“Celebrating youthful curiosity, discovery and learning through books and reading.”

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Welcome to the 2015 Moonbeam Children’s Book Awards!

Established in 2007, the Moonbeams are intended to bring increased recognition to exemplary children’s books and their creators, and to celebrate children’s literature and life-long reading.

This year’s winners are a very geographically diverse group: medals went to books from 36 U.S. states plus the District of Columbia, six Canadian provinces, and five countries overseas. The diversity of the winning publishers proves that promoting childhood literacy knows no boundaries, as medal-winners came not only from long-established publishers, but from small presses, foundations, and self-published entrepreneurs. There are 165 medalists in all, chosen from over 1,400 total entries.

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

Congratulations to all the winners!

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2015 Moonbeam Children’s Book Awards Medalists

1. Board Book/Cloth Book
   **GOLD:** Baby Talk: Baby Talk Bilingual Board Books, by Katherine Del Monte; illustrated by Noël III (Lectura Books)
   **SILVER:** Where’s My Hug? by Sally Clark; illustrated by Estelle Corke (CandyCane Press)
   **BRONZE:** Sleepy Bee, by John Hutton; illustrated by Sandra Gross (Blue Manatee Press)

2. Alphabet/Counting Book
   **GOLD:** Fascinating Animals from A to Z, by Kristie L. McCann (Doodle Books Publishing)
   **SILVER:** Papa, Why Does the Sun Shine? by Jeanne Styczinski (JeanneKay Publishing)
   **BRONZE:** Numbers! by Lynne Dempsey; illustrated by Mandy Newham-Cobb (Self Published)

3. Books Arts/Pop-Up/Cut-Out
   **GOLD:** Silly Haunted House, by Janet Lawler; illustrated by Anna Chambers; paper engineering by Renee Jablow (Jumping Jack Press)
   **SILVER:** Freedom Trail Pop Up Book of Boston, by Denise D. Price (White Dharma, LTD)
   **BRONZE:** Easter Numbers: An Interactive Counting Book, by Jennifer Chushcoff; paper engineering by Yevgeniya Yeretskaya (Jumping Jack Press)

4. Activity Book 1 - Games, Arts & Crafts
   **GOLD:** Master of the Arts: I Can Paint, by Sharon Streger (Devrian Innovations)
   **SILVER (tie):** The Super Deluxe Epic Journal of Awesomeness, graphic design by Saul Sauza (Dover Publications)

5. Activity Book 2 - Educational, Science, History
   **GOLD:** Secret Agent Training Manual: How to Make and Break Top Secret Messages, by Elizabeth Singer Hunt (Self-Published)
   **SILVER:** My First Book About Outer Space, by Donald M. Silver and Patricia J. Wynne (Dover Publications)
   **BRONZE:** Catherine the Great: An Art Book for Kids, by Kate Ryan; illustrated by Kat Chadwick (National Gallery of Victoria)

6. Book With Music/Theatrical
   **GOLD:** Five Polar Bears, by Wes Nehring; illustrated by Alek Eglinton (CreateSpace)
   **SILVER:** Dino-Buddies: Who Stole Second Base? by Aunt Eeebs…and Sprout (Rivercrest Publishing)
   **BRONZE:** Star’s Journey, by Lisa Batch (Halo Publishing International)

7. Picture Book - Preschool
   **GOLD:** My Kiss Won’t Miss, by Lesley Dahlseng; illustrated by Mirela Tufan (WhetWord Press)
   **SILVER (tie):** What Are You Scared of, Little Mouse? by Susanna Isern; illustrated by Nora Hilb (Cuento de Luz)
   **BRONZE:** Ice in the Jungle, written and illustrated by Ariane Hofmann-Maniyar (Child’s Play)

8. Picture Book - 4-8 Year Old
   **GOLD:** Hungry Coyote, by Cheryl Blackford; illustrated by Laurie Caple (Minnesota Historical Society Press)
   **SILVER (tie):** Music is for Everyone, by Jill Barber; illustrated by Sydney Smith (Nimbus Publishing)
   **BRONZE:** Noah Chases the Wind, by Michelle Worthington; illustrated by Joseph Cowman (Red Leaf Press)

9. Picture Book - All Ages
   **GOLD:** The Circus, by Sarah Kaufman (The Greenleaf Book Group)
   **SILVER (tie):** The Muuha of Bang Bua: Maurice’s Valises - Moral Tales in an Immoral World, by J.S. Friedman; illustrated by Chris Beatrice (Mouse Prints Press)
   **BRONZE:** The Coal Thief, by Alane Adams; illustrated by Lauren Gallegos (Rodina Press)

10. Juvenile Fiction - Early Reader/1st Chapter Books
    **GOLD:** Babysitter Out of Control! The Complete Series, by Margaret J. McMaster (Mansbridge Dunn Publishers)
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<td>C. Behrens; illustrated by Kim Johnson (Self Published)</td>
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<td>Wiley Blevins; illustrated by R.W. Alley (Red Chair Press)</td>
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<td>Sashi, the Scared Little Sheltie</td>
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GOLD: Superñinos, by Anya Damirón; illustrated by Pablo Pino (Lucia'Stories, Self-Published)
SILVER: La Gota de Agua, by Meli Guipont; illustrated by Liza Kleinman (Self-Published)
BRONZE: El recital de danza / Dance Recital, by Jill Barletti; illustrated by Jelena Brezovec (Snowflake Stories)

32. Environmental Issues
GOLD: This Strange Wilderness: The Life and Art of John James Audubon, by Nancy Plain (University of Nebraska Press / Bison Books)
SILVER: Honouring the Buffalo: A Plains Cree Legend, by Ray Lavallee and Judith Silverthorne; illustrated by Mike Keepness (Your Nickel's Worth Publishing)
BRONZE: Kirby's Journal: Backyard Butterfly Magic, by Charlotte Caldwell (University of South Carolina Press)

33. Health Issues
GOLD: Am I the Only One?: Struggling Being a Teen, by Treena Wynes (Your Nickel's Worth Publishing)
SILVER: The Survival Guide for Kids with Physical Disabilities and Challenges, by Wendy L. Moss, PhD and Susan A. Taddonio, DPT (Free Spirit Publishing)

34. Mind-Body-Spirit/Self-Esteem
GOLD (tie): Be a Changemaker: How to Start Something that Matters, by Laurie Ann Thompson (Beyond Words)
SILVER (tie): Stickley Sticks To It!, by Brenda S. Miles (Magination Press)
BRONZE: Go Away Bad Mood, by Nayera Salam; illustrated by Elsa Estrada (Prolance)

35. Reading Skills/Literacy
GOLD: Tagme3D™ Book + App, by Victoria Han Farago (Victoria Productions)
SILVER: The Reading Promise, by Troy Kent; illustrated by Elisa Moriconi (Mascot Books)
BRONZE: The ABCs of the Sounds We Read: Going Beyond the Alphabet to Discover the Reading Code, by Judy O’Halloran and Marilee Senior (Wordy Worm® Reading)

36. Best First Book - Picture Book
GOLD (tie): Momma Tree, by Charles Long; illustrated by Christina Allen (Dragon Tree Books)
SILVER: Dipping with Dad, by Willie Sellars; illustrated by Kevin Easthope (Caitlin Press)
BRONZE: Ellie & the Golden Cricket, by Dalyce Elliot Young (Dally Books)

37. Best First Book - Chapter Book
GOLD: Azalea, Unschooled, by Liza Kleinman; illustrated by Brook Gideon (Islandport Press)
38. Best Illustrator
GOLD: Lisa Evans, for The Man Made of Stars, by M.H. Clark (Compendium, Inc)
SILVER: Joel Nakamura, for Go West! by Joel Nakamura (Leaf Storm Press)
BRONZE: Edu Flores, for La Madre de Jack, by Daniel Nesquens (Apila Ediciones)

39. Best Book By Youth Author (Under 18)
GOLD: We Are Generation Z: How Identity, Attitudes, and Perspectives are Shaping Our Future, by Vivek Pandit (Brown Books Publishing Group)
SILVER (tie): EJ’s Exciting Road Trip, by Edwin Bonilla Jr. and Suze Guillaume; illustrated by Abira Das (CreateSpace)
Katie’s Cabbage, by Katie Stagliano with Michelle H. Martin; illustrated by Karen Heid (University of South Carolina Press)
BRONZE (tie): Depleting Ore: A Minecraft Novel, by Jason Hewitt and Victoria Hewitt (Self Published)
The Sparks: Book 1 of the Feud Trilogy, by Kyle Prue (Barringer Publishing)

40. Best Book Series - Picture Book
GOLD: The Frieda B. Series, by Renata Bowers; illustrated by Michael Chesworth (Frieda B., LLC)
SILVER: Monster & Me™ Series, by Paul Czajak; illustrated by Wendy Grieb (Mighty Media Kids)
BRONZE: Leaping Larry Books, by Dr. Gary; illustrated by Chris Sharp (Dr. Gary Books)

41. Best Book Series - Chapter Book
GOLD: The Dream Ring Series, by Hannah Hoffmeister (Buttonwood Press)
SILVER: The Stonebridge Ghost Tales, by Roberta Hoffer (Dragonfly Publishing, Inc)

42. Best Book Series - Non-Fiction
GOLD: Trickster Tales, by Chris Kientz; series editor: David Bouchard; literary consultant: David Booth (Rubicon Publishing, distributed in Canada by Scholastic Education)
SILVER: America’s Notable Women Series, by various authors; illustrated by Lisa Greenleaf (Apprentice Shop Books)
BRONZE: JJ’s Science Adventure, series by Aurelia Tan and Dr. Jonathon Koh (Harvest Entertainment)

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

CREATIVITY: Georgie and the Ants in the Pants, by Jolie Della Valle; illustrated by Leigh Ann Mooney (Ants in the Pants)

COMPASSION: What Does It Mean to be Kind?, by Rana DiOrio; illustrated by Stéphane Jorisch (Little Pickle Press)

IMAGINATION: BirdCatDog, by Lee Nordling & Meritxell Bosch (Lerner Publishing Group)

EXPLORATION: The Adventures of Piratess Tilly, by Elizabeth Lorayne; illustrated by Karen Watson (White Wave Press)

2015 Moonbeam Children’s E-Book Awards Results

E1. Children’s Picture Book
   GOLD: Imagine, by Emma Mactaggart; illustrated by Ester De Boer (Boogie Books)
   SILVER: Milo & Ze: A Tale of Friendship, by Mark Watson; illustrated by Pablo Michau (CreateSpace)
   BRONZE: When Dinosaurs Go Dancing, by Judy Cook; illustrated by Sonia Nadeau (FriesenPress)

E2. Picture Book – Enhanced & Apps
   GOLD: LuLu&LaLa Episode 1 - Magic Cupcake Maker, by Victoria Han Farago (Victoria Productions Inc)
   SILVER: Patch the Steampunk Pirate Bear, by Matthew Dean (Self-Published)
   BRONZE (tie): Haskell + Me The Learning Machine, by Scott Dahl; illustrated by Samuel Greco (Self-Published)
   Lars and Friends, by Carla Susanto (Self-Published)

E3. Fiction – Pre-Teen
   GOLD: The Gift of Sunderland, by Jeanne E. Rogers (Acadia Publishing Group)
   SILVER (tie): The Cat’s Maw, by Brooke Burgess (CreateSpace)
   Libellus de Numeros, by Jim West (Self-Published)
   BRONZE: The Great Cat Nap, by A.M. Bostwick (Cornerstone Press)

E4. Fiction – Young Adult
   GOLD: The Smiley-Face Witches, by George Traikovich (Self-Published)
   SILVER: Voices, by Richard Rowe (Self-Published)
   BRONZE: Witches Protection Program, by Michael Phillip Cash (Red Feather Publishing)

E5. Non-Fiction
   GOLD: Of Giants and Grizzlies, by Mary Weyand (Write On For Kids)
   SILVER: If You Were Me and Lived in...Scotland, by Carole P. Roman (Chelshire Inc.)
   BRONZE (tie): Discover Bright Fantasy: And Begin Telling Your Own Stories, by Barbara and Vivian Dubrovin (Storycraft Publishing)
   Reign Over Me: A Ruff Life, by Maria Larsen (Hands On Publishing)

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