



7 Quick Facts About SYRCA— THE SASKATCHEWAN YOUNG READERS' CHOICE AWARDS—

THE WILLOW AWARDS, INC.

1. The Willow Awards features a face-off between ten Canadian books in three categories. What makes this award unique is that the winning books are chosen by Saskatchewan kids and teens. Knowing that their opinion matters empowers young readers and encourages them to read more. Children are more likely to read books recommended by other children.
2. There are three categories:

- **SHINING** - young to Grade 3

Participants must read (or have read to them) at least 5 books to vote

- **DIAMOND** - Grade 4-6

Participants must read (or have read to them) at least 4 books to vote

- **SNOW** - Grade 7 and up

Participants must read (or have read to them) at least 3 books to vote



The age categories are a guideline only. Kids and teens may read from any category and vote on those books.

3. All nominated books are written by Canadian authors and are published in Canada within the last two years. The titles can be found on www.willowawards.ca.
4. Voting is open until March 31. Every entry is entered in a draw to win book prizes.
5. Posters, bookmarks, award stickers, activities and information related to the nominated books, authors and illustrators are available on our website.
6. Each fall, schools and libraries are invited to submit the ideas and activities they have conducted around the Willows to be eligible for book prizes.
7. The winning titles are announced at a Gala held in May. The celebration is hosted by a Saskatchewan school or library, and is live-streamed on our YouTube channel.