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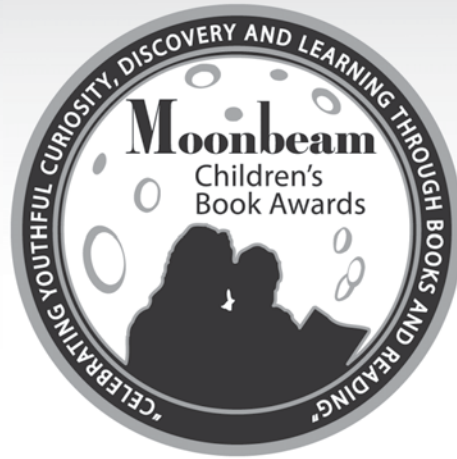


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Welcome to the 2019 Moonbeam Children's Book Awards!

Established in 2007, the Moonbeam Awards are designed to bring increased recognition to exemplary children's books and their creators, and help these special books get the attention of booksellers, librarians, parents, and young readers.

We all know about the importance of early childhood literacy, but what does it take to inspire a new generation of readers? It takes children falling in love with books—and it's up to us as parents, teachers, and publishers to make sure our kids do fall in love—by surrounding them with great books and helping them begin a lifelong love affair with reading.

The annual Moonbeam Children's Book Awards contest has this philosophy of "book love" at its core, and Jenkins Group is proud to announce this year's 156 medal-winners. We congratulate the authors, illustrators and publishers from 38 U.S. states, 5 Canadian provinces, and five countries overseas for their dedication to inspiring young people.

The Moonbeam Awards honor those who create the books that help kids fall in love with reading, and start them on a path of life-long reading enjoyment.

Congratulations to all the 2019 Moonbeam Award winners!

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2019 MOONBEAM AWARDS RESULTS

1. BOARD BOOK / CLOTH BOOK

- GOLD:** *Sockeye Silver, Saltchuck Blue*, by Robert Budd; illustrated by Roy Henry Vickers (Harbour Publishing)
- SILVER:** *Lucas the Lion Loves the Tiny Talker™*, by Ryan Rollen and Brittani Rollen; illustrated by Alvina Kwong (Brown Books Kids)
- BRONZE:** *Eat 'em Ups™ Apples*, by Gail Tuchman; illustrated by Kathy Voerg (Dover Publications)

2. ALPHABET / COUNTING BOOK

- GOLD:** *The Big Book of Counting to 100*, by Ekaterina Ladatko (Clever Publishing)
- SILVER:** *ABCs at the Haunted House*, by Jennifer Marino Walters; illustrated by Nathan Y. Jarvis (Red Chair Press)
- BRONZE (tie):** *Hush Now, Banshee! A Not-So-Quiet Counting Book*, by Derek Sullivan & Kyle Sullivan (Hazy Dell Press)
- This Little Finger*, Written and Illustrated by Sandra Butt (Waterlea Books)

3. BOOK ARTS / POP-UP / CUT-OUT

- GOLD:** *Shells: A Pop-Up Book of Wonder*, by Janet Lawler; illustrated by Lindsay Dale-Scott; paper engineering by Yoojin Kim (Jumping Jack Press)
- SILVER:** *Where Birdie Lives*, Written and Illustrated by Elena Tsvetaeva (Clever Publishing)
- BRONZE:** *Happy Holidays, Pirates*, by Tatiana Koval; illustrated by Inna Chernyak (Clever Publishing)

4. ACTIVITY BOOK 1 – GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS, ETC.

- GOLD:** *Animal Songs*, by Julie Garnett; illustrated by Annabelle Grace Cook (Peter E. Randall Publisher)
- SILVER:** *God Made Me: Colors, Shapes, and Numbers*, by the Sisters of Notre Dame, Chardon, Ohio (Loyola Press)
- BRONZE:** *Super Cute Origami*, by Yuki Martin; illustrated by Emily Watanabe (Tuttle Publishing)

5. ACTIVITY BOOK 2 – EDUCATIONAL, SCIENCE, HISTORY

- GOLD:** *Who Pooped? Field Guide, Journal & Activity Book*, Written and Illustrated by Steph Lehmann (Farcountry Press)
- SILVER:** *Make Believe: M.C. Escher for Kids*, by Kate Ryan and contributors (National Gallery of Victoria)
- BRONZE:** *When the Trees Crackle with Cold: A Cree Seasons Activity Book*, by Bernice Johnson-Laxdal & Miriam Körner (Your Nickel's Worth Publishing)



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6. BEST ILLUSTRATOR

- GOLD:** *Little Moss, Big Tree*, by M. Yap-Stewart; illustrated by Mariya Prytula (Pebble & Moon Publishing)
- SILVER (tie):** *Steve the Dung Beetle: On a Roll*, by Susan R. Stolz; illustrated by Melissa Bailey (Pygmy Giraffe Publishing)
- 1 & 0, Lion & Mouse, Aries the Sheep and other Fairy-Tales*, by Oleg Kush; illustrated by Vladimir Kush (Kush Fine Art)
- BRONZE:** *Mindful Moon*, by Ann Biese; illustrated by Colleen Sgroi (Pear Tree Publishing)

7. PICTURE BOOK – PRESCHOOL

- GOLD:** *Blanket of Stars*, by Jana Laiz & Sean Vernon; illustrated by Anastasiia Kuusk; Original Music by Sean Vernon (Crow Flies Press)
- SILVER:** *Happy Leaf*, by Divya Ma Lovingly; illustrated by Tze-Chiang Lim (Little Creek Press)
- BRONZE:** *The Moonlight Dancer*, by Lisa Calhoun-Owen & Matthew Scott Reilly; illustrated by Jordan Wray (Warren Publishing)

8. PICTURE BOOK – 4-8 YEAR OLD

- GOLD:** *Get Back in the Book!* by Larry Issa; illustrated by Emma Chadwick (Kalamus / Akkadia Press)
- SILVER:** *Diana Dances*, Written and Illustrated by Luciano Lozano (Annick Press)
- BRONZE (tie):** *Priya Dreams of Marigolds & Masala*, Written and Illustrated by Meenal Patel (Beaver's Pond Press)
- Cleo and Cornelius: A Tale of Two Cities and Two Kitties*, by Elizabeth Nicholson, Janine Pibal, and Nick Geller; illustrated by Michelle Thies (Getty Publications)

9. PICTURE BOOK – ALL AGES

GOLD: *The Moon Watched it All*, by Shelley A. Leedahl; illustrated by Aino Anto (Red Deer Press)

SILVER (tie): *I Didn't Stand Up*, by Lucy Falcone; illustrated by Jacqueline Hudon (Clockwise Press)
Love Is Love, by Michael Genhart, PhD; illustrated by Ken Min (Little Pickle Press)

BRONZE: *Finch*, by Javier Sobrino; illustrated by Federico Delicado (Cuento de Luz)

10. JUVENILE FICTION – EARLY READER / FIRST CHAPTER BOOKS

GOLD: *Hello, My Name is Bunny! London*, by Matt Bloom; illustrated by Pippa Mayell (Positivity Publishing)

SILVER: *Dash and Victoria Find True Love*, by Vicki Tashman; illustrated by Wendy All (Historical Tails)

BRONZE (tie): *Tales from Hoop 'n' Holler: The Wizard's Apprentice*, by Jim Henry with Jimmy Patterson; illustrated by Marjorie Van Heerden (Willy Nilly Stories)
The Water Princess: A Classic Adventure, by Ron Ricci (Gatekeeper Press)

11. PRE-TEEN FICTION – GENERAL

GOLD: *7th Grade Revolution*, by Liana Gardner (Vesuvian Books)

SILVER (tie): *Britfield & the Lost Crown*, by C.R. Stewart (Devonfield Publishing)

Drawing with Whitman: Sourland Mountain Series Book 1, by Kristin McGlothlin (Sourland Mountain Books)

BRONZE: *Digital Girl and the Greenish Ghosts*, by Pat Hall; illustrated by Emmeline Hall Forrestal (Crow's Foot Books)

12. PRE-TEEN FICTION – FANTASY

GOLD: *The Blue Witch*, by Alane Adams (SparkPress)

SILVER (tie): *Return of the Evening Star: Silver Mountain Series: Book Two*, by Diane Rios (She Writes Press)
The Thorn Queen, by Elise Holland (SparkPress)

BRONZE: *After the Dark: Castaway King Chronicles: Book 1*, by Spencer Labbé (Little Pieces of Paper Publishing)

13. PRE-TEEN FICTION – MYSTERY

GOLD: *Finchosaurus*, by Gail Donovan (Islandport Press)

SILVER: *The Case of the Missing Poodle*, by Rannah Gray with Madelyn and Katherine Tom (Presenter)

BRONZE: *Out of the Ashes*, by Beth Hodder (Grizzly Ridge Publishing)

14. PRE-TEEN FICTION – HISTORICAL / CULTURAL

GOLD: *Hidden Pearl: A Story about Courage, Hope, and Resilience*, by J.E. Laufer (Little Egg Publishing)

SILVER: *Pharmacy Girl: The Great War, Spanish Influenza, and the Truth about Billy Detwiler*, by Kate Szgda (Happy Self-Publisher)

BRONZE: *The Little Palace*, by Jeffrey Erlacher (Chipper Press)

15. PRE-TEEN FICTION – MATURE ISSUES

GOLD (tie): *Fox Magic*, by Beverly Brenna (Red Deer Press)
Standing Strong, by Gary Robinson (Book Publishing Co.)

SILVER: *In the Silences*, by Rachel Gold (Bella Books)

BRONZE: *Miya's Dream*, by Cathy Ringler (Crystal Publishing)

16. YOUNG ADULT FICTION – GENERAL

GOLD: *The House of One Thousand Eyes*, by Michelle Barker (Annick Press)

SILVER: *Triplicity*, by J. Mercer (Bare Ink)

BRONZE: *Baggage*, by Wendy Phillips (Coteau Books)

17. YOUNG ADULT FICTION – FANTASY / SCI-FI

GOLD (tie): *Treason's Edge: Tyon Collective Book Three*, by Susan M. MacDonald (Breakwater Books)

Reborn, by Jenna Greene (Foundations Books)

SILVER: *ISAN, International Sensory Assassin Network*, by Mary Ting (Vesuvian Books)

BRONZE: *Remeon's Destiny*, by J.W. Garrett (H2O/BHC Press)

18. YOUNG ADULT FICTION – HORROR / MYSTERY

GOLD: *Death by the River*, by Alexandra Weis and Lucas Astor (Vesuvian Books)

SILVER: *Shade: The Complete Trilogy*, by Merrie Destefano (Ruby Slippers Press)

BRONZE: *Wolfe in Shepherd's Clothing*, by Counios & Gane (Your Nickel's Worth Publishing)

19. YOUNG ADULT FICTION – HISTORICAL / CULTURAL

GOLD: *Shrug*, by Lisa Braver Moss (She Writes Press)

SILVER: *Castle of Concrete*, by Katia Raina (Young Europe Books)

BRONZE: *Kate's Ring*, by Donna Grassby (Red Deer Press)

20. YOUNG ADULT FICTION – RELIGION / SPIRITUALITY

GOLD: *Fallen Leaves*, by Tessa Emily Hall (Illuminate YA Fiction)

SILVER: *Celtic Knot: A Clara Swift Tale*, by Ann Shortell (Friesen Press)

BRONZE: *Where You Lead*, by Leslea Wahl (Vinspire Publishing)

21. YOUNG ADULT FICTION – MATURE ISSUES

GOLD: *Speak No Evil*, by Liana Gardner (Vesuvian Books)

SILVER: *Fire Song*, by Adam Garnet Jones (Annick Press)

BRONZE: *I Love You Like That*, by Heather Cuminsky (She Writes Press)

22. CHILDREN'S POETRY

GOLD: *Poetree*, by Caroline Pignat; illustrated by François Thisdale (Red Deer Press)

SILVER: *Glimmer, Sing of Sun!* by Raven Howell; illustrated by Carina Povarchik (Clear Fork Press)

BRONZE: *Lord of the Bubbles: and Other Funny Poems*, Written and Illustrated by Vikram Madan (Self-Published)

23. NON-FICTION – PICTURE BOOK

- GOLD (tie):** *What Does it Mean to be American?* by Rana DiOrio & Elad Yoran; illustrated by Nina Mata (Little Pickle Press)
Rosie: A Detroit Herstory, by Bailey Sisoy Lapointe; illustrated by Nicole Lapointe (Wayne State University Press)
- SILVER:** *Charlotte's Bones: The Beluga Whale in a Farmer's Field*, by Erin Rounds; illustrated by Alison Carver (Tilbury House Publishers)
- BRONZE:** *It's a Girl Thing! Smart, Fierce, and Leading the Way*, Written and Illustrated by Pri Ferrari (StarBerry Books / Kane Press)

24. NON-FICTION – CHAPTER BOOK

- GOLD (tie):** *Something Bad Happened: A Guide to Coping with Events in the News*, by Dawn Huebner PhD; illustrated by Kara McHale (Jessica Kingsley Publishers)
M.C. Escher: More Than Meets the Eye, by Jessica Cole, Lisa Marie Corso, Myf Dougherty, Emily Kennel, Daniel Romanin, Michael Schwarz, Nick Taras (National Gallery of Victoria)
- SILVER:** *A Boy from Acadie: Roméo LeBlanc's Journey to Rideau Hall*, by Beryl Young (Bouton D'or Acadie)
- BRONZE:** *The Colorado Coal Field War: Massacre at Ludlow*, by K.D. Huxman; illustrated by Lisa Greenleaf (Apprentice Shop Books)

25A. ANIMALS / PETS (FICTION)

- GOLD:** *Everybody Needs a Beast*, by D.M. Jack; illustrated by Roberta Baird (Sightline Media Entertainment)
- SILVER:** *Happy Trails with Abby and Taz*, by Dr. Christina Brown; illustrated by Alvina Kwong (Brown Books Kids)
- BRONZE (tie):** *Lisette the Vet*, by Ruth MacPete, DVM; illustrated by Anzhelika Enshina (Forest Lane Books)
Miss Olive Finds Her Furever Home, by Susan Marie; illustrated by Rebekah Phillips (The Doggy Diva Show)

25B. ANIMALS / PETS (NON-FICTION)

- GOLD:** *Encyclopedia of Strangely Named Animals: Volume One*, by Frederik Colting & Melissa Medina; illustrated by Vlad Stankovic (Moppet Books)
- SILVER:** *God's Big Book of Animals*, Edited by Shirley Rash (Master Books)
- BRONZE:** *Santiago: True Tales of a Little Bug in a Big World*, by Jennifer Vitanzo (Late Shift Media)

26. MULTICULTURAL NON-FICTION

- GOLD (tie):** *You Can Change the World! Everyday Teen Heroes Making a Difference Everywhere*, by Margaret Rooke (Jessica Kingsley Publishers)
Asian Children's Stories: Folktales from China, Japan, Korea, India, The Philippines and Other Asian Lands, retold by David Conger, Liana Romulo, Joan Suyenaga and Marian Davies Toth; illustrated by Patrick Yee (Tuttle Publishing)
- SILVER (tie):** *Everyday Superheroes: Women in STEM Careers*, by Erin Twamley and Joshua Sneideman; illustrated by A Collective (Erin Edu/Wise Ink)
When We Had Sled Dogs: A Story from the Trapline (ācimowin ohci wanihikiskanāhk), by Jola Tremblay & Miriam Körner (Your Nickel's Worth Publishing)
- BRONZE:** *When I Grow Up I Want to Be, Like the Brave Men of Tuskegee*, by LaVon Stennis Williams; illustrated by Rana Digi Paint (Two Bee Publishing)

27. COMIC / GRAPHIC NOVEL

- GOLD:** *Under the Cottonwood Tree*, by Paul Meyer and Carlos Meyer; illustrated by Margaret Hardy (North Forth Publications)
- SILVER:** *YAB Helps You Navigate Middle School*, by Krista Betcher; illustrated by Kevin Cannon (Beaver's Pond Press)
- BRONZE:** *Golden Bell Presents: The Sunday Comics (InsecTales 0-4)*, by Various Authors (Golden Bell Studios)

28. RELIGION / SPIRITUALITY

- GOLD (tie):** *Dinosaur Devotions: 75 Dino Discoveries, Bible Truths, Fun Facts, and More*, by Michelle Medlock Adams; illustrated by Denise Turu (Tommy Nelson)
Loyola Kids Book of Catholic Signs & Symbols: An Illustrated Guide to Their History and Meaning, by Amy Welborn; illustrated by Marina Seoane (Loyola Press)
- SILVER:** *Ramadan Around the World*, by Ndaa Hassan; illustrated by Azra Momin (Self-Published)
- BRONZE:** *Audacious Ignatius*, by Paul Mitchell; illustrated by Katie Mitchell Broussard (Corde Press)



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29. HOLIDAY

GOLD: *A World of Cookies for Santa: Follow Santa's Tasty Trip Around the World*, by M.E. Furman; illustrated by Susan Gal (Houghton Harcourt Mifflin)

SILVER: *Hall-O-Ween!* Written & illustrated by Tia Perkin (Self-Published)

BRONZE: *C is for Christmas*, by Michelle Medlock Adams; illustrated by Louise Hargreaves (Little Lamb Books)

30. BOOK WITH MERCHANDISE (PLUSH TOY, ETC.)

GOLD: *Claire Lost Her Bear at the World's Fair*, by Mark and Chris Mariano; with Plush Bear (Polar Press / Golden Bell Studios)

SILVER: *My Friend Moose's McDan*, by Sky Danley; illustrated by Alli Coate; with Plush Moose (Sky Danley Productions)

BRONZE: *Sport: Ship Dog of the Great Lakes*, by Pamela Cameron; illustrated by Renée Graef; with Plush Dog (Wisconsin Historical Society Press)

31. SPANISH LANGUAGE BOOK

GOLD (tie): *Tuntún*, by Anya Damirón; illustrated by Pablo Pino (Algar Editorial)

SILVER (tie): *El secreto de las hormigas (The Secret of the Ants)*, by Baltasar Magro; illustrated by Dani Padrón (Cuento de Luz)

Si mi mamá fuera un ornitorrinco: Los bebés mamíferos y sus madres (If My Mom Were a Platypus: Mammal Babies and Their Mothers), by Dia L. Michels; illustrated by Andrew Barthelmes (Platypus Media)

BRONZE: *La Princesa Monroe & Su Final Feliz (Princess Monroe & Her Happily Ever After)*, by Jody Vallee Smith; illustrated by Glynise Martin; translated by Angélica Vargas Martin (Purple Butterfly Press)

32. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

GOLD: *Fun in the Mud: A Wetlands Tale*, by Sally Bolger; illustrated by Regina Shklovsky (Roundtree Press)

SILVER: *What Makes an Opossum Tick?* by Lyn Smith; illustrated by Jamie Hogan (Piscataqua Press)

BRONZE: *Where's Winter?* Written and Illustrated by Erin Rounds (BillyFish Books)

33. HEALTH ISSUES

GOLD: *Danielle: Chronicles of a Superheroine*, by Ray Kurzweil; illustrated by Amy Kurzweil (WordFire Press)

SILVER: *Our Mama is a Beautiful Garden*, by Katy Tessman; illustrated by Jessica Bailey (Caribou Lake Books)

BRONZE: *Come y Crece / Eat and Grow*, by Dr. Luis López Tallaj (Círculo Rojo)

34. MIND-BODY-SPIRIT / SELF-ESTEEM

GOLD: *You Be You! The Kid's Guide to Gender, Sexuality, and Family*, by Jonathan Branfman; illustrated by Julie Benbassat (Jessica Kingsley Publishers)

SILVER: *Bullied*, by Scott J. Langteau; illustrated by Erik Ly (Shake the Moon Books)

BRONZE: *Breathing Makes it Better: A Book for Sad Days, Mad Days, Glad Days, and all the Feelings In-Between*, by Christopher Willard and Wendy O'Leary; illustrated by Alea Marley (Bala Kids)

35. BEST FIRST BOOK – PICTURE BOOK

GOLD: *What Underwear Does a Zebra Wear? Jokes For Kids*, by Henley Belle Johnson; illustrated by Anna Dalbuz (Self-Published)

SILVER: *The Challah Girl*, by Bracha K. Sharp; illustrated by Anita Tung (Mosaica Press)

BRONZE: *Riker's Taxi Trouble*, by Tracy Sides; illustrated by Kevin Cannon (Beaver's Pond Press)

36. BEST FIRST BOOK – CHAPTER BOOK

GOLD: *Sophie and Spot*, by Amber Byers (Tadpole Press)

SILVER: *Out of Slavery: A Novel of Harriet Tubman*, by Carol Tremblath (Lakeside Publishing)

BRONZE: *Adventures of One Up Max: Runic and the Crystal Cave*, by Lisa Shawver; illustrated by Jason Slater (Paradigm Impact)

37. BEST BOOK BY YOUTH AUTHOR (UNDER 18)

GOLD: *The Enchanters' Child*, by Navya Sarikonda (Self-Published)

SILVER: *Meet the Persevering Penguins and Pals*, by Moorea Friedmann, Jasper Friedmann, and Betty Ng; illustrated by Emma Cheng (Archway Publishing)

BRONZE: *The World of Greek Mythology*, by Ben Spies (Spies Publishing)

38. BEST BOOK SERIES – PICTURE BOOK

GOLD: *It's Just So...Series*, by Brenda Faatz and Peter Trimarco; illustrated by Peter Trimarco (Notable Kids Publishing)

SILVER: *What If...Series*, by Jarrett Whitlow; illustrated by Daniela Dogliani (Warren Publishing)

BRONZE: *Under the Sea Series*, by Patricia Gleichauf; illustrated by Shari Holcomb (Page Publishing)

39. BEST BOOK SERIES – CHAPTER BOOK

GOLD: *The Crowns of Crowwald: The Girl with the Whispering Shadow*, by D.E. Night (Stories Untold)

SILVER: *Junkyard Adventures*, by Tevin Hansen (Handersen Publishing)

BRONZE: *The Nature Club*, by Rachel Mazur (Wild Bear Press)

40. BEST BOOK SERIES – NON-FICTION

GOLD: *What Is?...Series*, by Michelle Medlock Adams; illustrated by Amy Wummer (Worthy Kids / Ideals)

SILVER: *Water Walkers Series*, by Carol Trembath; illustrated by David W. Craig (Lakeside Publishing)

BRONZE: *What To Do About...Series*, by Helen Davidson & Clare Orange (BEST Programs 4 Kids)

E-BOOK CATEGORIES

E1. CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOK

GOLD: *The Dyno Dinosaur Family Presents: Waves of Kindness*, by Sharida McKenzie; illustrated by Tatiana Minina (Self-Published)

SILVER: *How to Catch a Keeper!* by Stephanie Mulligan; illustrated by Connie Rand (McSea Books)

BRONZE: *Kickin' it with Kenzie: What's Meant for Me will Be*, by Makenzie Lee-Foster; illustrated by Bryce Sweely (Self-Published)

E2. PICTURE BOOK – ENHANCED & APPS

GOLD: *Pickles the Dog: Adopted in North Dakota*, by Kat Socks; illustrated by Ben Brick (Kat's Socks)

SILVER: *Bobo and the Fuss*, by Ammon Brown; illustrated by Tran Dang (Self-Published)

BRONZE: *Persephone*, by Simon Spence (Early Myths Books)

E3. PRE-TEEN FICTION

GOLD: *Miles to Go*, by Beryl Young (Heritage House Publishing)

SILVER: *Snow Globe Travelers: Samuel's Legacy*, by K.A. Cummins (Eleonora Press)

BRONZE: *Mr. Moonbeam and the Halloween Crystal*, by Ryan Cowan (Self-Published)

E4. YOUNG ADULT FICTION

GOLD: *The Princess of Baker Street*, by Mia Kerick (Harmony Ink Press)

SILVER: *IGIST: New Stars*, by L.S. Larson; illustrated by Yujin Jung (Self-Published)

BRONZE: *Dragons Truth*, by Leanne M. Pankuch (Vinspire Publishing)

MOONBEAM SPIRIT AWARDS

For dedication to children's books and literacy and for inspired writing, illustrating and publishing. All five of these recipients will receive gold medals.

COMPASSION

When Charley Met Emma, by Amy Webb; illustrated by Merrilee Liddiard (Beaming Books)

PRESERVATION

Not a Purse, by Stephanie Dreyer; illustrated by Jack Veda (Veegmama)

EXPLORATION

A Smart Girl's Guide™ - Travel: Everything You Need to Know About Adventuring Near and Far, by Aubre Andrus; illustrated Stevie Lewis (American Girl Publishing)

CREATIVITY

There is a Poem Inside of Me, by Sheila Marcotte (A2Z Press)

MINDFULNESS

A Wise Hoot: 52 Children's Morning Motivational Messages, by L.A. Duncan; illustrated by Correy Adams (A Wise Hoot)



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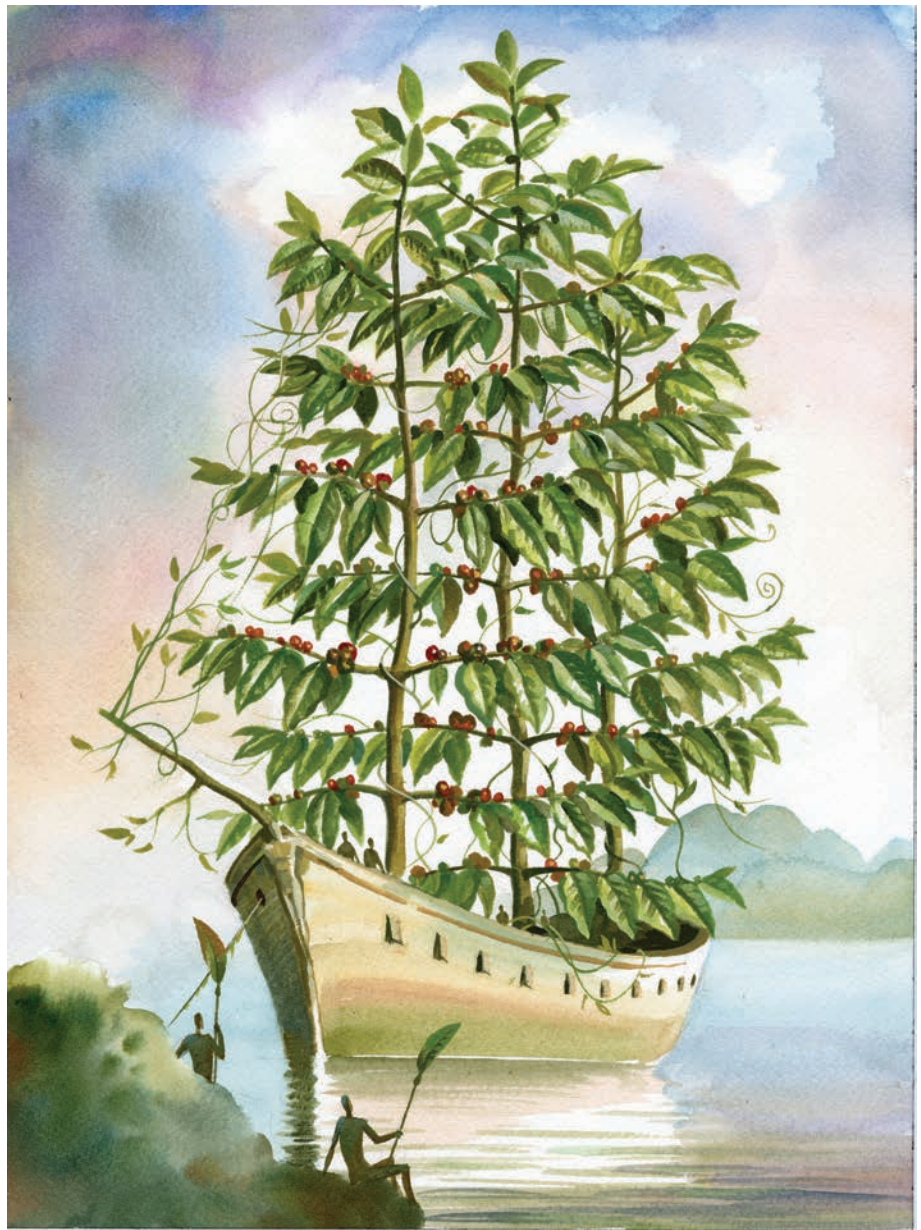
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