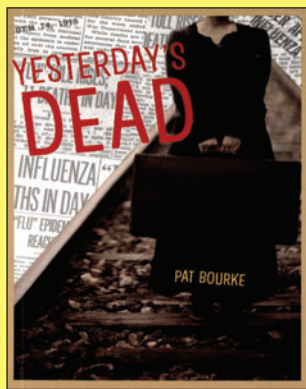
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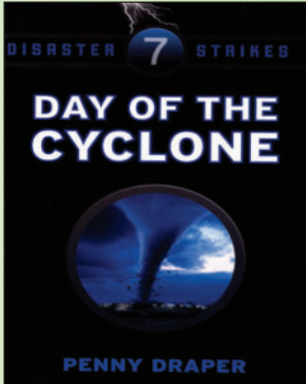


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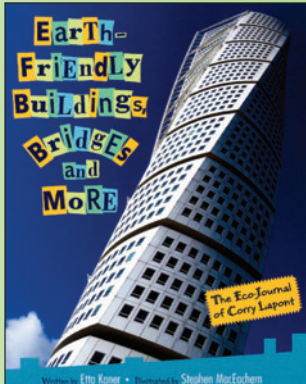


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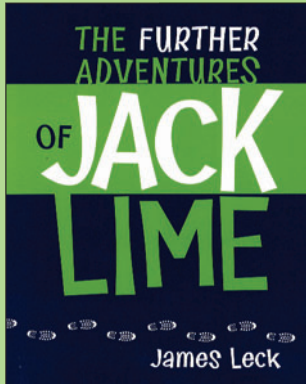
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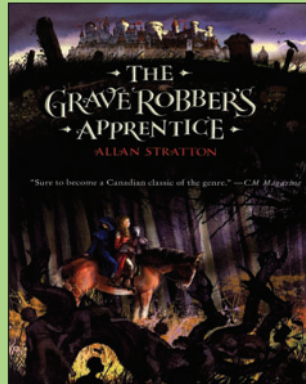
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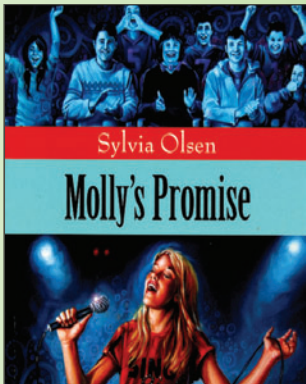
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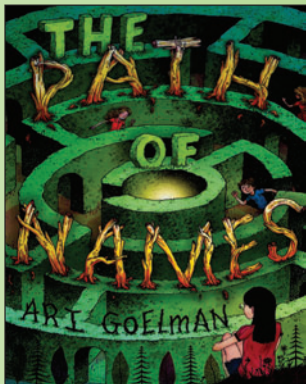
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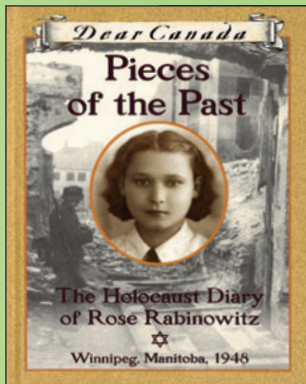
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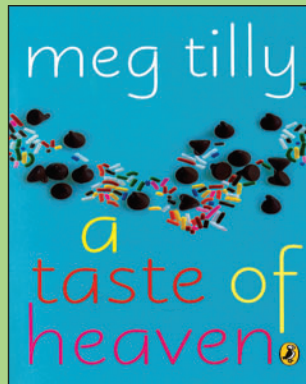
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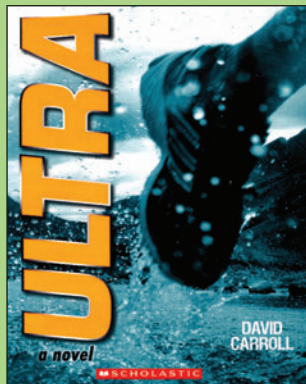
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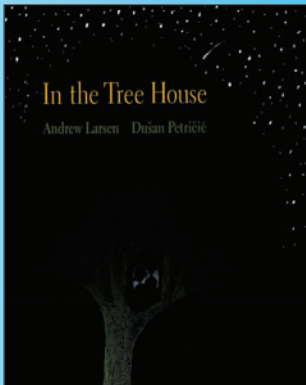


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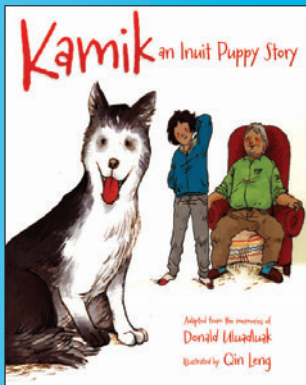


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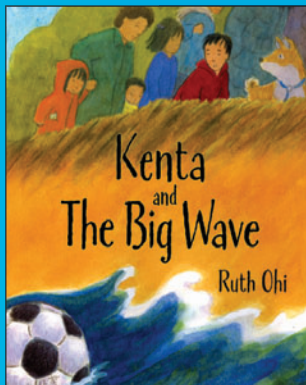
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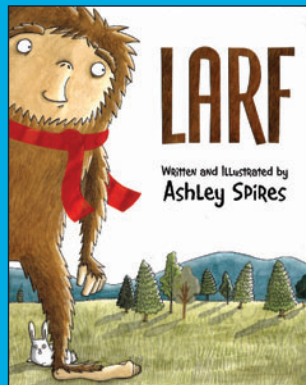
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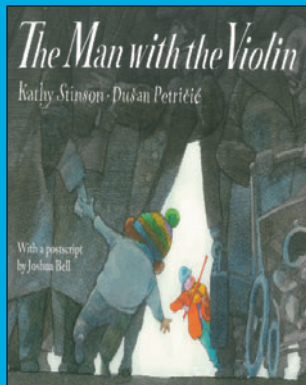
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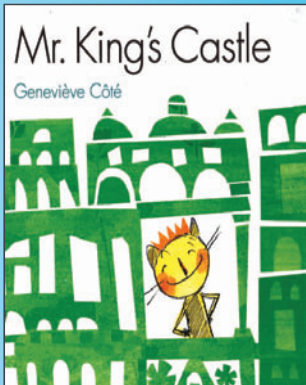
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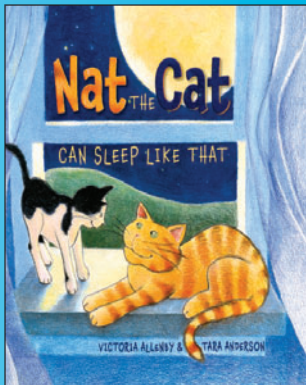
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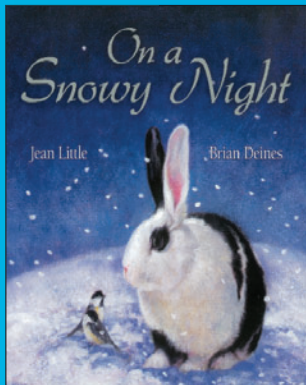
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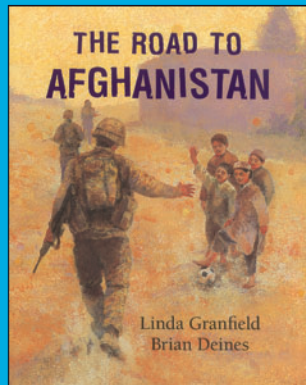
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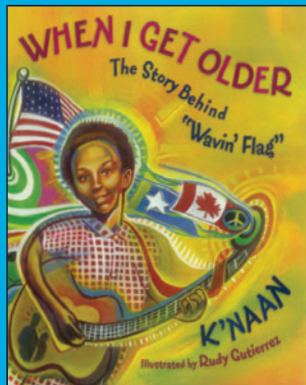
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Who Can Vote

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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February 28, 2015

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Snow Willow Award Nominees - Read at least 3

Behind Enemy Lines: World War II

by Carol Matas
Scholastic Canada Ltd., © 2012
ISBN 978-0-545-99066-0

After his bomber is shot down over France, Sam is trapped behind enemy lines. Working with the Resistance to sabotage Nazi supply lines, Sam risks even more danger and must decide whom he can trust. If Sam is caught, he may be executed as a spy!

Counting Back from Nine

by Valerie Sherrard
Fitzhenry & Whiteside, © 2013
ISBN 978-1-55455-245-0 (pbk)

Laren's secret romance with a friend's ex-boyfriend goes against all the rules of friendship. What Laren doesn't know is that she isn't the only one with a secret, and when tragedy strikes, Laren must struggle with a discovery so shocking it rocks the very foundation of her world.

The Gypsy King

by Maureen Fergus
Razorbill, © 2013
ISBN 978-0-14-318318-1 (pbk)

A chance encounter with a handsome chicken thief named Azriel changes Persephone's life forever. Torn between her longing for freedom and her undeniable feelings for the handsome thief, Persephone will need to make the hardest choice yet, and no one could have imagined the shocking truth her decision will reveal.

Home Ice Advantage

by Tom Earle
Harper Trophy Canada, © 2013
ISBN 978-1-44340-904-9 (pbk)

Jake is a rising hockey star and dreams of playing in the Ontario Hockey League. However, nothing is ever good enough for his Dad. When home feels unsafe, Jake escapes, and seeks shelter inside the empty Maple Leaf Gardens. He soon discovers that he isn't the only one taking refuge there.

An Infidel in Paradise

by S.J. Laidlaw
Tundra Books, © 2013
ISBN 978-1-77049-304-9

At 16, Emma has lived in Thailand, the Philippines, and Kenya, but none of these places prepared her for Pakistan. After falling – literally – for the gorgeous Mustapha, Emma has to navigate both the dangers of high school and a political conflict that comes right to her doorstep.

Live to Tell

by Lisa Harrington
Dancing Cat Books, © 2012
ISBN 978-1-77086-217-3 (pbk)

Libby wakes up in the hospital with no memory of driving the car that left an innocent victim clinging to life. She doesn't even remember the guy who shows up acting like her boyfriend. With the help of her friend Kasey, can Libby piece together what really happened?

Night Terrors

by Sean Rodman
Orca Book Publishers, © 2013
ISBN 978-1-4598-0419-7 (pbk)

Dylan stays behind to help close up the camp he works at. Now his manager seems to be out to get him and a freak snowstorm blocks the only road out, leaving them trapped. Is a ghost really trying to send him a message – or is Dylan going crazy?

Nix Minus One

by Jill MacLean
Pajama Press Inc., © 2013
ISBN 978-1-927485-25-5 (pbk)

Nix tries to warn his sister Roxy away from Bryan Sykes, but she won't listen to him. The only thing Nix has ever saved was a mangy neglected dog named Twig. But when things start to spiral out of control, Twig might be the one that saves him.

The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B

by Teresa Toten
Doubleday Canada, © 2013
ISBN 978-0-385-67834-6 (pbk)

When Adam meets Robyn, he is drawn hopelessly, desperately to her – almost before he can take a breath. But for two people with obsessive-compulsive disorder, it's hard to imagine yourself falling in love. How can you have a 'normal' relationship when your life is anything but normal?

Yesterday's Dead

by Pat Bourke
Second Story Press, © 2012
ISBN 978-1-926920-32-0 (pbk)

Meredith is working as a servant in a doctor's home in 1918. When the deadly Spanish flu sweeps across the city Meredith is forced into action, but the way she handles the crisis may open the door to a future that she thought had been closed to her forever.

Diamond Willow Award Nominees - Read at least 4

Day of the Cyclone

by Penny Draper
Coteau Books for Kids, © 2012
ISBN 978-1-55050-481-1 (pbk)

Ella is learning more about herself, her mother and her mysterious friend. Then a tornado (known then as a cyclone) arrives, bringing devastation to 1912 Regina. The storm reveals a few hidden secrets. Can Ella, armed only with her camera and its evidence, help her friend Billy?

Earth-Friendly Buildings, Bridges and More

by Etta Kaner
Illustrated by
Stephen MacEachern
Kids Can Press Ltd., © 2012
ISBN 978-1-55453-570-5

Are you keen on gravity-defying architecture, incredible feats of engineering or the green technologies being used in the newest buildings around the world? Twelve-year-old Corry Lapont has collected postcards, brochures and other memorabilia documenting her visits to these amazing buildings.

The Further Adventures of Jack Lime

by James Leck
KCP Fiction, © 2013
ISBN 978-1-55453-740-2

Amateur private eye, Jack Lime, solves mysteries for his high school classmates in exchange for future favors. The trouble is he often finds himself on the wrong side of a fist, or lying face down in the dirt. Being a private eye means getting beaten up a lot.

The Grave Robber's Apprentice

by Allan Stratton
HarperCollins Publishers Ltd., © 2012
ISBN 978-1-55468-825-8

Hans, on the run from his adoptive father, meets Angela, a young countess fleeing the evil forces of Archduke Arnulf. Together, Hans and Angela gallop through treacherous lands on their quest to uncover the truth about Hans' shadowy past and to save Angela's parents.

Mimi Power and the I-don't-know-what

by Victoria Miles
Illustrated by Marc Mongeau
Tradewind Books, © 2012
ISBN 978-1-8965-8065-4 (pbk)

Budding artist Mimi Power knows what it's like to live under the tyranny of a three-year old sister. Finding creative space is getting harder by the minute. But with the school art show looming and a too-good-to-be-true prize at stake, Mimi comes up with a plan that's three-year-old foolproof. Or is it?

Molly's Promise

by Sylvia Olsen
Orca Book Publishers, © 2013
ISBN 978-1-4598-0277-3 (pbk)

Molly is certain she is a good singer – she sings in her head all the time. She doesn't sing out loud because of a promise she made to herself. With the talent competition looming, she must decide whether to break her promise or wait for her mother's uncertain return before singing for anyone else.

The Path of Names

by Ari Goelman
Scholastic Canada Ltd., © 2013
ISBN 978-0-545-47430-6

Within minutes of arriving at camp, Dahlia realizes that it might not be as bad as she'd feared. First she sees two little girls walk right through the walls of her cabin. Then the dreams start. How are the dreams and the girls related? Are they connected with the strangely-shaped hedge maze?

Pieces of the Past: The Holocaust Diary of Rose Rabinowitz

by Carol Matas
Scholastic Canada Ltd., © 2013
ISBN 978-1-4431-1307-6

Rose, a young Jewish girl, recounts her experiences during the Holocaust. As she delves into her past, she is haunted by terrifying memories. Will she find the courage to bear witness to her mother's ultimate sacrifice? Will she be able to reconnect with others and learn to trust again?

a taste of heaven

by Meg Tilly
Puffin, © 2013
ISBN 978-0-14-318249-8 (pbk)

Madison Stokes leads a pretty average life, but everything changes when Alyssa moves to town. The two girls quickly become friends, but Alyssa has a secret. When Madison accidentally finds out the secret, she really wants to tell, but if she does, she risks losing the best friend she's ever had.

Ultra

by David Carroll
Scholastic Canada Ltd., © 2013
ISBN 978-1-4431-1918-4 (pbk)

Quinn takes on a huge challenge when he enters his first ultra-marathon, the punishing Shin-Kicker 100 – a 24-hour race that will push him to the very limits of his endurance. As he struggles to complete the race, we find out why this is the secondhardest thing that he has endured.

Shining Willow Award Nominees - Read at least 5

In the Tree House

by Andrew Larsen
Illustrated by Dušan Petričić
Kids Can Press Ltd., © 2013
ISBN 978-1-55453-635-1

Told from the younger brother's point of view, this is a heartwarming and evocative story of the changing relationship of two brothers, one growing up faster than the other. The tree house that they build together eventually brings them back together on a special night.

Kamik an Inuit Puppy Story

adapted from the memories of
Donald Uluadluak
Illustrated by Qin Leng
Inhabit Media Inc., © 2012
ISBN 978-1-927095-11-9 (pbk)

Jake is a young boy whose puppy, Kamik, will not behave. Jake's grandfather teaches him the importance of the bond between man and dog, by sharing his stories of raising many sled dogs. These stories are based on the real-life recollections of an Inuit elder from Nunavut.

Kenta and The Big Wave

by Ruth Ohi
annick press, © 2013
ISBN 978-1-55451-576-9 (pbk)

A tsunami has swept everything away in a small village in Japan, including Kenta's soccer ball. The prized soccer ball washes up on a beach on the other side of the world and into the hands of a child, who takes it upon himself to return the ball to its rightful owner.

Larf

by Ashley Spires
Kids Can Press Ltd., © 2012
ISBN 978-1-55453-701-3

Larf is a lonely, seven-foot-tall, hairy Sasquatch, who wears a red scarf and has a pet bunny named Eric. He learns that a Sasquatch is to appear at the mall in a nearby town. Maybe he's not the only Sasquatch in the world. What will he find when he investigates?

The Man with the Violin

by Kathy Stinson
Illustrated by Dušan Petričić
annick Press Ltd., © 2013
ISBN 978-1-55451-565-3

Dylan hears beautiful violin music in the subway station, and he wants to stop and listen. Unfortunately, his mother is in a hurry. Based on a true event featuring Joshua Bell, this lyrical story reminds us all to open our eyes and ears to notice the beauty around us.

Mr. King's Castle

by Geneviève Côté
Kids Can Press Ltd., © 2013
ISBN 978-1-55453-972-7

Mr. King, a lion, loves big castles. He decides to build one using the closest available materials, the land surrounding his house, but he doesn't consult the other animals. When disaster rains, the animals help him recreate his castle using fewer materials.

Nat the Cat Can Sleep Like That

by Victoria Allenby
Illustrated by Tara Anderson
Pajama Press Inc., © 2013
ISBN 978-1-927485-52-1

Nat, the tabby cat, has a talent for sleeping anywhere in the house: in, on, under or sprawled over it. He can sleep all day long, but what happens when night falls? Then Nat is all fired up and ready to go! Will the kitten be able to keep up? Or can he find a place for a wee nap?

On a Snowy Night

by Jean Little
Illustrated by Brian Deines
North Winds Press, © 2013
ISBN 978-1-4431-1359-5

Brandon is growing up, and his pet rabbit Rosa is feeling neglected. Then, on Christmas Eve, he takes her out to play in the snow, only to be called away. Rosa is left to have a special adventure on her own, and is helped by some forest animal friends to find her way home.

The Road to Afghanistan

by Linda Granfield
Illustrated by Brian Deines
North Winds Press, © 2013
ISBN 978-1-4431-1356-4

An injured soldier, home from a tour of duty in Afghanistan, describes what it was like in Afghanistan. Also included in this moving tribute to the Canadian Forces are other stories of soldiers from World War I and World War II.

When I Get Older: The Story Behind “Wavin’ Flag”

by K'naan with Sol Guy
Illustrated by Rudy Gutierrez
Tundra Books, © 2012
ISBN 978-1-77049-302-5

“Waving Flag” has become an international anthem for world soccer and for young people around the world. K'naan, a young Somali Canadian musician, inspired by words from his grandfather, movingly recounts his struggles as a refugee coming to New York and then Canada.