



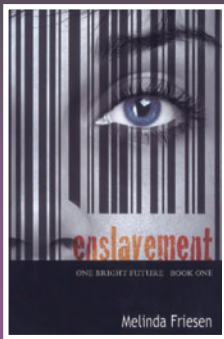
# WILLOW AWARDS

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**SASKATCHEWAN**  
**YOUNG READERS'**  
**CHOICE**

## Snow Willow Finalists



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by Allan Stratton



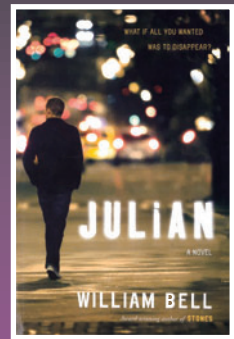
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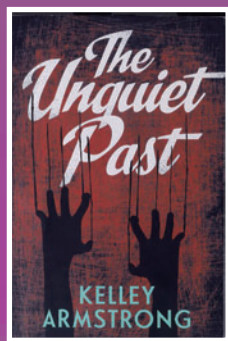
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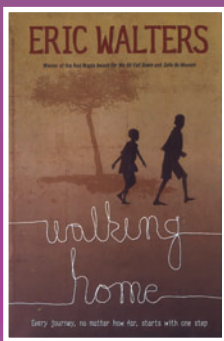
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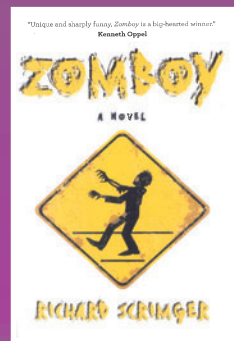
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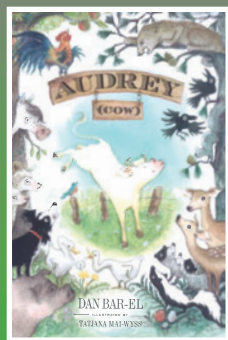


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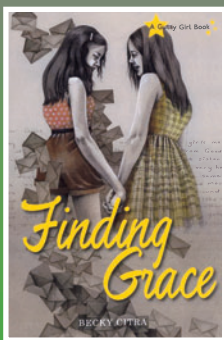


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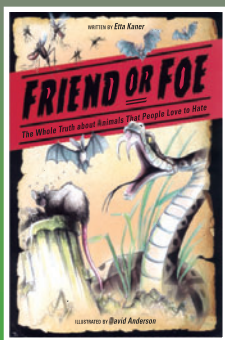
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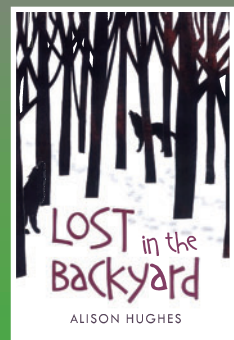
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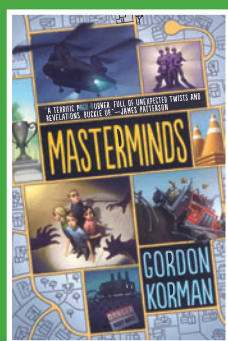
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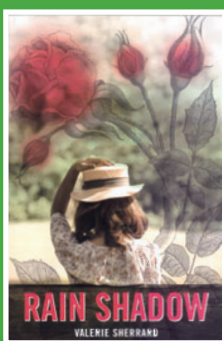
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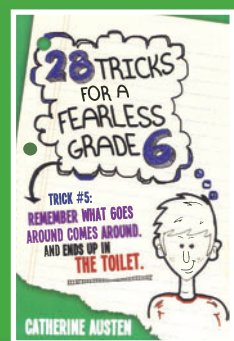
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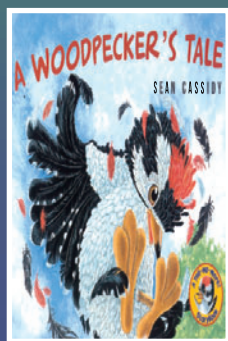


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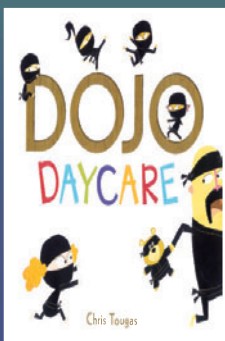
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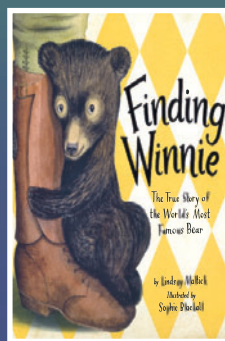
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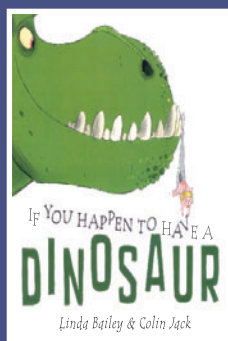
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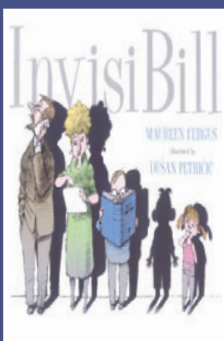
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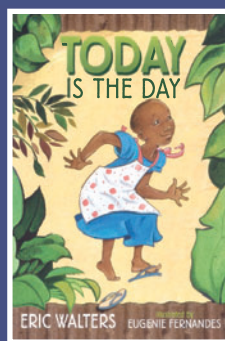
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# 2016 Who Can Vote

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.

**Voting Deadline: March 31, 2017**

**To Vote Go To: [www.willowawards.ca](http://www.willowawards.ca)**

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## Snow Willow (Gr. 7 & Up)

### The Dogs

by Allan Stratton  
Scholastic Canada Ltd., © 2015  
ISBN: 978-1-4431-2830-8

Cameron and his mother are on the run from Cameron's psychotic father. When they find themselves in a farmhouse along the snow belt, Cameron becomes convinced that he is speaking to the ghost of a boy who was murdered fifty years before. As there is no record of the murder, Cameron wonders if he is sane himself or if he is actually dealing with a supernatural element.

### The Unquiet Past

by Kelley Armstrong  
Orca Book Publishers, © 2015  
ISBN: 978-1-4598-0654-2

Tess has always been tormented by waking visions that make her question her sanity. She often wonders if she has inherited something terrible from the parents she has never known. The journey to learn the truth about her past takes her far away from the only home she has ever known and exposes her to dangers she never imagined.

### Enslavement (One Bright Future, #1)

by Melinda Friesen  
Rebelight Publishing Inc., © 2014  
ISBN: 978-0-9939390-0-6

After a global economic collapse, OneEarth Bank promises a bright future – but only for those who accept the insertion of the commerce chip. When Rielle's parents refuse to comply, her family is torn apart and Rielle is forced into a Community Service Contract – a legalized form of slavery – and sold to a wealthy, abusive banker.

### Walking Home

by Eric Walters  
Doubleday Canada, © 2014  
ISBN: 978-0-385-68157-5

Thirteen-year-old Muchoki and his younger sister, Jata, can't believe what has become of their lives. Sudden political violence in their bustling Kenyan village has killed their father, destroyed their home, and forced them into an overcrowded refugee camp with their ailing mother. Muchoki and Jata set off on an impossible quest to reunite with their remaining family by walking over a hundred miles across Kenya.

### Fragile Bones: Harrison & Anna

by Lorna Schultz Nicholson  
Clockwise Press, © 2015  
ISBN: 978-0-9939-3510-7

Harrison is a fifteen-year-old boy with an uncanny ability to recite every bone in the body whenever he gets anxious – and that happens often. Anna is a graduating senior with the whole world at her feet. Their lives are about to intertwine in unexpected ways when Anna is paired up with Harrison in the Best Buddies club at their school.

### We Are All Made of Molecules

by Susin Nielsen  
Tundra Books, © 2015  
ISBN: 978-1-77049-779-5

Thirteen-year-old academically brilliant but socially awkward Stewart and the ever popular It Girl of her class, fourteen-year-old Ashley's worlds are about to collide now that Stewart and his dad have moved in with Ashley and her mom. Although they are complete opposites, they have one thing in common: they – like everyone else – are made of molecules.

### The Gospel Truth

by Caroline Pignat  
Red Deer Press, © 2014  
ISBN: 978-0-88995-493-9

The year is 1858 and a sixteen-year-old slave girl, Phoebe, is living on a Virginia tobacco plantation. Phoebe observes the brutality that comes from being owned. Her best friend, Shad, deceives himself that life is good on the plantation. When a Canadian doctor comes to visit the plantation for bird watching, Shad and Phoebe soon realize it's more than birds that he is after.

### Julian

by William Bell  
Doubleday Canada, © 2014  
ISBN: 978-0-385-68205-3

Fifteen-year-old Aidan has had more foster parents than he likes to remember. He longs to someday be on his own. Through a near-tragic event in which Aidan saves the life of a young boy and earns the gratitude and support of the child's wealthy grandfather, Aidan assumes a new identity as Julian and can finally craft his own destiny, beginning with Ninon, an elusive free spirit who captivates his heart.

### Zomboy

by Richard Scrimger  
HarperTrophyCanada, © 2014  
ISBN: 978-1-44341-068-7

When Imre Lazar is sent to a regular classroom in an ordinary school in Southern Ontario, he is welcomed by Bob's best friend, Evil-O, with a welcome heart. When the community realizes that Imre is not like the rest of them, the community's tolerance for difference and Bob's tolerance for the undead rival are pushed to the limit.

## Diamond Willow (Gr. 4-6)

### Audrey (cow)

by Dan Bar-el  
Tundra Books, © 2014  
ISBN: 978-1-77049-602-6

Audrey, the cow, dreams of exploring the world beyond Bittersweet Farms. When her friend Roy the dog discovers she is being shipped to a slaughterhouse, Audrey's friends help her make a daring escape. She sets out on a grand adventure in her new and sometimes frightening world. Inspired by a true story.

### Finding Grace

by Becky Citra  
Second Story Press, © 2014  
ISBN: 978-1-927583-25-8 (pbk)

Hope is a loner. The letters she writes to her imaginary friend, Grace, help her cope with difficult times – her mother's sad days, their money worries, the pressures of not fitting in. On her eleventh birthday, Hope is shocked to learn that Grace is real and sets out to find her.

### Friend or Foe: The Whole Truth about Animals that People Love to Hate

by Etta Kaner  
Owl Kids, © 2015  
ISBN: 978-1-77147-064-3

Rats, cockroaches, leeches and mosquitoes – do they have any real value? Read the stories of ten creepy creatures demonstrating both their most hateful characteristics to their most beneficial traits and make a decision for yourself. Are they friend or foe?

### Frostbite Hotel

by Karin Adams  
Lorimer, © 2014

ISBN: 978-1-4594-0706-0 (pbk)

In his quest to be like billionaire and hotel magnate, William T. Williamson, Kirby creates a snow hotel on the school's playground and charges admission. Brewster, the bully, sets up a competing hotel and through a mole on Kirby's staff steals his best ideas. The mole must be discovered and the competition outwitted!

### Lost in the Backyard

by Alison Hughes  
Orca Book Publishers, © 2015  
ISBN: 978-1-4598-0794-5 (pbk)

Flynn is not outdoorsy and suffers through his Outdoor Education class. However, after getting lost on a walk through the forests behind the home of family friends, Flynn must recall everything he avoided listening to in class as he fights for survival.

### Masterminds

by Gordon Korman  
HarperCollins Publishers Ltd., © 2015  
ISBN: 978-1-44342-873-6

Eli and his friend Randy have never left the utopian town of Serenity until the day they try leaving the town's limits. Their attempt is thwarted when Eli collapses from a paralyzing headache. Upon recovery, Eli discovers Randy and his family have disappeared. Investigating, Eli discovers nothing is as it seems in Serenity and no one can be trusted.

### Rain Shadow

by Valerie Sherrard  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside, © 2014  
ISBN: 978-1-55455-341-9 (pbk)

Bethany does not learn as easily as others and her classmates won't let her forget this fact. Her older sister and mother are often unkind as well. The bright spots in her life are visits with her neighbour and time with her father. When tragedy strikes, any happiness Bethany might have is threatened.

### Seven Dead Pirates: a ghost story

by Linda Bailey  
Tundra Books, © 2015  
ISBN: 978-1-77049-815-0

Lewis is a shy and worrisome boy. When his great grandfather dies and leaves the family a decaying seaside mansion, Lewis is at first delighted by his new tower room. Soon, he realizes his tower is haunted by the ghosts of seven dead pirates who desperately seek Lewis' help.

### Speechless

by Jennifer Mook-Sang  
Scholastic Canada, © 2015  
ISBN: 978-1-4431-4267-0 (pbk)

Jelly wants to win the sixth grade speech contest and the new tablet as the prize. Jelly's problem is extreme stage fright and the popular Victoria, who feels the prize is rightfully hers, and campaigns to make him fail. Jelly must face his fears to save his reputation, self-respect and friendships.

### 28 Tricks for a Fearless Grade 6

by Catherine Austen  
Lorimer, © 2014

ISBN: 978-1-4594-061-79 (pbk)

After successfully pulling off a group dance routine at the school with his friends, Dave is credited with curing Eric's fear of dancing. Soon other classmates come to Dave to help resolve fears such as public speaking or the fear of the future. Dave's solutions are often crazy and lead to hilarious results.

## Shining Willow (Gr. K-3)

### A Woodpecker's Tale

by Sean Cassidy  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside, © 2014  
ISBN: 978-1-55455-284-9

Pierce, a young woodpecker, decides he is old enough to venture out and hunt for insects on his own. When he ventures out in search of juicy insects he finds that it isn't going to be as easy as he thought. Can Pierce figure out how to get those tasty insects?

### If You Happen to Have a Dinosaur

by Linda Bailey  
illustrated by Colin Jack  
Tundra Books, © 2014  
ISBN: 978-1-77049-568-5

If you happen to have a dinosaur, lying around your living room, and you don't know what to do with it ... why don't you use it as a can opener? There are oodles of uses for a dinosaur – from a fine umbrella to the perfect excuse to forget your homework.

### Clover's Luck (Magical Animal Adoption Agency, #1)

by Kallie George  
illustrated by Alexander Boiger  
HarperCollins Publishers Ltd., © 2015  
ISBN: 978-1-55341-980-2

Young Clover seems to have the worst luck until she sees a help-wanted ad from an animal adoption agency. She soon discovers that this agency houses magical creatures. All of a sudden, Clover finds herself in a new world of wizards, princesses and witches who will test her strength, courage, and luck.

### InvisiBill

by Maureen Fergus  
illustrated by Dusan Petricic  
Tundra Books, © 2015  
ISBN: 978-1-77049-613-2

Bill just wanted someone to pass the potatoes. Unfortunately, no one noticed – not his mother, not his father, not his older brother, not even his little sister. If someone had noticed, the wonderful, terrible thing that happened might never have happened. But it did!

### Dojo Daycare

by Chris Tougas  
Owlkids Books, © 2014  
ISBN: 978-1-77147-057-5

One morning, six young ninjas are dropped off at Dojo Daycare. As soon as their ninja moms and ninja dads have left: KABOOM! KAPOW! The ninja boys and girls turn the place upside down in a full-blown ninja riot. Will the master get control of the kids before they are picked up by their parents?

### Kyle Goes Alone

by Jan Thornhill  
illustrated by Ashley Barron  
Owlkids Books, © 2015  
ISBN: 978-1-77147-075-9

Kyle, a young sloth, has to go but there is a problem. He lives high in the rainforest canopy with his mom, and it's a LONG way down to the forest floor. His mom says he's old enough to go alone, but Kyle isn't sure he's ready. Will Kyle make it in time?

### Finding Winnie: The True Story of The World's Most Famous Bear

by Lindsay Mattick  
illustrated by Sophie Blackall  
HarperCollins Publishers Ltd., © 2015  
ISBN: 978-1-44342-918-4

In 1914 Captain Harry Colebourn, a Canadian veterinarian on his way to serve with cavalry units in Europe, rescued a bear cub that he named Winnie. His great-granddaughter Lindsay Mattick recounts their incredible journey, from Canada to an army base in England ... and finally to the London Zoo, where Winnie made a new friend: a boy named Christopher Robin.

### Today is the Day

by Eric Walters  
illustrated by Eugénie Fernandes  
Tundra Books, © 2015  
ISBN: 978-1-77049-648-4

Mutanu is excited. Today is no ordinary day. Every year, the orphanage, where she lives, honors its newest arrivals by creating a birthday day especially for them. Based on real children in an orphanage in Kenya, this story shows how something as simple as a birthday, can mean so much in another part of the world.

### Hurry Up, Ilua!

by Nola Helen Hicks  
Inhabit Media, © 2015

ISBN: 978-1-77227-003-7 (pbk)

Ilua the ground squirrel loves nothing more than to relax on the cool tundra. With winter fast approaching, it will soon be time to hibernate. There is much to do before Ilua and her family can hibernate. If Ilua relaxes for too long, she may just be left out in the cold.

### When Santa Was a Baby

by Linda Bailey  
illustrated by Genevieve Godbout  
Tundra Books, © 2015  
ISBN: 978-1-77049-556-2

Santa's parents think he is absolutely wonderful, even though he has a booming voice, loves to stand in front of the refrigerator, gives his birthday presents away, trains his hamsters to pull a matchbox sleigh, and has an unusual interest in chimneys. Santa is an oddball kid who fulfills his destiny.



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