

## 2012 Moonbeam Childrens Book Awards Results

“Celebrating Youthful Curiosity, Discovery and Learning through Books and Learning”

Jenkins Group is proud to announce the winners of the [2012 Moonbeam Children's Book Awards](#). Launched in 2007, the awards are intended to bring increased recognition to exemplary children's books and their creators, and to celebrate children's books and life-long reading.

A total of 144 medalists have been chosen from nearly 1,000 entries. This year's winners are a very geographically diverse group: medals went to books from 35 U.S. states, 7 Canadian provinces, and 3 countries overseas.

This year's Moonbeam Awards medal ceremony will be held in conjunction with the 3rd annual [Traverse City Children's Book Festival](#), to be held on Saturday, November 10, 2012. All medalists and their guests are invited to attend.

Listed below are the sixth annual 2012 Moonbeam Awards results, listed by category, followed by the Moonbeam Spirit Award winners.

Creating books that inspire our children to read, to learn, and to dream is an extremely important task, and these awards were conceived to reward those efforts. Each year's entries are judged by expert panels of youth educators, librarians, booksellers, and book reviewers of all ages. Award recipients receive gold, silver and bronze medals and stickers depicting a mother and child reading and silhouetted by a full moon.

Congratulations to all the winners!

### 2012 Moonbeam Children's Book Awards - Gold, Silver and Bronze medalists listed by category

#### 1. Board Book/Cloth Book

**Gold:** *1,2,3, Sí! A Numbers Book in English and Spanish*, by San Antonio Museum of Art (Trinity University Press)

**Silver:** *Counting Wild Bears of the Native Northwest Coast*, by Gryn White (Native Northwest)

**Bronze:** *Black Bear Babies!* by Donald M. Jones (Farcountry Press)

#### 2. Alphabet/Counting Book

**Gold:** *Zahra and Coco Alphabet*, by Fatima Akilu; illustrated by Mustapha Bulama (Mockingbird Books)

**Silver:** *Over in the Forest: Come and Take a Peek*, by Marianne Berkes; illustrated by Jill Dubin (Dawn Publications)

**Bronze:** *The Zigzag Zebra: A Rhyming Alphabet*, by Marie Rippel and Donna Goeddaeus (All About Learning Press, Inc.)

#### 3. Books Arts/Pop-up/Cut-out

**Gold:** *Alphabet Everywhere*, by Elliot Kaufman (Abbeville Kids)

**Silver:** *My Secret Scrapbook Diary: Little Red Riding Hood*, by Kees Moerbeek (Child's Play International)

**Bronze:** *Portrait of Spain for Kids*, by Queensland Art Gallery / Gallery of Modern Art (Queensland Art Gallery / Gallery of Modern Art)

#### **4. Activity Book 1 - Games, Arts & Crafts, etc.**

**Gold:** *Denise Logan's Amazing Art Projects for Children*, by Denise M. Logan (Dynamic Art Projects, LLC)

**Silver:** *Super Simple Sumi-e*, by Yvonne Palka (HeartRock Press)

**Bronze:** *How to Draw Your Own Graphic Novel*, by Frank Lee (PowerKids Press)

#### **5. Activity Book 2 - Educational, Science, History, etc.**

**Gold (tie):** *Bridges and Tunnels: Investigate Feats of Engineering*, by Donna Latham; illustrated by Jen Vaughn (Nomad Press) and *Explore the Wild West! With 25 Great Projects*, by Anita Yasuda; illustrated by Alex Kim (Nomad Press)

**Silver:** *Arizona, Way Out West & Wacky: Awesome Activities, Humorous History, and Fun Facts*, by Conrad J. Storad & Lynda Exley; illustrated by Michael Hagelberg (Little Five Star)

**Bronze:** *Inference Jones: Using Higher-Order Thinking to Improve Critical Reading and Comprehension*, by Robert E. Owen, M.A. (The Critical Thinking Co.)

#### **6. Book with Music/Theatrical**

**Gold:** *Lil' Chucky Charlie & His Country Bug Friends*, by Chris & Ron Surrey; illustrated by Mike Litwin (Surron)

**Silver:** *Pirate Santa: A Pirate Adventure*, by Clay Clement and Mark Summers; illustrated by Juan Alvarado (Studio City Tattoo)

**Bronze:** *Evangeline! The Dancing Holstein*, by Cheryl Kirking; illustrated by Jason Jolda (Mill House Press)

#### **7. Picture Book - Preschool**

**Gold:** *Picture my Day*, by Séverine Cordier; illustrated by Cynthia Lacroix (Owlkids Books)

**Silver:** *Little Seeds*, by Charles Ghigna; illustrated by Ag Jatkowska (Picture Window Books/Capstone)

**Bronze:** *David, Fish & Penguins...*, written and by illustrated by TURCIOS (Cuento de Luz)

#### **8. Picture Book - 4-8 Year Old**

**Gold (tie):** *Little Lamb, Have You Any Wool?* by Isabel Minhós Martins; illustrated by Yara Kono (Owlkids Books) and *My Mama Earth*, by Susan B. Katz; illustrated by Melissa Launay (Barefoot Books)

**Silver (tie):** *No!* written and by illustrated by Marta Altés (Child's Play) and *KokoCat, Inside and Out*, by Lynda Graham-Barber; illustrated by Nancy Lane (The Gryphon Press)

**Bronze:** *A Moment in Time*, by Jennifer Butenas; illustrated by Charlotte Cheng (The Perfect Moment, LLC)

#### **9. Picture Book - All Ages**

**Gold (tie):** *My Hands Sing the Blues*, by Jeanne Walker Harvey; illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon (Marshall Cavendish Children) and *Good People Everywhere*, by Lynea Gillen; illustrated by Kristina Swarner (Three Pebble Press, LLC)

**Silver (tie):** *A Box Story*, written and illustrated by Kenneth Kit Lamug (Rabblebox) and *The Gift*, written and illustrated by Christina Vagenius (Heart Box Studio)

**Bronze:** *Dromedary and Camelot*, by Ruby M. Harmon; illustrated by Eric Hamilton (Poetic Moves Publishing)

#### **10. Juvenile Fiction - Early Reader/1st Chapter books**

**Gold:** *Zeke Meeks vs. the Putrid Puppet Pals*, by D. L. Green (Picture Window Books/Capstone)

**Silver (tie):** *Zanda Humphrey's Operation Nice*, by Kristy Short; illustrated by Pam Duplacey (Moore Publishing) and *The Computer's Nerd*, by W. Royce Adams (Rairarubia Books)

**Bronze:** *Pidgy's Surprise*, by Jeanne Mellin (Willow Bend Publishing)

#### **11. Pre-Teen Fiction – General**

**Gold:** *Run Marco Run*, by Norma Charles (Ronsdale Press)

**Silver (tie):** *Summer Dance*, by Lynn Swanson (Createspace) and *Calling Him Dad: The Summer My Father Appeared Out of Nowhere*, by Virginia Kamhi (WPR Books: Para Los Niños)

**Bronze:** *Earthquake Surprise (A Bailey Fish Adventure)*, by Linda Salisbury (Tabby House)

#### **12. Pre-Teen Fiction - Fantasy**

**Gold:** *The Moon Coin*, by Richard Due; illustrated by Carolyn Arcabascio (Gibbering Gnome Press)

**Silver:** *Archibald and the Black Knight's Ring*, by Shermay Loh (Epigram Books)

**Bronze (tie):** *The Curse of Captain LaFoote (Caribbean Chronicles #1)*, by Eddie Jones (Port Yonder Press) and *Quest for the Scorpion's Jewel (Amarias Adventures #1)*, by Amy Green (Warner Press)

#### **13. Pre-Teen Fiction - Mystery**

**Gold:** *The Adventure of Maisie Voyager*, by Lucy Skye (Jessica Kingsley Publishers)

**Silver:** *Chase Against Time (Chase Manning Mystery #1)*, by Steve Reifman (Brown Books Publishing Group)

**Bronze:** *Diary of a Social Detective*, by Jeffrey E. Jessum, Ph.D. (AAPC Publishing Company)

#### **14. Pre-Teen Fiction - Historical/Cultural**

**Gold:** *Outcasts of River Falls*, by Jacqueline Guest (Coteau Books for Kids)

**Silver:** *Day of the Cyclone (Disaster Strikes #7)*, by Penny Draper (Coteau Books for Kids)

**Bronze (tie):** *Someone Talked!* by R. Conrad Stein (ChironBooks) and *Huntsville, 1892: Clara*, by Wanda Vaughn (OnStage Publishing)

#### **15. Pre-Teen Fiction – Mature Issues**

**Gold:** *Sanjaygawa and the Yak Whisperer*, by Rebecca Braden Nordeman; illustrated by Cloe Shaw (Tashi Deley Press)

**Silver:** *Kendall's Storm*, by Janet Muirhead Hill (Raven Publishing)

**Bronze:** *Some Secrets Should Never Be Kept*, by Jayneen Sanders; illustrated by Craig Smith (Upload Publishing)

#### **16. Young Adult Fiction - General**

**Gold:** *The Green-Eyed Queen of Suicide City*, by Kevin Marc Fournier (Great Plains Teen Fiction)

**Silver:** *Locker 572*, by L. T. Kodzo (WinePress Publishing)

**Bronze:** *Shanghaied*, by David Paul Collins (iUniverse)

#### **17. Young Adult Fiction - Fantasy/Sci-Fi**

**Gold:** *Edge of Time*, by Susan M. MacDonald (Breakwater Books)

**Silver:** *The Twelfth Stone*, by Jana Laiz (Crow Flies Press)

**Bronze (tie):** *Drake's Story Stone*, by T. F. Pumphrey (Tons of Imagination, Ink) and *Askari (Child of Muralia Book 1)*, by Mikko Azul (AuthorHouse)

#### **18. Young Adult Fiction - Horror/Mystery**

**Gold:** *Immortal Longings: A Vampire Novel*, by Diane DeKelb-Rittenhouse (Tiny Satchel Press)

**Silver:** *Mystery of the Tempest (A Fisher Key Adventure)*, by Sam Cameron (Bold Strokes Books)

**Bronze:** *Secret of the Scarab*, by Jay Roudebush (Lulu Publishing)

#### **19. Young Adult Fiction - Historical/Cultural**

**Gold:** *No Crystal Stair*, by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson; illustrated by R. Gregory Christie (Carolrhoda Lab/Lerner Publishing Group)

**Silver:** *From Where We Sit: Black Writers Write Black Youth*, Edited by Victoria A. Brownworth (Tiny Satchel Press)

**Bronze:** *Freedom Bound*, by Jean Rae Baxter (Ronsdale Press)

#### **20. Young Adult Fiction - Religion/Spirituality**

**Gold:** *YaYa & YoYo: Sliding Into the New Year*, by Dori Weinstein (Yotzeret Publishing)

**Silver:** *Ori's Amazing Purpose: Faith in God's Plan*, by Mike and Carol Wyrick (WinePress Kids)

**Bronze:** *The Fight*, by Taylor S. Joseph (Four Star Publishing)

#### **21. Young Adult Fiction - Mature Issues**

**Gold:** *How to Tend a Grave*, by Jocelyn Shipley (Great Plains Teen Fiction)

**Silver:** *wish i could have said goodbye*, by Shari A. Brady (Createspace)

**Bronze (tie):** *Girl Fight*, by Faye Harnest (James Lorimer & Company Ltd., Publishers) and *Girl Unmoored*, by Jennifer Gooch Hummer (Fiction Studio Books)

#### **22. Children's Poetry**

**Gold:** *The Doorstep Orphan: Eugene Field and a Trilogy of His Best Loved Poems*, by Jean A. Lukesh (Field Mouse Productions)

**Silver:** *Lizard Lou: A Collection of Rhymes Old and New*, by Marie Rippel and Renée LaTulippe (All About Learning Press, Inc.)

**Bronze:** *And the Crowd Goes Wild! A Global Gathering of Sports Poems*, Edited by Carol-Ann Hoyte & Heidi Bee Roemer; illustrated by Kevin Sylvester (FriesenPress)

#### **23. Non-Fiction - Picture Book**

**Gold:** *World Atlas*, by Nick Crane; illustrated by David Dean (Barefoot Books)

**Silver (tie):** *Adventures with Jonny: Road Trip to the Parks*, by Michael A. DiLorenzo; illustrated by Jenniffer Julich (Running Moose Publications) and *1st and 10: Top 10 Lists of Everything in Football*, by the Editors of Sports Illustrated Kids (Time Home Entertainment Inc.)

**Bronze:** *Baking with Friends: Recipes, Tips and Fun Facts for Teaching Kids to Bake*, by Sharon Davis and Charlene Patton; illustrated by Coleen McIntyre (Goops Unlimited/Home Baking Association)

#### **24. Non-Fiction - Young Adult**

**Gold:** *Little Rock Girl 1957: How a Photograph Changed the Fight for Integration*, by Shelley Tougas (Compass Point Books/Capstone)

**Silver:** *The Spy with the Wooden Leg: The Story of Virginia Hall*, by Nancy Polette (Alma Little)

**Bronze (tie):** *Gabby Douglas: Golden Smile, Golden Triumph*, by Christine Dzidrums (Creative Media Publishing) and *The Flavor of Wisconsin for Kids*, by Terese Allen and Bobbie Malone (Wisconsin Historical Society Press)

## 25. Multicultural - Picture Book

**Gold:** *I Came From the Water: One Haitian Boy's Incredible Tale of Survival*, by Vanita Oelschlager; illustrated by Mike Blanc (VanitaBooks)

**Silver (tie):** *The Unfortunate Tale of Kachuva the Tortoise (As Told by Chukwa Sulcata)*, by Reshma Sapre; illustrated by Jayme Robinson (Hathi Chiti Books for Kids) and *The Wise Fool: Fables from the Islamic World*, by Shahrukh Husain; illustrated by Micha Archer (Barefoot Books)

**Bronze:** *Ojibway Clans: Animal Totems and Spirits*, written and illustrated by Mark Anthony Jacobson (Native Northwest)

## 26. Multicultural Non-Fiction - Young Adult

**Gold:** *Raven Finds the Daylight and other American Indian Stories*, by Paul M. Levitt & Ellisa S. Guralnick; illustrated byCarolynn Roche (Clear Light Publishing)

**Silver:** *Where We Once Gathered: Lost Synagogues of Europe*, written and illustrated by Andrea Strongwater (Eifrig Publishing)

**Bronze:** *The Story of Mexico: The Mexican-American War*, by R. Conrad Stein (Morgan Reynolds Publishing)

## 27. Comic/Graphic Novel

**Gold:** *Chillax! How Ernie Learns to Chill Out, Relax, and Take Charge of His Anger*, by Marcella Marino Craver; illustrated by Amerigo Pinelli (Magination Press/American Psychological Association)

**Silver:** *Egghead (An Aldo Zelnick Comic Novel)*, by Karla Oceanak; illustrated by Kendra Spanjer (Bailiwick Press)

**Bronze:** *Rudyard Kipling's How the Elephant Got His Trunk: The Graphic Novel*, by Blake A. Hoena; illustrated by Pedro Rodriguez (Stone Arch Books/Capstone)

## 28. Religion/Spirituality

**Gold:** *I Want You to Know: The Wonder of God*, by Kirk Jackson; illustrated by Gwynne Simmons (Going Home Stories)

**Silver (tie):** *Beliefs & Religions Around the World*, by Judy Kirton; illustrated by Val Lawton (Your Nickel's Worth Publishing) and *My First Sikh Books*, by Parveen Kaur Dhillon; illustrated by Brian C. Krümm (Lohgarh Sikh Educational Foundation)

**Bronze:** *My Whole Self Before You: A Child's Prayer and Learning Guide Modeled after the Lord's Prayer*, by Susan Case Bonner (Kid Niche Publishing)

## 29. Holiday

**Gold (tie):** *The Little Big Book of Christmas: Carols, Stories, Poems, Recipes*, edited by Lena Tabori; designed by Timothy Shaner and Kristen Sasamoto (Welcome Books) and *Twas the Night Before Christmas*, by Clement C. Moore; illustrated by Elena Almazova & Vitaly Shvarov; edited by Santa Claus (Grafton and Scratch Publishers)

**Silver (tie):** *Lucky: The Tale of a Tree*, by Richard C. Hawkins; illustrated by Deb Hoeffner (Worldways Productions) and *Visiting the Visitors*, by Patrick "Packy" Mader; illustrated by Andrew Holmquist (Beaver's Pond Press)

**Bronze:** *Emma's American Chinese New Year*, by Amy Meadows; illustrated by Soon Kwong Teo (Outskirts Press)

### **30. Book with Merchandise (plush toy, etc.)**

**Gold:** *The Fabulous Adventures of Olly Oogleberry: Mission to Save Earth* (plush characters), by Lou Hughes; illustrated by Jonathan Ball (Tickle Me Silly)

**Silver:** *Care for Our World* (punch out play set, by Karen Robbins; illustrated by Alexandra Ball (Compendium Kids))

**Bronze:** *Santa's Glee* (plush reindeer), by David and Catherine King (Indigo Beach House)

### **31. Spanish Language Book**

**Gold:** *Júkiti-Túkiti-Tá (Hookitty-Tookitty-Tah)*, by Antonio Mugica; illustrated by Hermann Mejia (Multiple Personality Entertainment)

**Silver:** *Hijito Pollito (Little Chick and Mommy Cat)*, by Marta Zafrilla; illustrated by Nora Hilb (Cuento de Luz)

**Bronze:** *Comida sana de la A a la Z (Healthy Foods from A to Z)*, Edited by Stephanie Maze (Moonstone Press LLC)

### **32. Environmental Issues**

**Gold:** *101 Ways to Save the Planet*, by Deborah Underwood (Raintree/Capstone)

**Silver:** *The Young Birder's Guide to Birds of North America*, by Bill Thompson III (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

**Bronze (tie):** *Relatives with Roots*, written and illustrated by Leah Marie Dorion (Gabriel Dumont Institute) and *Moon Over Bioko: Sea Turtles of Bioko Island*, by Heidi Rader; illustrated by Holly Smith (Wildlife Conservation Publishers)

### **33. Health Issues**

**Gold:** *Grandpa Monty's Muddles*, by Marta Zafrilla; illustrated by Miguel Angel Diez (Cuento de Luz)

**Silver (tie):** *The Secrets to Quieting Butterflies*, by Susie Baretz; illustrated by Amy J. Wulfing (Maple Leaf Center) and *The Gathering Tree*, by Larry Loyie with Constance Brissenden; illustrated by Heather D. Holmlund (Theytus Books)

**Bronze (tie):** *Eartha Gets Well*, by Kristi Falk and Dr. Daniel Falk; illustrated by Rob Peters (Boutique of Quality Books) and *When Billy Went Bald*, by Julie C. Morse with Greg Mikrut; illustrated by Alexandra Higgins (Skyscraper Press/Windy City Publishers)

### **34. Mind-Body-Spirit/Self-Esteem**

**Gold:** *Knees: The Mixed-Up World of a Boy with Dyslexia*, by Vanita Oelschlager; illustrated by Joe Rossi (VanitaBooks)

**Silver:** *The Hero In Me*, by Susan Fitzsimonds; illustrated by Jeff Covieo (Nelson Publishing & Marketing)

**Bronze (tie):** *Bee Yourself*, by Kerry Sather; illustrated by David Mark (Your Nickel's Worth Publishing) and *And Still They Bloom: A Family's Journey of Loss and Healing*, by Amy Rovere; illustrated by Joel Spector (American Cancer Society)

### **35. Reading Skills/Literacy**

**Gold:** *Adventures of Dingding and Damien*, by Tim Gourdon and Xiaokang Zhou (Peking University Press)

**Silver:** *I See the World (Yo veo el mundo)*, by Tom Luna; illustrated by Christina Song (Lectura Books)

**Bronze:** *Queen Infinity*, by L. Kobie Wilkerson; illustrated by Aaron J. Ratzlaff (Love II Learn)

### **36. Best First Book - Picture Book**

**Gold:** *The Ice Cream Hotel*, by Jack Johnston; illustrated by Annette Cable (Norwen Publications)

**Silver:** *My Grama's Garden*, by Pat Drummond; illustrated by Denise Drummond (MyGramasGarden.com)

**Bronze:** *Bernice*, by Rob Adamowski; illustrated by Kellee Beaudry (OctiRam Publishing)

### **37. Best First Book - Chapter Book**

**Gold:** *Grounded for Good*, by Dawn Daria (Flow Circus Press)

**Silver:** *Pig & Toad: Best Friends Forever*, by Dayle Quigley; illustrated by Sara Weingartner (Beaver's Pond Press)

**Bronze:** *Missing: Mrs Cornblossom*, by Colleen Anderson (Quarrier Press)

### **38. Best Illustrator**

**Gold:** Enrique Quevedo, for *The Great Magician of the World (El Gran Mago del Mundo)*, by Fran Nuño (Cuento de Luz)

**Silver (tie):** Rebecca Harrison Reed, for *Only Cows Allowed!* by Lynn Plourde (Down East Books) and S.D. Nelson, for *Greet the Dawn: The Lakota Way*, by S. D. Nelson (South Dakota State Historical Society Press)

**Bronze:** Yuko Green, for *Tales of Tūtū Nēnē and Nele*, by Gale Bates (Island Heritage Publishing)

### **39. Best Book by Youth Author (under 18)**

**Gold:** *Freddie Loses His Game (Freddie and Friends #1)*, written and illustrated by Dorian Clay (ARIVA Publishing)

**Silver:** *Ava (The Dream Rings Series #1)*, by Hannah Hoffmeister (Buttonwood Press)

**Bronze:** *Wacko Academy (Wacko Academy Series #1)*, by Faith Wilkins (Arundel Publishing)

**Moonbeam Spirit Awards** - For dedication to children's books and literacy and for inspired writing, illustrating and publishing. This year we chose five books in five different areas. All recipients will receive gold medals.

**Mentoring:** *Your Stories, Volume 1*, selected and edited by Taylor S. Joseph (Four Star Publishing)

**Peacemaking:** *The Sky of Afghanistan*, by Ana Eulate; illustrated by Sonja Wimmer (Cuento de Luz)

**Imagination:** *Pirate & Hoopoe*, by Diarmid Cammell; illustrated by Karima Cammell (Dromedary Press)

**Preservation:** *Saint George & the Dragon*, by Jim Forest; illustrated by Vladislav Andrejev (St. Vladimir's Seminary Press)

**Compassion:** *Operation Marriage*, by Cynthia Chin-Lee; illustrated by Lea Lyon (Reach and Teach)