

2010 Moonbeam Children's Book Awards

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The Moonbeam Children's Book Awards are intended to bring increased recognition to exemplary children's books and their creators, and to support childhood literacy and life-long reading.

This year's awards attracted nearly a thousand entries from throughout North America and the English-speaking world. Medals go to authors, illustrators, and publishers from 34 U.S. states, 5 Canadian provinces, and 2 countries overseas.

Many of these award-winning books encourage children to be generous and compassionate, to stand up to bullies, and to believe in fulfilling their dreams. The diversity of the winning publishers proves that promoting childhood literacy knows no boundaries, as medal-winners came not only from long-established publishers and university presses, but from small presses, foundations, and self-published entrepreneurs.

Creating books that inspire our children to read, to learn, and to dream is an extremely important task. The Moonbeam awards were conceived to reward those efforts, and to bring these special books to the attention of parents, booksellers, librarians, and young readers.

Special thanks to all Moonbeam medalists for sharing their wonderful works of art.



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2010 Moonbeam Children’s Book Awards Medalist Results

1. Board Book/Cloth Book

Gold: *Duck Goes Potty*, by Michael Dahl; illustrated
 by Oriol Vidal (Capstone Publishers)

Silver: *Good Night World*, by Adam Gamble;
 illustrated by Cooper Kelly (Our World of Books)

Bronze: *My Purple Toes*, by Blair Hahn; illustrated
 by Tate Nation (My Purple Toes, LLC)

2. Alphabet/Counting Book

Gold: *Apples, Apples, 1 2 3, See If You Can Count
 With Me*, by Annette Payne; illustrated by Megan
 Payne (Me+Math=Magic)

Silver: *We’re All in the Same Boat*, by Zachary
 Shapiro; illustrated by Jack E. Davis (G.P. Putnam’s
 Sons)

Bronze: *Sea Turtles A-Z: Loggy, Greeny &
 Leather*, by Mara Uman Hixon; illustrated by Mark
 T. Howard (Bluenote Publications)

3. Pop-up/Cut-out

Gold: *Animal Babies*, by Pascale Hédelin and
 Stéphanie Herrbach (Owlkids Books)

Silver: *Mo Smells Christmas*, by Margaret Hyde;
 illustrations inspired by Amanda Giacomini (Mo’s
 Nose, LLC)

Bronze: *ABC’s Around the World*, by Derek
 Deselms (Wheelbooks)

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

Gold: *My Beastly Book of Monsters*, by Arnaud
 Boutin (Owlkids Books)

Silver: *Art with Anything*, by MaryAnn F. Kohl
 (Gryphon House Books)

Bronze: *The Anti-Pirate Potato Cannon and 101
 Other Things for Young Mariners to Build, Try &
 Do on the Water*, by David Seidman & Jeff Hemmel
 (McGraw-Hill)

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

Gold: *A Kid’s Guide to Native American History*, by
 Yvonne Wakim Dennis and Arlene Hirschfelder
 (Chicago Review Press)

Silver: *Amazing Africa Projects You Can Build
 Yourself*, by Carla Mooney; illustrated by Megan
 Stearns (Nomad Press)

Bronze: *Language Smarts Level D*, by Kathy
 Erickson and Stephanie Stevens (The Critical
 Thinking Co.)

6. Book with Music/Theatrical

Gold: *Jazz Fly 2, The Jungle Pachanga*, by Matthew
 Gollub; illustrated by Karen Hanke (Tortuga Press)

Silver: *Who’s That Man?* by Marny Duncan-Cary;
 illustrated by Megan Mansbridge (Your Nickel’s
 Worth Publishing)

Bronze: *Fun With Composers “Just for Kids”
 Volume II*, by Deborah Lyn Ziolkoski (Fun with
 Composers, Inc.)

7. Picture Book - Preschool

Gold: *Fur and Feathers*, by Janet Halfmann;
 illustrated by Laurie Allen Klein (Sylvan Dell
 Publishing)

Silver: *We Love the Company: A Story About
 Table Manners*, by Angela Russ-Ayon; illustrated by
 Irina A. Mirskaya (Our Rainbow Press)

Bronze: *Willie Whale: Where Are You?*, by Annette
 Payne; illustrated by Megan Payne (Me+Math=Magic)

8. Picture Book - 4-8 Year Old

Gold: *Grandma's Pear Tree*, by Suzanne Santillan; illustrated by Atilio Pernisco (Raven Tree Press)

Silver (tie): *Sneaky Sheep*, by Chris Monroe (Carolrhoda) and *My Grandpa's Coaching Third*, by Janet Mary Sinke; illustrated by Craig Pennington (My Grandma and Me Publishers)

Bronze: *More Bears!* by Kenn Nesbitt; illustrated by Troy Cummings (Sourcebooks Jabberwocky)

9. Picture Book - All Ages

Gold: *The Fish House Door*, by Robert F. Baldwin; illustrated by Astrid Sheckels (Islandport Press)

Silver: *The Scariest Dream Ever*, by Maria T. DiVencenzo; illustrated by Alixandra Martin (Winterlake Press)

Bronze (tie): *Zelda, Esmeralda, and the Big Blue Sea*, by Susan Elizabeth Ross; illustrated by Bonnie Bews (Yellow Toadstool Press) and *In the Indian Night Sky*, by Reshma Sapre; illustrated by Jayme Robinson (Hathi Chiti Books for Kids)

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

Gold: *Runt Farm: Under New Management*, by Amanda Lorenzo; illustrated by Mark Evan Walker (BooktiMookti Press)

Silver (tie): *Herman*, by Tyler Roberson (Annotation Press) and *Katie Woo: The Best Season Ever*, by Fran Manushkin; illustrated by Tammie Lyon (Picture Window Books)

Bronze: *Mitzvah the Mutt*, by Sylvia Rouss; illustrated by Martha Rast (Yaldah Publishing)

11. Pre-Teen Fiction - General

Gold: *I, Emma Freke*, by Elizabeth Atkinson (Carolrhoda)

Silver (tie): *Follow the Elephant*, by Beryl Young (Ronsdale Press) and *Searching for Hannerester*, by Marion Page (Radiant Hen Publishing)

Bronze: *The Model President*, by Brian Tacang (HarperCollins)

12. Pre-Teen Fiction - Fantasy

Gold (tie): *Wrush: The Secret Worlds of Tabetha Bright*, by The Karakul (Emerald Book Co.) and *Merlin's Dragon: Doomraga's Revenge*, by T.A. Barron (Philomel/Penguin Group USA)

Silver: *Year of the Golden Dragon*, by B.L. Sauder (Coteau Books)

Bronze: *Hunter Brown and the Consuming Fire*, by the Miller Brothers (Warner Press)

13. Pre-Teen Fiction - Historical/Cultural

Gold: *Boy of the Border*, by Arna Bontemps and Langston Hughes (Sweet Earth Flying Press)

Silver: *The Kulak's Daughter*, by Gabriele Goldstone (Tire Swing Books)

Bronze: *George Brunt: Young Pioneer of Eagle Rock*, by Connie B. Otteson

13a. Pre-Teen Fiction - Mystery

Gold: *Missing Grace: A Kit Mystery*, by Elizabeth McDavid Jones (American Girl)

Silver: *The River Rats: Riddle Me a Mystery*, by Hank Racer (High Pitched Hum Publishing)

Bronze: *The Secret of the Sacred Scarab*, by Fiona Ingram (iUniverse)

14. Young Adult Fiction - General

Gold: *The Freak Observer*, by Blythe Woolston (Carolrhoda Lab)

Silver: *Runaway Storm*, by D.E. Knobbe (Emerald Book Co.)

Bronze (tie): *Desta and King Solomon's Coin of Magic and Fortune*, by Getty Ambau (Falcon Press International) and *Survivor's Leave*, by Robert Sutherland (Ronsdale Press)

15. Young Adult Fiction - Fantasy/Sci-Fi

Gold: *Dreamfire*, by Nicole Luiken (Great Plains Teen Fiction)

Silver (tie): *The Purloined Boy*, by Mortimus Clay (Finster Press) and *The Dragon of Two Hearts*, by Donald Samson (Awsna Publications)

Bronze: *Kestrel's Midnight Song*, by J.R. Parker (Flaming Pen Press)

16. Young Adult Fiction - Horror/Mystery

Gold: *Picture the Dead*, by Adele Griffin and Lisa Brown (Sourcebooks Fire)

Silver: *FreeK Camp*, by Steve Burt (Burt Creations)

Bronze: *The Ghosts of Lone Jack*, by Lance Lee Noel (Spinning Moon Press)

17. Young Adult Fiction - Historical/Cultural

Gold: *Hellie Jondoe*, by Randall Platt (Texas Tech University Press)

Silver: *Once There Was and Will Never Be Again*, by Gloria Siers (Autumnberry Hill)

Bronze: *There Are No Words*, by Mary Calhoun Brown (Lucky Press)

18. Young Adult Fiction - Religion/Spirituality

Gold: *Summer Sanctuary*, by Laurie Gray (Luminis Books)

Silver: *Golden's Rule*, by C.E. Edmonson (Pleasant Word)

Bronze: *Spring's Gift of Hope*, by Monique Niemaszuk (By Way of the Family Press)

19. Young Adult Fiction - Mature Issues

Gold: *Van Diemen at 17*, by Jeania Kimbrough (Smoke Signal Press)

Silver: *Face Off*, by Maureen Ulrich (Coteau Books for Teens)

Bronze: *Cutters Don't Cry*, by Christine Dzidrums (Creative Media Publishing)

20. Children's Poetry

Gold: *Poetry Speaks Who I Am*, Edited by Elise Paschen (Sourcebooks Jabberwocky)

Silver: *A Fork in the Road*, by Mozz (Goofy Guru Publishing)

Bronze (tie): *Tim and Sally's Year in Poems*, by Grady Thrasher (Jonquil Books) and *Ivy in Bloom: the Poetry of Spring*, by Vanita Oelschlager (VanitaBooks)

21. Non-Fiction - Picture Book

Gold (tie): *A Child's Introduction to the World: Geography, Cultures and People*, by Heather Alexander (Black Dog & Leventhal) and *Going Home: The Mystery of Animal Migration*, by Marianne Berkes; illustrated by Jennifer DiRubbio (Dawn Publications)

Silver: *Ripley's Believe It or Not: Oceans*, by Camilla de la Bedoyere (Ripley Publishing)

Bronze: *The Boy Who Conquered Everest: The Jordan Romero Story*, by Katherine Blanc with Jordan Romero (Balboa Press)

22. Non-Fiction - Young Adult

Gold: *Frank Lloyd Wright and his New American Architecture*, by Bob Kahn (Wisconsin Historical Society Press)

Silver (tie): *Ripley's Believe It or Not: Enter If You Dare*, by Geoff Tibballs (Ripley Publishing) and *Birmingham Sunday*, by Larry Dane Brimmer (Calkins Creek/Boyd's Mills Press)

Bronze: *Frozen Secrets: Antarctica Revealed*, by Sally M. Walker (Carolrhoda Books)

23. Multicultural - Picture Book

Gold: *Benno and the Night of Broken Glass*, by Meg Wiviott; illustrated by Josée Bisailon (Kar-Ben Publishing)

Silver: *For a Girl Becoming*, by Joy Harjo; illustrated by Mercedes McDonald (University of Arizona Press)

Bronze: *Mohala Mai 'O Hau (How Hau Became Hau'ula)*, by Robert Lono 'Ikuwā; illustrated by Matthew Kāwika Ortiz (Kamehameha Publishing)

24. Multicultural Non-Fiction - Young Adult

Gold: *Bonyo Bonyo: The True Story of a Brave Boy from Kenya*, by Vanita Oelschlager; illustrated by Kristin Blackwood and Mike Blanc (VanitaBooks)

Silver: *The Story of the American Indian*, written and illustrated by Sydney E. Fletcher (Axios for Young People)

Bronze: *Native Musicians: In the Groove*, by Vincent Schilling (7th Generation)

25. Comic/Graphic Novel

Gold: *The Tall Tale of Paul Bunyan*, by Martin Powell; illustrated by Aaron Blecha (Stone Arch/Capstone)

Silver: *Flabbergast: Science Friction*, by Mark Mariano (My Pal Mark) **Bronze:** *Yellowstone's Hot Legends and Cool Myths*, by Robert Rath (Farcountry Press)

26. Religion/Spirituality

Gold: *Today I Found God*, by Greg Long; illustrated by Nathan Wondrak (Halo Publishing)

Silver: *St. Cecilia's Orchestra*, by Michael O'Neill McGrath and Alan J. Hommerding (World Library Publications)

Bronze: *The Little Manger Mouse*, by Phyllis Didleau; illustrated by Gretchen Gackstatter (Mother's House Publishing)

27. Holiday

Gold: *The Princess and the Kiss: The Three Gifts of Christmas*, by Jennie Bishop; illustrated by Preston McDaniels (Warner Press)

Silver: *Native American Night Before Christmas*, adapted & written by Gary Robinson; illustrated by Jesse T. Hummingbird (Clear Light Publishers)

Bronze: *Marsipity*, by Barbie McConnell; illustrated by Rusty Gregory (Olive Leaf Press)

28. Book with Merchandise (plush toy, etc.)

Gold: *A Light in the Night*, by Sandy Harsanyi Murphy (CCA and B)

Silver: *Life is a Bowl of Cherry Pits*, by Tanya Sousa; illustrated by Katie Flindall (Radiant Hen Publishing)

Bronze: *Sophie's Tales: Learning to Listen*, by Melanie Paticoff (Sophie's Tales, LLC)

29. Spanish Language Book

Gold: *Katie del Desierto Sonorense (Katie of the Sonoran Desert)*, by Kate Jackson; illustrated by Natalie Rowe (Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum Press)

Silver: *Teo va al Circo (Teo Goes to the Circus)*, by Adam Del Rio; illustrated by Noel Ill (Lectura Books)

Bronze: *Cuando Tu Camión Escolar Se Va a México (When Your School Bus Goes to Mexico)*, by M.S. Holm; illustrated by Hermelinda Vargas (Sentry Books/Great West Publishing)

30. Environmental Issues

Gold (tie): *Not Your Typical Book About the Environment*, by Elin Kelsey; illustrated by Clayton Hanmer (Owlkids Books) and *Hannah and the Talking Tree*, by Elke Weiss (Free Focus Publishing)

Silver: *Bear-ly There*, by Rebekah Raye (Tilbury House Publishers)

Bronze: *You Can Be a Nature Detective*, by Peggy Kochanoff (Mountain Press)

31. Health Issues

Gold: *The Little King and his Marshmallow Kingdom*, by Louis Rotella III; illustrated by Mark Chickinelli (Ata-Boy Productions)

Silver (tie): *My Big Fat Secret*, by Lynn R. Schechter; illustrated by Jason Chin (Magination Press) and *The One and Only Sam*, by Aileen

Stalker; illustrated by Bob Spencer (Jessica Kingsley Publishers)

Bronze: *Your Treasure Hunt: Disabilities and Finding Your Gold*, by Katherine Schneider, PhD (Beaver's Pond Press)

32. Mind-Body-Spirit/Self-Esteem

Gold: *What Does It Mean To Be Present?* by Rana DiOrto; illustrated by Eliza Wheeler (Little Pickle Press)

Silver (tie): *Beyoutiful!* by Julie Marie Carrier (Positive Role Model Press) and *Dolltopia*, by Abby Denson (Green Candy Press)

Bronze: *The Little Hope Book*, by Leah Alagna; illustrated by Josh Hunter (Ecliptic Visions)

33. Reading Skills/Literacy

Gold: *Magic Letters: The Keys to the World of Words*, by Julie Rebboah; illustrated by Loryn Brantz (Lightning Bug Learning Press)

Silver (tie): *Attack of the Chicken Nugget Man*, by Kumar Sathy; illustrated by Franfou Studio (Student Solutions) and *The Do-It-Yourself Storytelling Flip-Over Picture Book*, by Jehan Clements

Bronze: *Happy Rhymes 2*, by Jenny Dooley and Virginia Evans (Express Publishing)

34. Best First Book - Picture Book

Gold: *Harvey the Child Mime*, by Loryn Brantz (Hometown 520)

Silver: *Moonlight Memoirs: Remembering that Family and Friends are Forever*, by Maggie Mei Lewis; illustrated by Melody Lea Lamb (Good Times Press)

Bronze (tie): *Chippy Chipmunk Parties in the Garden*, by Kathy M. Miller (Celtic Sunrise) and *Little Chief and Mighty Gopher: The Pemmican Frenzy*, by Victor Lethbridge; illustrated by Ben Crane (Tatanka Productions)

35. Best First Book - Chapter Book

Gold: *Runaway Storm*, by D.E. Knobbe (Emerald Book Co.)

Silver: *Travels with Gannon and Wyatt: Botswana*, by Patti Wheeler and Keith Hemstreet (Claimstake Publishing)

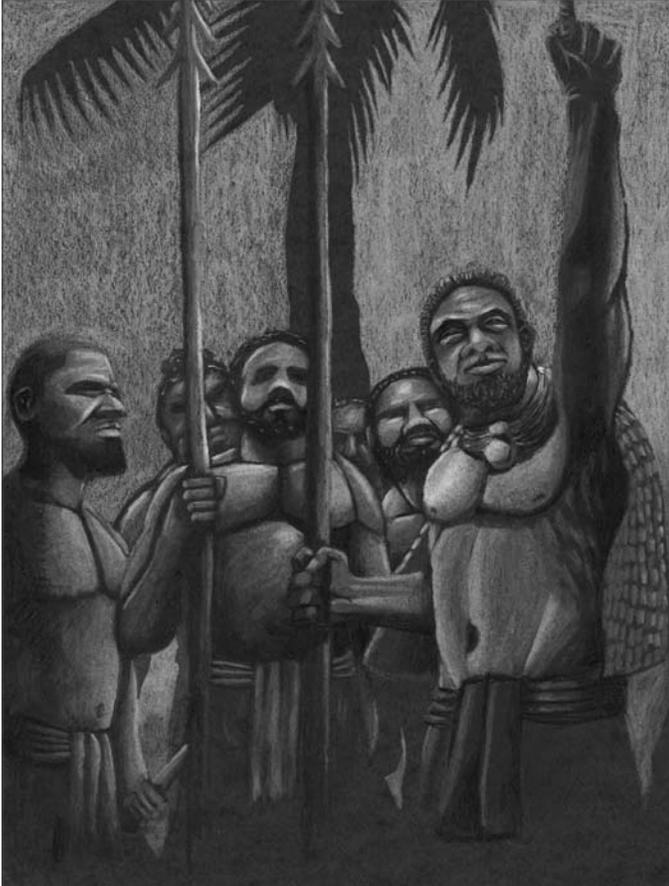
Bronze: *The Big Red Bike*, by E. J. Tims (Jettster Publishing)

36. Best Illustrator

Gold: Wendy Edelson, for *Bartholomew's Gift*, by Diane Dignan (Ferne Press)

Silver: Jenniffer Julich, for *Hilda: A Very Loyal Goat*, by Jennifer Liu Bryan (Next Chapter Press)

Bronze (tie): Aaron Kawai'ae'a, for *Kohala Kuamo'o: Nae'ole's Race to Save a King*, by Kakauleleanae'ole Kawai'ae'a (Kamehameha Publishing) and Virginia McCoy, for *The Rabbits' Race*, by Deborah L. Delaronde (Theytus Books)



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(Original Storytelling) *Fishtailing*, by Wendy Phillips (Coteau Books)
(Family Values) *Skunk Tales: Making Sense of Scents*, by Lynn Marie Hurtado (New Lineage)
(Patriotism) *Klinger: A Story of Honor and Hope*, by Betsy Beard; illustrated by Shelley Johannes (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors)
(American Heritage) *Songs of Freedom: A Journey on the Underground Railroad*, by Bryan Marshall & David Marshall; illustrated by Wil Clay (Blue Sky Project)
(Native Folklore) *Dancing in My Bones*, by Wilfred Burton and Anne Patton; illustrated by Sherry Farrell Racette; translated by Norman Fleury (Gabriel Dumont Institute)

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