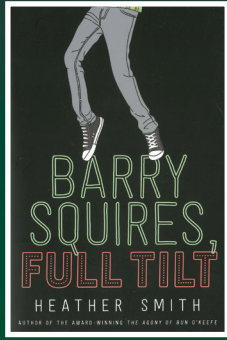




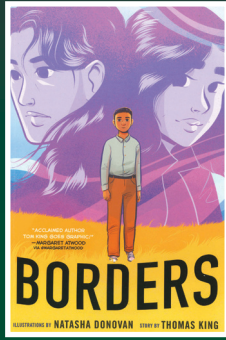
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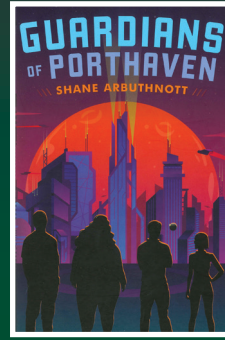
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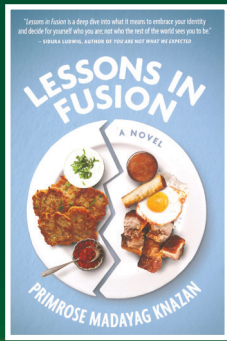
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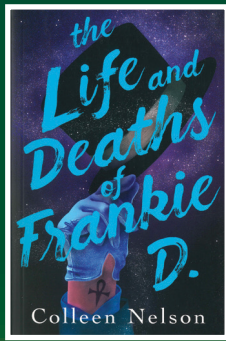
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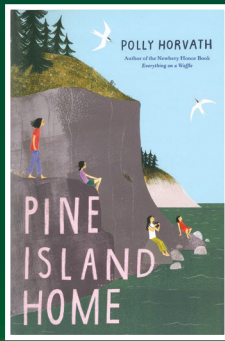
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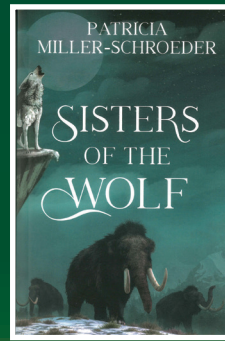
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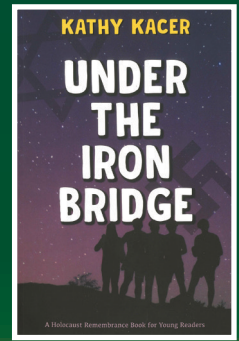
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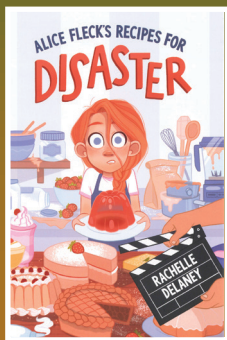


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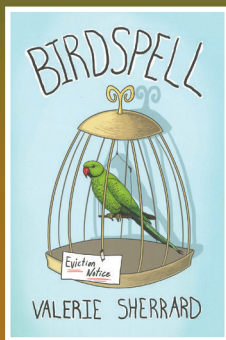


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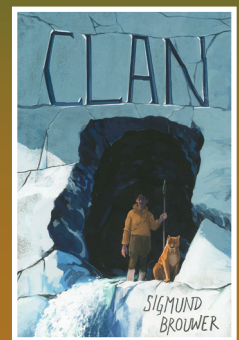
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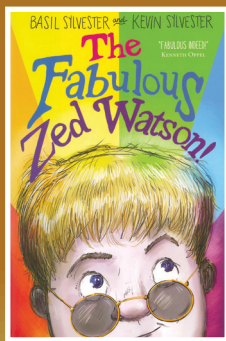
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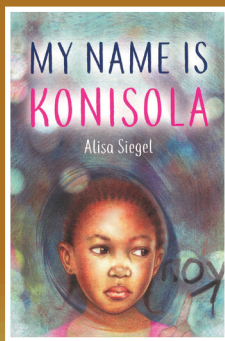
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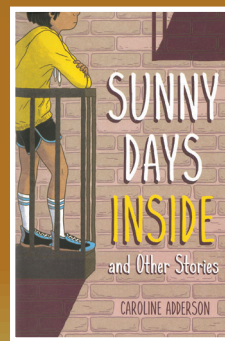
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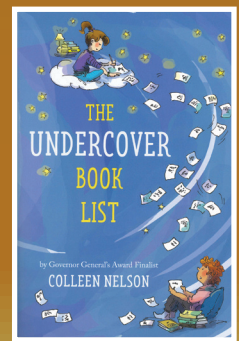
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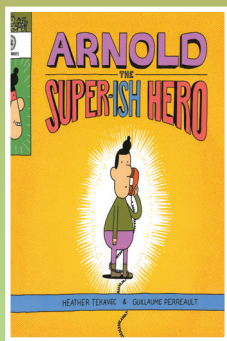


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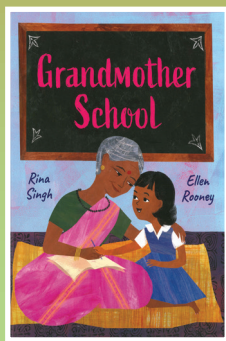


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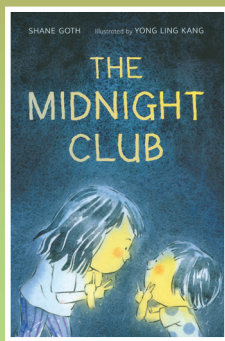
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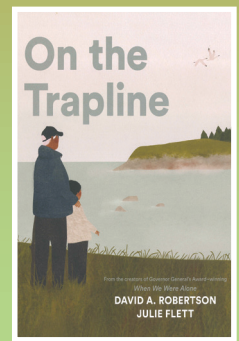
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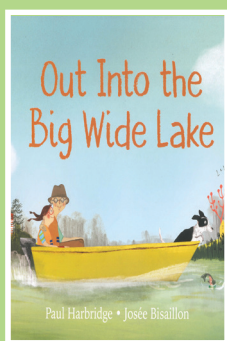
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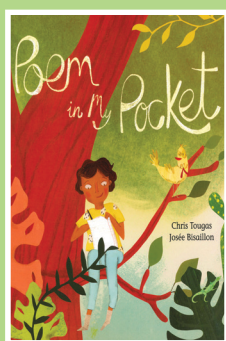
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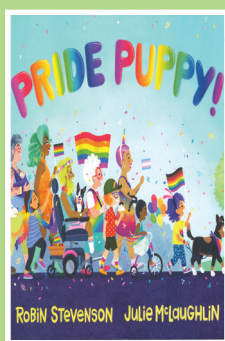
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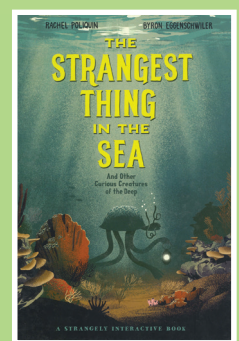
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# 2022 Who Can Vote

Saskatchewan children who have read or had read to them the minimum number of titles in each category may vote once for their favourite title.

**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, 2023**

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

### Barry Squires, Full Tilt

by Heather Smith  
Penguin Random House, ©2020  
ISBN 978-0-7352-67466 (hc),  
978-0735267480 (pbk)

Barry Squires wants to stand out by joining the Full Tilt Irish Step Dancers. He has debatable talent and his quick temper stands in his way. Although his family isn't betting on his success, he does have some supportive characters standing behind him. When tragedy strikes his household, love prevails.

### Lessons In Fusion

by Primrose Madayag Knazan  
Yellow Dog, ©2021  
ISBN 9781773370682 (pbk)

Sarah runs a successful fusion recipe blog. When she is invited to Cyber Chef, a virtual cooking competition, she's pushed to present dishes that represent her Filipinx culture, but these flavours are foreign to her since her parents raised her emphatically Jewish. Sarah must discover the true meaning of fusion.

### Borders

by Thomas King  
HarperCollins Publishers Ltd., ©2021  
ISBN 978-0316593069 (hc),  
ISBN 9781443460675 (pbk)

This graphic novel explores the concepts of identity and belonging through the story of a young boy who is traveling with his mother across the Canadian-United States border to visit his sister. When border guards ask whether they are Canadian or American, their answer, "Blackfoot", leaves them in limbo between nations.

### The Life and Deaths of Frankie D.

by Colleen Nelson  
Dundurn Press, ©2021  
ISBN 9781459747586 (pbk)

As a young child, Frankie, a girl with lamellar ichthyosis, was found abandoned in an alley with no memories of how she got there. With recurring dreams about hundred-year-old carnival sideshows and an "alligator" girl just like her, can she piece together her past to find out who she is?

### Given

by Nandi Taylor  
Wattpad Books, ©2021  
ISBN 978-1-98936-504-5 (hc),  
ISBN 978-1989365632 (pbk)

Princess of the Yirba, Yenni, sets out on a journey to the empire of Cresh to find a cure for her father. Upon arriving, she meets a dragon-shifter named Weysh, claiming she's his "Given"- his destined mate. He's exactly the kind of distraction Yenni can't afford while her father's life's in danger.

### Pine Island Home

by Polly Horvath  
Penguin Random House: Puffin Canada, ©2020  
ISBN 9780735268623 (hc),  
ISBN 978-0735268647 (pbk)

After their parents' death, four sisters travel from Borneo to small town BC, to move in with their great aunt. They arrive to learn she has died while they were enroute. To stay together, they enlist the help of their aunt's crotchety neighbour to pretend to be their guardian. Will they get caught?

### Guardians of Porthaven

by Shane Arbuthnott  
Orca Book Publishers, ©2021  
ISBN 9781459827042

Malcolm Gravenhurst turns 15 and becomes a Guardian, like many of his family before him. Their job? To defend Porthaven from frequent alien invasions. He meets a small group of teens working in hiding and they begin to uncover some dark Guardian secrets. When Porthaven is faced with destruction, he must choose between his family and what is right.

### Sisters of the Wolf

by Patricia Miller-Schroeder  
Dundurn Press, ©2021  
ISBN 9781459747524 (pbk)

Two ice-age teens from different clans must overcome their differences to survive wild lands, ferocious beasts, and a ruthless hunter, Haken, pursuing them both through it all. Can Shinoni and Keena find a way to work together, escape Haken and make it home?

### Homewrecker

by Deanna Cameron  
Wattpad Books, ©2021  
ISBN 978-1-98936547-2 (hc),  
ISBN 978-0241493458 (pbk)

After a devastating tornado hits, Bronwyn's mother is missing. When her body is found it looks like she wasn't killed by the tornado, but murdered. With the help of her estranged father, can Bronwyn find out who killed her mother?

### Under the Iron Bridge

by Kathy Kacer  
Second Story Press, ©2021  
ISBN 978177260250 (pbk)

It's 1938 and Paul is being pressured against his will to join the Hitler Youth. When he meets and chooses to join a group of rebel teenagers called the Edelweiss Pirates, he finds out how dangerous it can be to undermine the Nazis and help the Jews.

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

### Alice Fleck's Recipes for Disaster

by Rachelle Delaney  
Puffin Canada, c2021  
ISBN 978-0-7352-6927-9 (hc),  
ISBN 978-0735269293 (pbk)

For as long as Alice can remember, she has been helping her father recreate meals from the past. When her father's new girlfriend signs them up for the reality TV show, Culinary Combat, Alice is reluctantly thrust into the spotlight. To make matters worse, she begins to suspect that someone is trying to sabotage the competition.

### Elvis, Me, and the Lemonade Stand Summer

by Leslie Gentile  
DCB Young Readers, c2021  
ISBN 978-1-77086-615-7

This isn't the summer Truly was expecting to have. She wasn't expecting to run a lemonade stand, or to discover that Elvis Presley, who everyone thought was dead, is living in her trailer park. But what Truly really didn't expect was to discover what family truly means.

### Birdspell

by Valerie Sherrard  
DCB Young Readers, c2021  
ISBN 978-1-77086-613-3

Corbin has always felt alone. His mom's illness means lost jobs, constant moves, new schools, and friendships that never grow. When a classmate offers Corbin a talking bird, he is excited for a pet connection. But when things spiral out of control at home, Corbin is forced to do the one thing he fears the most.

### The Fabulous Zed Watson

by Basil Sylvester and Kevin Sylvester  
HarperCollins Publishers Ltd.  
ISBN 978-1-4434-6091-0 (hc),  
ISBN 978-1443460934 (pbk)

Non-binary tween Zed loves their name, their rambunctious family and monsters. When Zed discovers a mystery surrounding an unpublished novel called *The Monster's Castle*, they are completely hooked. A breakthrough clue sets Zed and their friends on a road trip adventure following cryptic clues to find the long lost novel.

### Burying the Moon

by Andrée Poulin  
Groundwood Books, c2021  
ISBN 978-1-77306-604-2

Latika's village has no toilets and older girls are forced to quit school as a result. Women wait until night to do their business in a field where dangers abound. Latika dreads when she will have to leave school too, so when a government representative visits her village, she seizes the chance to make a change.

### My Name is Konisola

by Alisa Siegel  
Second Story Press, c2020  
ISBN 978-1-77260-119-0 (pbk)

Nine-year-old Konisola and her mother step off a plane in Canada, fleeing danger in Nigeria. Soon after they land, Konisola's mother falls ill and they become separated. Konisola is forced to fend for herself in a strange country, with no family or friends until she meets a Canadian nurse. Based on a true story.

### Children of the Fox

by Kevin Sands  
Penguin Random House: Puffin Canada, c2021  
ISBN 978-0-7352-7041-1

Lured by a promise of more money than they've ever dreamed of, five young criminals are hired to steal a treasure from the most powerful sorcerer in the city. Though their shadowy backgrounds mean that they've never trusted anyone, the five must learn to rely on one another to get the job done and survive.

### Sunny Days Inside and Other Stories

by Caroline Adderson  
Groundwood Books, c2021  
ISBN 978-1-77306-572-4

One apartment building. Eight stories. Ordered into lock down because of a global pandemic, a group of kids living in the same apartment building must cope with strange new rules and extended time at home with parents and siblings. And they survive brilliantly, each in their own way.

### Clan

by Sigmund Brouwer  
Penguin Random House: Tundra Books, c2020  
ISBN 978-1-101-91849-4 (hc),  
ISBN 978-0735269330 (pbk)

Injured as a child, Atlatl dreams of one day earning his father's respect as a hunter. But when Atlatl brings a young sabertooth to his Clan, it leads to a devastating moment of torn loyalties between Atlatl and his father that will change their lives forever.

### The Undercover Book List

by Colleen Nelson  
Pajama Press, c2021  
ISBN 978-1-77278-187-8 (hc),  
ISBN 978-1772782639 (pbk)

Seventh grade is looking lonely for Jane as her best friend Sienna has moved away. However, Sienna has left a hidden message in a library book to help Jane start a new club and find a book-loving friend. Troublemaker Tyson is not the ideal recipient, but when he finds the message, a secret club is born that will change them both.

## Shining Willow Finalists (Young - Gr. 3)

### Arnold the Super-ish Hero

by Heather Tekavec  
Kids Can Press, ©2021  
ISBN 978-15253-0309-8

Arnold works in the family's superhero business answering phones because he has yet to discover his own superpower. When a distress call comes in and all the superheroes can't be found, Arnold knows this is his chance to discover his superpower and save the day.

### Out Into the Big Wide Lake

by Paul Harbridge  
Penguin Random House: Tundra Books, ©2021  
ISBN 978-0-7352-6559-2

When Kate visits her grandparents by herself for the first time, she gets a taste of adventure when she helps her grandfather deliver groceries to people around their lake. Meeting their neighbours is fun, but when her grandfather gets sick, she has to make the deliveries all by herself.

### Grandmother School

by Rina Singh  
Orca Book Publishers, ©2020  
ISBN 978-1-4598-1905-4

Based on a true story, Grandmother School takes us to a village in India where a special school was built for grandmothers who did not have the opportunity to attend school when they were children. In this inspiring story, a girl and her grandmother share a learning journey together.

### Poem in my Pocket

by Chris Tougas  
Kids Can Press, ©2021  
ISBN 978-1-5253-0145-2

A young poet journeys out into the world; words and the world running together as the child observes and plays. This book showcases the magic of language and how much fun words can be. The words in flight and at play encourage children to pore over it again and again.

### The Midnight Club

by Shane Goth  
Owl Kids Books, ©2021  
ISBN 978-1-77147-394-1

Milly and big sister Becca are members of the Midnight Club. Tonight is Milly's first outing! At exactly midnight, Milly wakes her sister. They tiptoe along the shadowy hall and down the creaky stairs. There's so much adventure to be had in the middle of the night!

### Pride Puppy

by Robin Stevenson  
Orca Book Publishers, ©2021  
ISBN 978-1-4598-2484-3

Pride Puppy tells an inclusive story of a family celebrating Pride in their community where their dog goes missing. The alphabet format and colourful illustrations of the parade will provide many conversations for all ages.

### No More Plastic

by Alma Fullerton  
Pajama Press, ©2021  
ISBN 978-1-77278-113-7

Isley loves the ocean but the amount of plastic waste and littering breaks her heart. When a whale that has starved to death from swallowing plastic washes up on the shore, Isley decides to build a sculpture made with the plastic waste she has found that will hopefully inspire lasting change.

### Race with Me

by Andre De Grasse and Robert Budd  
Scholastic Canada Ltd., ©2021  
ISBN 978-1-4431-8755-8

A celebration of sport, this book explores De Grasse's passion for running, how he started out, and the different emotions he feels before a race. It shows the determination De Grasse demonstrates through his life as a runner and reminds readers to stay positive and have fun!

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### On the Trapline

by David A. Robertson  
Penguin Random House: Tundra Books, ©2021  
ISBN 978-0-73526668-1

A boy travels up north with his Moshom (grandfather) to visit the trapline where his grandfather grew up. On their journey, Moshom tells of the places and things that he did when he lived off of the land. They fish, pick berries, tell stories and deepen their connection to each other and the land. Includes a Swampy Cree glossary. Based on the author's own family experiences.

### The Strangest Thing in the Sea

by Rachel Poliquin  
Kids Can Press, ©2021  
ISBN 978-1-77138-918-1

In this wonderfully weird guessing game, readers are introduced to some peculiar and little-known sea creatures. Imaginative illustrations, quirky descriptions, and cool facts all come together in this informative and fun book. The seas are full of strangeness – but what is the strangest thing of all?

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