



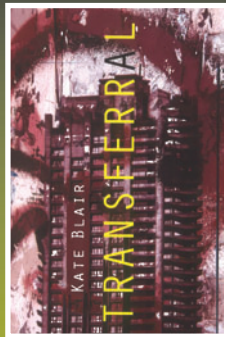
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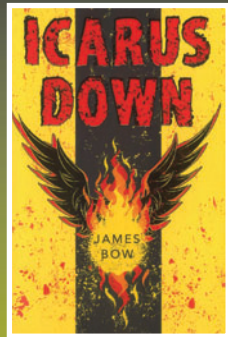
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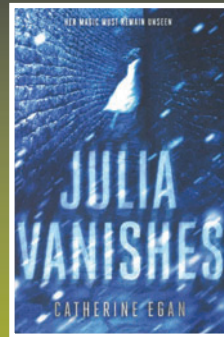
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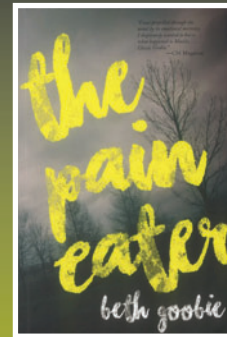
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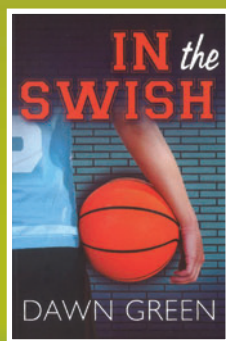
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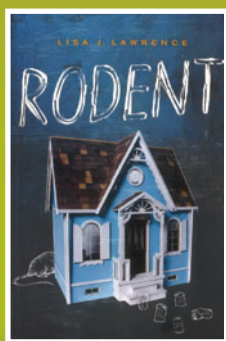
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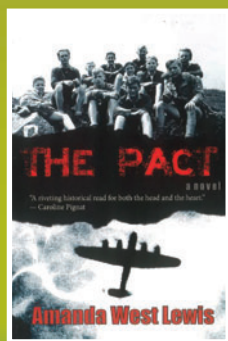
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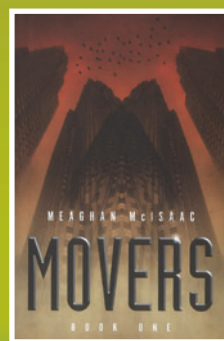
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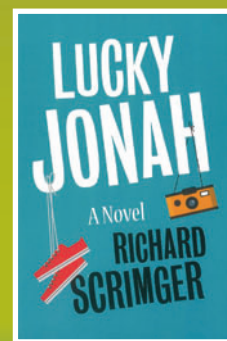
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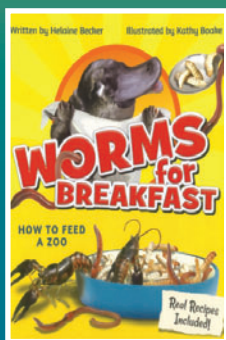


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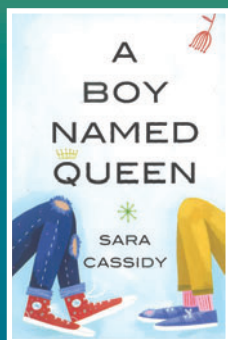
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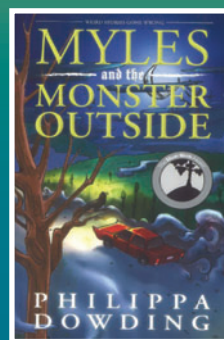
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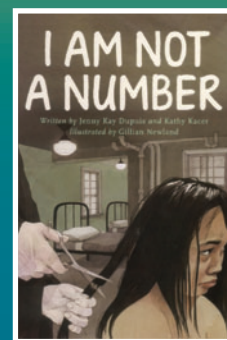
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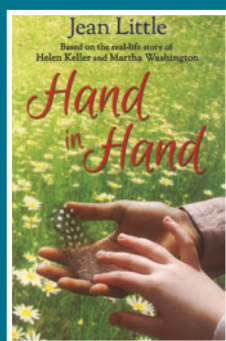
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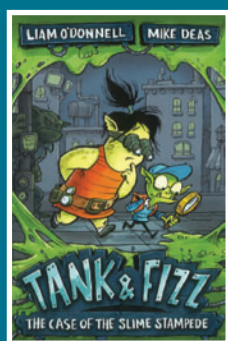
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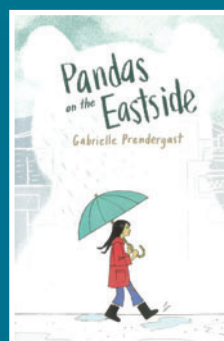
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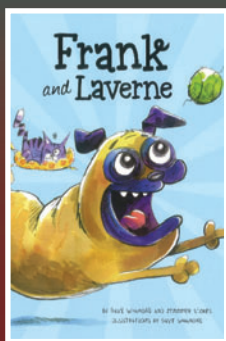


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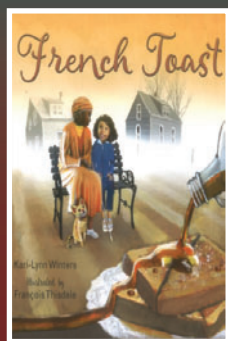
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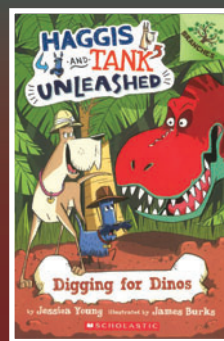
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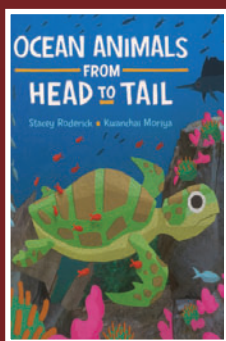
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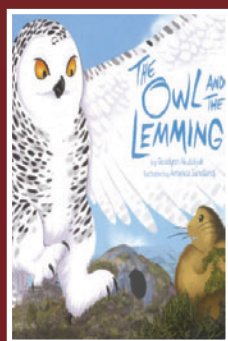
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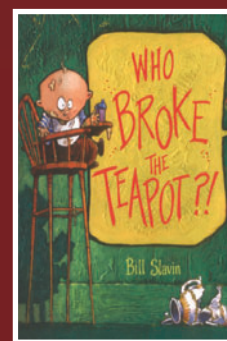
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# 2017

## 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, 2018**

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### Snow Willow (Gr. 7 & Up)

#### The Hill

by Karen Bass  
Pajama Press, c2016

ISBN 978-1-77278-002-4 (pbk)

Jared's plane has crashed in the Alberta wilderness, and Kyle is first on the scene. When Jared insists on hiking up the highest hill in search of cell reception, Kyle hesitates; his Cree grandmother has always forbidden him to go near it. After climbing the hill, nothing in the forest seems right. And something is hunting them.

#### Transferral

by Kate Blair  
Dancing Cat Books, c2015

ISBN 978-1-77086-454-2 (pbk)

Medical science has found a way to remove diseases from the sick, but they have to transfer the diseases into other living humans. The technology is used to cure the innocent by infecting criminals. Sixteen year old Tala Hale discovers that things can go terribly wrong despite all efforts to ensure that bad things happen only to bad people.

#### Icarus Down

by James Bow  
Scholastic Canada, c2016

ISBN 978-1-4431-3913-7 (pbk)

Three generations after the crash of the colony ship Icarus, Iapix is barely hanging on: one of thirteen cities suspended halfway down deep chasms. Not everything in Iapix is quite as it seems, and Simon Daud finds himself caught up in a conspiracy. Down in the fog forest, monsters await - but so does the truth.

#### Julia Vanishes

by Catherine Egan  
Doubleday Canada, c2016

ISBN 978-0-385-68465-1

Julia has the unusual ability to be unseen. It's a dangerous trait in a city that has banned all forms of magic and drowns witches in public Cleansings. But it's a useful trait for a spy, until Julia becomes entangled in a struggle between forces more powerful than she'd ever imagined.

SPANISH VERSION AVAILABLE

#### The Pain Eater

by Beth Goobie  
Second Story Press, c2016

ISBN 978-1-77260-020-9 (pbk)

It's a new school year, and Maddy hopes she can hide, keeping the memories at bay. But when her English class is given the assignment of writing a collaborative novel about a fifteen-year-old girl, The Pain Eater, fact and fiction begin to meet up.

#### In the Swish

by Dawn Green  
Red Deer Press, c2016

978-0-88995-539-4 (pbk)

Bennett Ryan is one of the region's very best basketball players. In fact, she led her team to an undefeated championship. But when she is forced to switch schools in her senior year, she must first fit in with her old rivals on this new team, then face her old team.

#### Rodent

by Lisa J. Lawrence  
Orca Book Publishers, c2016

978-1-4598-0976-5 (pbk)

An alcoholic mother, two younger siblings to look after, a crappy job at a mini-mart. Isabelle thinks her life can't get any worse. But can it get any better?

#### The Pact

by Amanda West Lewis  
Red Deer Press, c2016

ISBN 978-0-88995-544-8 (pbk)

Inspired by a true story. Peter Gruber lives in Hamburg, Germany in 1939 where world events destroy everything he has ever known. Peter now faces a different kind of horror — pledging allegiance at an elite training camp for SS officers.

#### Movers

by Meaghan McIsaac  
Tundra Books, c2016

ISBN 978-1-77049-818-1 (pbk)

Movers are connected to people in the future, their Shadows. And moving your Shadow is highly illegal. Patrick knows all too well what happens if you break the law: his father has been in the Shelves ever since he moved his Shadow. And now Patrick and his family are in danger.

#### Lucky Jonah

by Richard Scrimger  
HarperTrophy Canada, c2016

978-1-44341-071-7 (pbk)

Bullied by his brother and living in the shadow of his athletic best friend, Jonah is crippled by self-loathing and insecurity. Then a mysterious stranger hands him a disposable camera with the power to transport him into someone else's body—and someone else's life.

### Diamond Willow (Gr. 4-6)

#### Sophie Quire and the Last Storyguard

by Jonathan Auxier  
Penguin Group Canada, c2016

ISBN 978-0-670-06773-2

Sophie Quire works in her father's struggling bookshop repairing damaged books. In Bustleburgh, her fellow residents, make preparations to eradicate all "nonsense" with a book burning ceremony. When a blind-folded boy and his talking, cat-horse companion appear with a magical book to mend, Sophie is thrust into an adventure to save her precious world of "nonsense".

#### Hand in Hand

by Jean Little  
Scholastic Canada Ltd., c2016

ISBN 978-1-4431-3923-6 (pbk)

Martha and her mother work on Helen's family plantation. Helen, who is blind and deaf, is often difficult. Martha is regularly asked to look after Helen. Martha finds it hard to make friends with someone who is so challenging and can't communicate. Can the arrival of a special teacher change things?

#### Worms for Breakfast: How to Feed a Zoo

by Helaine Becker  
OwlKids, c2016

ISBN 978-1-77147-105-3

Have you ever wonder what a platypus eats for breakfast or what a tiger has for a cool afternoon snack? Written in cookbook-style, this entertaining book shares how zookeepers around the world keep their animal charges active and eating healthy. Be warned...the recipes are not something you will want to mix up at home!

#### Bittersweet

by Winnie Mack  
Scholastic Canada Ltd., c2015

ISBN 978-1-4431-4602-9 (pbk)

Samantha lives for soccer and hopes to become her team's captain. After a series of health issues, that Samantha keeps secret, she nearly passes out during a game. Tests reveal that Samantha has diabetes. Her whole world is turned upside down, as she tries to cope with her new reality.

FINNISH, NORWEGIAN & SWEDISH VERSION AVAILABLE

#### A Boy Named Queen

by Sara Cassidy  
Groundwood Books, c2016

ISBN 978-1-55498-905-8

Evelyn is used to routines, but when a new boy called Queen, arrives in her fifth-grade class, her world becomes more unpredictable. Queen is unfazed by the school bullies and is the most intriguing person Evelyn has ever met. As Queen and Evelyn become friends, Evelyn begins to learn some important things about herself.

#### Tank & Fizz: The Case of the Slime Stampede

by Liam O'Donnell  
Orca Book Publishers, c2015

ISBN 978-1-45980-810-2 (pbk)

When Gravelmuck Elementary School's cleaning slimes are secretly released and the playground is destroyed, Mr. Snag, the caretaker is arrested for the crime. Fizz, a young goblin and Tank, his troll friend are convinced Mr. Snag is not guilty and set out to prove his innocence. Who are the real monsters behind this disaster?

#### Myles and the Monster Outside

by Philippa Dowding  
Dundurn, c2015

ISBN 978-1-45972-943-8 (pbk)

On a stormy night, while driving with his family to their new home, Myles worries about his future. His fears are multiplied when he sees a monstrous being stalking their vehicle and whispering his name. Myles is the only one who can see the beast and the only one who can save his family.

#### Pandas on the Eastside

by Gabrielle Prendergast  
Orca Book Publishers, c2016

ISBN 978-1-4598-1143-0 (pbk)

Despite growing up in a poverty-stricken neighbourhood, Journey Song, looks beyond what others call a slum and sees the value in the community of people around her. When Journey learns that two pandas are being held in a nearby warehouse, she worries about their health. In order to save them, she must rally her community to help.

#### I Am Not a Number

by Jenny Dupuis and Kathy Kacer  
Second Story Press, c2016

ISBN 978-1-927583-94-4

Irene enjoys life on Nipissing First Nation, until the day a government agent comes and takes her and her two brothers to a faraway residential school. There she is given a number instead of her name and suffers through harsh mistreatment. Through it all, Irene tries to remember her mother's words, "Never forget who you are!"

FRENCH VERSION AVAILABLE

#### Heart of a Champion

by Ellen Schwartz  
Tundra Books, c2016

ISBN 978-1-77049-880-8

Despite a possible heart condition, Kenny Sakamoto dreams of one day playing on the Asahi baseball team like his brother, Mickey. When Japan bombs Pearl Harbor, his dreams unravel. His family are considered enemy aliens and sent to an internment camp. Kenny must learn to be strong for his family's survival.

### Shining Willow (Gr. K-3)

#### The Darkest Dark

by Chris Hadfield and Kate Fillion  
illustrated by The Fan Brothers  
Tundra Books, c2016

ISBN 978-1-101-91862-3

Chris loves pretending he's a brave astronaut, exploring the universe. Only one problem - at night, Chris doesn't feel brave. He's afraid of the dark. Inspired by the childhood of real-life astronaut Chris Hadfield, readers find that the dark is beautiful and exciting when you have big dreams to keep you company!

FRENCH VERSION AVAILABLE

#### In the Red Canoe

by Leslie A. Davidson  
illustrated by Laura Bifano  
Orca, c2016

ISBN 978-1-4598-0973-4

Join in a leisurely canoe paddle with a young girl and her grandfather as they experience a multitude of wonders: from ducks and frogs to beaver lodges and lily pads.

#### Frank and Laverne

by Dave Whamond and Jennifer Stokes  
illustrated by Dave Whamond  
Owlkids Books, c2016

ISBN 978-1-77147-145-9.

Every morning by 06:00 hours, Frank is awake and on duty for Squirrel Patrol. This pug takes his role seriously: protecting his humans and the cat, Laverne, from the Great Dane next door. Laverne, however, dreams of sending him away forever and claiming his fish-shaped chew toy for herself.

#### Ocean Animals from Head to Tail

by Stacey Roderick  
illustrated by Kwanchai Moriya  
Kids Can Press, c2016

ISBN 978-1-77138-345-5

This nonfiction picture book uses a playful guessing game to introduce eight different ocean animals and some unique aspects of their bodies. There's also a brief description of the animal's traits with a special emphasis on the featured body part.

#### French Toast

by Kari-Lynn Winters  
illustrated by Francois Thisdale  
Pajama Press, c2016

ISBN 978-1-77278-006-2

Nan-ma is blind. How can Phoebe explain something like skin color to her? Luckily, even though Nan-ma's eyes have never worked, she sees many things others do not.

#### The Owl and the Lemming

by Roselynn Akulukjuk  
illustrated by Amanda Sandland  
Inhabit Media, c2016

ISBN 978-1-77227-120-1

Based on an Inuit traditional story, this book is a fun and cheeky tale about an Owl swooping down on an unsuspecting lemming, but the lemming is not about to be eaten! This smart little rodent will need to appeal to the boastful owl's sense of pride to get away.

INUKTITUT VERSION AVAILABLE

#### Haggis and Tank Unleashed: Digging for Dinos

by Jessica Young  
illustrated by James Burks  
Scholastic, c2016

ISBN 978-0-545-81888-9

Haggis and Tank go on a dinosaur adventure! They play games with a triceratops and try to hatch dinosaur eggs. But then, the ground starts shaking and a volcano erupts! Haggis and Tank need to get home FAST!

#### Sky Pig

by Jan L. Coates  
illustrated by Suzanne Del Rizzo  
Pajama Press, c2016

ISBN 978-1-927485-98-9

Ollie dreams as hard as ever a pig can dream of flying above the clouds. Jack does everything within his power to make his friend's dream come true, even though everyone knows that pigs can't fly. But Jack is a true friend and he is determined to help Ollie soar.

#### Who Broke the Teapot?!

by Bill Slavin  
Penguin Random House, c2016

ISBN 978-1-77049-833-4

Mom is very angry. Her very favorite teapot is broken, and no one is 'fessing up. Was it Dad, reading the paper? Was it Cat, all tangled up in a ball of yarn? Was it Baby perched in his highchair? Or is there a surprising twist to this mystery?

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