

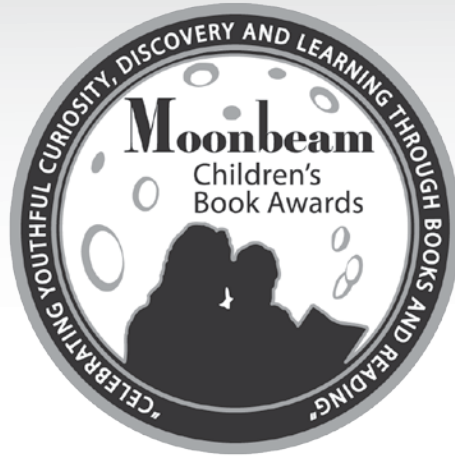


2016 Moonbeam Children's Book Awards

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

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Welcome to the 2016 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 35 U.S. states, six Canadian provinces, and six countries overseas. Each of the 159 medalists possesses a distinctive quality that motivated the judges to award them amongst fierce competition, 1,500 entries in all.

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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2016 Moonbeam Awards Results

1. BOARD BOOK / CLOTH BOOK

- GOLD (tie):** *Morning, Noon and Night*, written and illustrated by Rebecca Lefebvre (Avec La Vie)
One Blue Moose, by Troy Townsin; illustrated by Jeni Matheson (Polyglot Publishing)
- SILVER:** *Goodnight, Sleepy Animals*, illustrated by Christine Battuz (Chouette Publishing)
- BRONZE:** *Sammie and Toby Story Box*, by Karen Chase; illustrated by M.M. Hasselblad (Two Gates Publishing)

2. ALPHABET / COUNTING BOOK

- GOLD:** *Monster ABC*, by Derek Sullivan and Kyle Sullivan (Hazy Dell Press)
- SILVER (tie):** *A Farmer's Alphabet*, by Charles Long; illustrated by Christina Allen (Corn Crib Publishing)
Move Over Apple, A is for Arrowhead!, by Toni Marie LaGree (TMLG Books)
- BRONZE:** *Over on the Farm*, by Marianne Berkes; illustrated by Cathy Morrison (Dawn Publications)

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

- GOLD:** *Giants: Legends & Lore of Goliaths*, by Charles Martin Jr.; illustrated by Bill Looney; book design by Terry White (Master Books)
- SILVER:** *Santa's Tree: A Pop-Up Tale of Christmas in the Forest*, by Janet Lawler; illustrations by Pippa Curnick; paper-engineering by Yevgeniya Yeretskaya (Up With Paper)
- BRONZE:** *The Birth of Jesus: A Pop-Up Book*, by Agostino Traini (Sparkhouse Family)

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

- GOLD:** *To the Moon: The Tallest Coloring Book in the World*, by Sarah Yoon (Hourglass Press)
- SILVER:** *I Like...Activity Book*, by M.H. Clark; illustrated by Sarah Walsh (Compendium, Inc.)
- BRONZE:** *Draw, Make, Create: APT8 Kids*, by Queensland Art Gallery / Gallery of Modern Art

5. ACTIVITY BOOK 2 – EDUCATIONAL, SCIENCE, HISTORY

- GOLD (tie):** *All About the Philippines*, by Gidget Rococeles-Jimenez; illustrated by Corazon Dandan-Albano (Tuttle Publishing)
- Degas: An Art Book for Kids*, by Kate Ryan (National Gallery of Victoria)
- SILVER:** *The Big Book of Nature Activities*, by Jacob Rodenburg and Drew Monkman (New Society Publishers)
- BRONZE:** *My First Book About Weather*, by Donald M. Silver and Patricia J. Wynne (Dover Publications, Inc)

6. BOOK WITH MUSIC / THEATRICAL

- GOLD:** *Wishapick: Tickety Boo and the Black Trunk*, by M.M. Allen (Possum Press); music composed by Deborah Wynne (Beneath the Sky Publishing)
- SILVER:** *Freddie the Frog and the Invisible Coquí*, by Sharon Burch; illustrated by Tiffany Harris; music by José Antonio Diaz (Mystic Publishing, Inc.)
- BRONZE:** *Henny & Benny Bunyan and the Maple Syrup Adventure*, by Kitty Donohoe (Gypsy Bird Press)

7. PICTURE BOOK – PRESCHOOL

- GOLD:** *Cat's Colors*, by Airlie Anderson (Child's Play)
- SILVER:** *Hoot-Hoot, Goodnight*, by Scott McNally; illustrated by Robyn McNaull (Beaver's Pond Press)
- BRONZE:** *Duck, Duck, Goose*, by Wiley Blevins; illustrated by Elliott Kreloff (Red Chair Press)

8. PICTURE BOOK – 4-8 YEAR OLD

- GOLD:** *A Tiny Teddy Named Cuds*, written and illustrated by Robert Aragon (Tiny Teddy Press)
- SILVER (tie):** *Hold This!* by Carolyn Cory Scoppettone; illustrated by Priscilla Alpaugh (Islandport Press)
Big Red and the Little Bitty Wolf: A Story About Bullying, by Jeanie Franz Ransom; illustrated by Jennifer Zivooin (Magination Press)
- BRONZE:** *Millie and the Moon*, by Denise Brennan-Nelson; illustrated by Michael Glenn Monroe (Storytime Press)

9. PICTURE BOOK – ALL AGES

- GOLD (tie):** *Mr Moon Wakes Up*, written and illustrated by Jemima Sharpe (Child's Play)
What Do You Do With a Problem? by Kobi Yamada; illustrated by Mae Besom (Compendium, Inc.)
- SILVER:** *Charlotte, Wander On.* by Matt Cubberly; illustrated by Irina Kovalova (The WilderWay LLC)
- BRONZE:** *Nothando's Journey*, by Jill Apperson Manly; illustrated by Alyssa Casey (Jabu Kids)

10. JUVENILE FICTION – EARLY READER / FIRST CHAPTER BOOKS

- GOLD (tie):** *Montgomery Rabbit*, by Sandy Little; illustrated by David Wenzel (Dog Ear Publishing)
The Rabbit Rescuers, by Cindy Howard; illustrated by Nancy Lane (No Rabbit Left Behind)
- Tyrabbisaurus Rex*, by A.J. Culey; illustrated by Jeanine Henning (Self-Published)

SILVER: *Spork Out of Orbit: How to Be an Earthling #1*, by Nan Walker; illustrated by Jessica Warrick (Kane Press)
BRONZE: *Hedgehog Holiday*, by Karen J. Roberts; illustrated by Jeanne du Plessis (The Little Blue Dog)

11. PRE-TEEN FICTION – GENERAL

GOLD: *The Sugar Mountain Snow Ball*, by Elizabeth Atkinson (Islandport Press)
SILVER: *Sir Kaye the Boy Knight: Legend of the Forest Beast*, by Don M. Winn (Progressive Rising Phoenix Press)
BRONZE: *Shaky Man*, by Mark S. Parker (Brown Books Kids)

12. PRE-TEEN FICTION – FANTASY

GOLD: *Poppy Mayberry, The Monday*, by Jennie K. Brown (Tantrum Books)
SILVER: *Chantarelle: The Five Stones Trilogy Book 2*, by G.A. Morgan (Islandport Press)
BRONZE (tie): *The Griffin of Darkwood*, by Becky Citra (Coteau Books)
Tales for Your Monkey's Mind, by Steve Michael Reedy (Monkey Mind Tales)

13. PRE-TEEN FICTION – MYSTERY

GOLD: *The Maypop Kidnapping*, by C.M. Surrisi (Carolrhoda Books)
SILVER: *Martin McMillan and the Sacred Stones*, by Elaine Russell (Self-Published)
BRONZE: *Intrigue in Istanbul: An Agnes Kelly Mystery Adventure*, by Christine Keleny (CKBooks Publishing)

14. PRE-TEEN FICTION – HISTORICAL / CULTURAL

GOLD: *The Midnight War of Mateo Martinez*, by Robin Yardi (Carolrhoda Books)
SILVER: *Between the Lines*, by Claudia Whitsitt (Twisted Vines Press)
BRONZE: *Flower Swallow*, by Alana Terry (Potter Works Publishing)

15. PRE-TEEN FICTION – MATURE ISSUES

GOLD: *Edge the Bare Garden*, by Roseanne Cheng (Wise Ink Creative Publishing)
SILVER: *Time Underground*, by Todd McClimans (Overdue Books)
BRONZE: *Beneath the Paint*, by Nancy Cadle Craddock (Self-Published)

16. YOUNG ADULT FICTION – GENERAL

GOLD: *Dig Too Deep*, by Amy Allgeyer (Albert Whitman & Company)
SILVER: *Strays*, by Jennifer Caloyeras (Ashland Creek Press)
BRONZE: *Talent*, B. Lynn Goodwin (Eternal Press)

17. YOUNG ADULT FICTION – FANTASY / SCI-FI

GOLD: *The 13th Continuum*, by Jennifer Brody (Turner Publishing Company)
SILVER: *Gatekeeper*, by Natasha Deen (Great Plains Teen Fiction)
BRONZE: *The Red City*, by Mark A. Hadley (Wesbrook Bay Books)

18. YOUNG ADULT FICTION – HORROR / MYSTERY

GOLD: *The Girl Who Ignored Ghosts*, by K.C. Tansley (Beckett Publishing Group)
SILVER: *Bloodcraft*, by Amalie Howard (RAH Media LLC)
BRONZE: *Unreal City*, by A.R. Meyering (Innisfree Press)

19. YOUNG ADULT FICTION – HISTORICAL / CULTURAL

GOLD: *Convictions*, by Judith Silverthorne (Coteau Books)
SILVER: *Madder Carmine*, by Tyler Enfield (Enfield & Wizenty)
BRONZE: *NOLA Gals*, by Barbara J. Rebbeck (Neverland Publishing Company)

20. YOUNG ADULT FICTION – RELIGION / SPIRITUALITY

GOLD: *A Time to Speak*, by Nadine Brandes (Enclave Publishing, an imprint of Gilead Publishing)
SILVER: *The Land of Beyond Belief*, by Mark Cramer and Kathryn Dahlstrom (Pigtale Publishing)
BRONZE: *Out of the Darkness and Into the Light*, by Vanessa Matheny (Grey Wolfe Publishing)

21. YOUNG ADULT FICTION – MATURE ISSUES

GOLD: *The Masterpiecers*, by Olivia Wildenstein (Self-Published)
SILVER: *Keep Her*, by Leora Krygier (She Writes Press)
BRONZE (tie): *My Ladybird Story*, by Magus Tor (Self-Published)
Tupelo Honey, by Lis Anna-Langston (Mapleton Press)

22. CHILDREN'S POETRY

GOLD: *Could You Hug a Cactus?* by Phillip Van Wagoner; illustrated by Spencer Smith (Scribble Fiction)
SILVER: *When the Sun Shines on Antarctica: And Other Poems about the Frozen Continent*, by Irene Latham; illustrated by Anna Wadham (Millbrook Press)
BRONZE: *Animalia: Portraits in Poetry & Pencil*, by Erin Gaffy & Tom Mielko (Kieran Publishing)

23. NON-FICTION – PICTURE BOOK

GOLD: *The Invisible You*, by Alan and Kamie Page; illustrated by David Geister (Page Education Foundation)
SILVER: *Sing Freedom! A Country Wins its Freedom Through Song*, by Vanita Oelschlager; illustrated by Mike DeSantis (VanitaBooks, LLC)
BRONZE: *The Gandy Dancers — and Work Songs from the American Railroad*, by Vanita Oelschlager; illustrated by Mike Blanc (VanitaBooks, LLC)

24. NON-FICTION – CHAPTER BOOK

GOLD: *Sterling North and the Story of Rascal*, by Sheila Terman Cohen (Wisconsin Historical Society Press)
SILVER: *Jockey Hollow: Where a Forgotten Army Persevered to Win America's Freedom*, by Rosalie Lauerman (Self-Published)
BRONZE: *Luella Agnes Owen: Going Where No Lady Had Gone Before*, by Billie Holladay Skelley; illustrated by Rachel Bowman (Goldminds Publishing)

25. ANIMALS / PETS

GOLD: *Wild Ones: Observing City Critters*, by Carol L. Malnor; illustrated by Cathy Morrison (Dawn Publications)

SILVER: *Benjamin Birdie's First Flight*, by Michael Dotsikas; illustrated by Morgan Spicer (Porch Time Publishing)

BRONZE: *Too Big To Lose*, by Leslie Berling Duval; illustrated by Ruth Todd Evans (Self-Published)

26. MULTICULTURAL NON-FICTION – PICTURE BOOK

GOLD: *The Barefoot Book of Children*, by Tessa Strickland and Kate DePalma; illustrated by David Dean (Barefoot Books)

SILVER: *The Cambodian Dancer*, by Daryn Reicherter; illustrated by Christy Hale (Tuttle Publishing)

BRONZE: *What Was it Like, Mr. Emperor? Life in China's Forbidden City*, by Chiu Kwong-chiu and Eileen Ng (China Institute)

27. MULTICULTURAL NON-FICTION – CHAPTER BOOK

GOLD: *Green Card Youth Voices: Immigration Stories from a Minneapolis High School*, by various authors; edited by Green Card Voices (Wise Ink Creative Publishing)

SILVER: *A Boy Named 68818*, by Israel (Srulek) Starck as told to Miriam (Starck) Miller (I Starck)

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

28. RELIGION / SPIRITUALITY

GOLD: *Dear Pope Francis*, by Pope Francis (Loyola Press)

SILVER: *December's Gift*, by Ashley Smith-Santos and Stacie Bitton (Self-Published)

BRONZE (tie): *My Superhero Grandpa*, by Michele McAvoy; illustrated by Mike Motz (The Little Press)

Butterfly Visits, by Rebecca Reeves Sanguenza; illustrated by Holly Donelson (Mothers House Publishing)

29. HOLIDAY

GOLD: *The Nutcracker Comes to America: How Three Ballet-Loving Brothers Created a Holiday Tradition*, by Chris Barton; illustrated by Cathy Gendron (Millbrook Press)

SILVER: *The Greatest Gift: The Wise Ones' Journey*, by Tom Roberts; illustrated by Jim Brummond (TnT Publishing)

BRONZE: *Santa's Christmas Train*, by Helen Foster James; illustrated by Bill Bolton (Ideals Children's Books)

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

GOLD: *The Tooth Fairy Kit -- Tooth Pillow, Tooth Journal and book: Lunette, the True Story of the Tooth Fairy*, by Robin Cruise; illustrated by Valeria Docampo (Compendium)

SILVER: *Champion Monsters* (book with plush monster), by Lindsey Womack; illustrated by Donald Wu (Champion Monster Projects)

BRONZE: *The Miracle Mitzvah Moose* (book with plush moose), by Dawn Wynne; illustrated by Gloria Piñeiro (Dawning Press)

31. SPANISH LANGUAGE BOOK

GOLD: *Doley the Guatemalan Street Dog: la Caravana de Colores*, by Jill Brazier; illustrated by Marcio Díaz (Artworkz Press)

SILVER: *Los Vestidos de Mamá*, by Mónica Carretero (Cuento de Luz)

BRONZE: *Monster Slayer (Exterminadora de monstruos)*, by Gladys Elizabeth Barbieri; illustrated by Lina Safar (Big Tent Books)

32. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

GOLD (tie): *Chatter in the Caldera: Monkeys of Bioko Island*, by Heidi Rader; illustrated by Holly Smith (Wildlife Conservation Publishers)

Wakanda Whooper: The Curious Cinnamon Crane, by Sandia Kosmo; illustrated by Lisa Kosmo (Beaver's Pond Press)

SILVER: *Pocketmouse at Crystal Cove*, by Marian Parks; illustrated by Melinda Beavers (Nature Tale Books, Inc)

BRONZE: *Beavers Away!* Written and illustrated by Jennifer Lovett (Beaver's Pond Press)

33. HEALTH ISSUES

GOLD: *Below Your Belt: How to be Queen of Your Pelvic Region*, by Missy Lavender and Jeni Donatelli Ihm; illustrated by Jan Dolby (Women's Health Foundation)

SILVER: *Squash Boom Beet: An Alphabet for Healthy, Adventurous Eaters*, by Lisa Maxbauer Price (Blue Bay Books)

BRONZE: *Autism and You*, by Lauren Gerber, PSY.D; illustrated by Norm Bendell (Brown Books Kids)

34. MIND-BODY-SPIRIT / SELF-ESTEEM

GOLD: *The Wisdom of Merlin*, by T.A.Barron (Thomas A Barron)

SILVER (tie): *Don't Put Yourself Down in Circus Town: A Story about Self-Confidence*, by Frank J. Sileo; illustrated by Sue Cornelison (Magination Press)

10 Secrets of Being a Lady, by Sheba Matheu; illustrated by Meredith Rushing (By Sheba)

BRONZE (tie): *Red Socks Go with Absolutely Anything*, by Darla Woodley; illustrated by Evan Munday (Self-Published)

Just Indian, by Jackie Neypes; illustrated by Tyrelle Smith (Acute By Design)

35. READING SKILLS / LITERACY

GOLD: *Help Rupert Get a Pet!*, by Geoffrey Peart, M.Ed. (Aurelius Books)

SILVER: *Rockin'-Rollin' Alphabet*, by Lynn M. Rosenblatt (Mindstir Media)

BRONZE: *Libraries and Books and Words... Oh My!* by Carey Rigby-Wilcox (See a Book Take a Look)

36. BEST FIRST BOOK – PICTURE BOOK

GOLD: *Delivering Dreams*, written and illustrated by Lori Preusch (Dandelion)

SILVER: *The Golden Winged Fairy*, by Lala Fae; illustrated by Laura Siadak (madebyfae)

BRONZE: *Grandad and the Baby Dolphin*, by Wendy Milner; illustrated by Naomi Bulger (Self-Published)

37. BEST FIRST BOOK – CHAPTER BOOK

GOLD: *The Writer's Table*, by Julian Simmons (Squirrely Rowe Books)

SILVER: *The Far Corners*, by Elaine Gartner; illustrated by Kes Samuelson (CreateSpace)

BRONZE: *Thistle Down: A Tale of Trolls and Fairies*, by Molly & Gary Whitney (Bright Sky Press)

38. BEST ILLUSTRATOR

GOLD: *The Two Sisters*, by E. Pauline Johnson; illustrated by Sandra Butt (Waterlea Books)

SILVER (tie): *Bear Wants to Fly*, by Susanna Isern; illustrated by Silvia Álvarez (Cuento de Luz)
Feathers, Paws, Fins, and Claws: Fairy-Tale Beasts, edited by Jennifer Schacker and Christine A. Jones; illustrated by Lina Kusaitė (Wayne State University Press)

BRONZE: *Crunch!* written and illustrated by Carolina Rabei (Child's Play)

39. BEST BOOK BY YOUTH AUTHOR (UNDER 18)

GOLD: *Little Leaf*, by Lily Mae; illustrated by Holly Hattam (Self-Published)

SILVER: *Mind vs. Matter*, by Konrad Koenigsmann (Outskirts Press)

BRONZE: *The Adventures of Kate the Cat*, by Nicole Nageli (CreateSpace)

40. BEST BOOK SERIES – PICTURE BOOK

GOLD: *KinderGuides - Early Learning Guides to Cultural Classics*, by Fredrik Colting and Melissa Medina; various illustrators (Moppet Books)

SILVER: *Snowman Paul Series*, by Yossi Lapid; illustrated by Joanna Pasek (Self-Published)

BRONZE: *The Frolic Series*, by Elias Carr; illustrated by Michael Garton and Natasha Rimmington (Sparkhouse Family)

41. BEST BOOK SERIES – CHAPTER BOOK

GOLD: *How to Be an Earthling*, by Nan Walker, Lori Haskins Houran and Kimberly Morris; illustrated by Jessica Warrick (Kane Press)

SILVER: *Angels Club Series*, by Courtney Vail and Sandra J. Howell (West Ridge Farm Publishing)

BRONZE (tie): *The Morus Chronicles*, by J.R. Roper (CHBB Publishing)

Byways, by C.J. Milbrandt; illustrated by Hannah Christenson (Byways)

42. BEST BOOK SERIES – NON-FICTION

GOLD: *What Makes a... Series (Snowflake, Rainbow)*, written and illustrated by Ross Van Dusen (Rio Grande Books)

SILVER: *Roaming with Rudy (Paris!, Washington DC! etc.)*, by Corinne Humphrey (Sage Press)

BRONZE: *Life Cycle Books (Parrot, Duckling, Ladybug, Tadpole)*, by Cammie Ho (Phonic Monic Books)

Moonbeam Spirit Awards

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

COMPASSION

Jamie's Journey: Cancer from the Voice of a Sibling, by Sharon Wozny; illustrated by Melissa Bailey (Little Five Star)

EXPLORATION

___'s *Little Book of Big Dreams*, by Jean Fan (CuSTEMized)

IMAGINATION

Spinach Dip Pancakes: Poems, Songs, and Possibilities, by Kevin Kammeraad & Friends (Cooperfly Creative Arts)

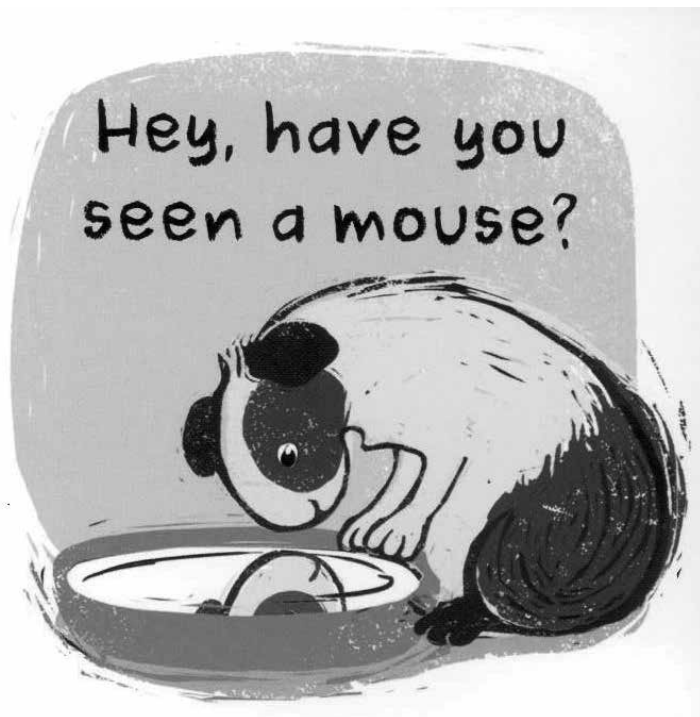
PRESERVATION

The Amazing Adventures of Melissa Bee, by Aimée Lissantheia; illustrated by Tim Lukowiak (Beloved Press)



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E-Book Categories

E1. CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOK

GOLD: *Green Cat and the Lost Voice*, by Daniel James;
illustrated by Srimalie Bassani (Albion Fields Publishing)

SILVER (tie): *Moon Thief*, by Siwon Kim; illustrated by
Siwoo Kim (Moonstealers Publishing)

On My Way to the Lilikoi Tree, by Jonna Amato-Ocampo;
illustrated by Rich Olson (Self-Published)

BRONZE: *Hurry Up Slowpoke*, by Bob Outman
(CreateSpace)

E2. PICTURE BOOK – ENHANCED & APPS

GOLD: *Dino-Buddies: The Bicycle Of Many Colors*, by Aunt
Eebs...and Sprout! (Rivercrest Publishing)

SILVER: *Atalanta*, by Simon Spence (Early Myths)

BRONZE: *Roaming with Rudy Paris!* by Corinne Humphrey
(Sage Press)

E3. PRE-TEEN FICTION

GOLD: *The Gallery of Wonders (Book 1 of Magora Series)*,
by Marc Remus (Misty Moon Books)

SILVER: *Ennara and the Book of Shadows*, by Angela Shelley
(Patchwork Press)

BRONZE (tie): *Stumbling On A Tale*, by Suzanne Roche
(Oak Lei Press)

Tom Thorneval - Dream Merchant Extraordinaire, by C E
Addison (Addison's Tales)

E4. YOUNG ADULT FICTION

GOLD: *Riven*, by Jane Alvey Harris (Self-Published)

SILVER: *Monsterland*, by Michael Phillip Cash
(CreateSpace)

BRONZE: *The Haunting at Ice Pine Peak*, by Wendelin Gray
(CreateSpace)

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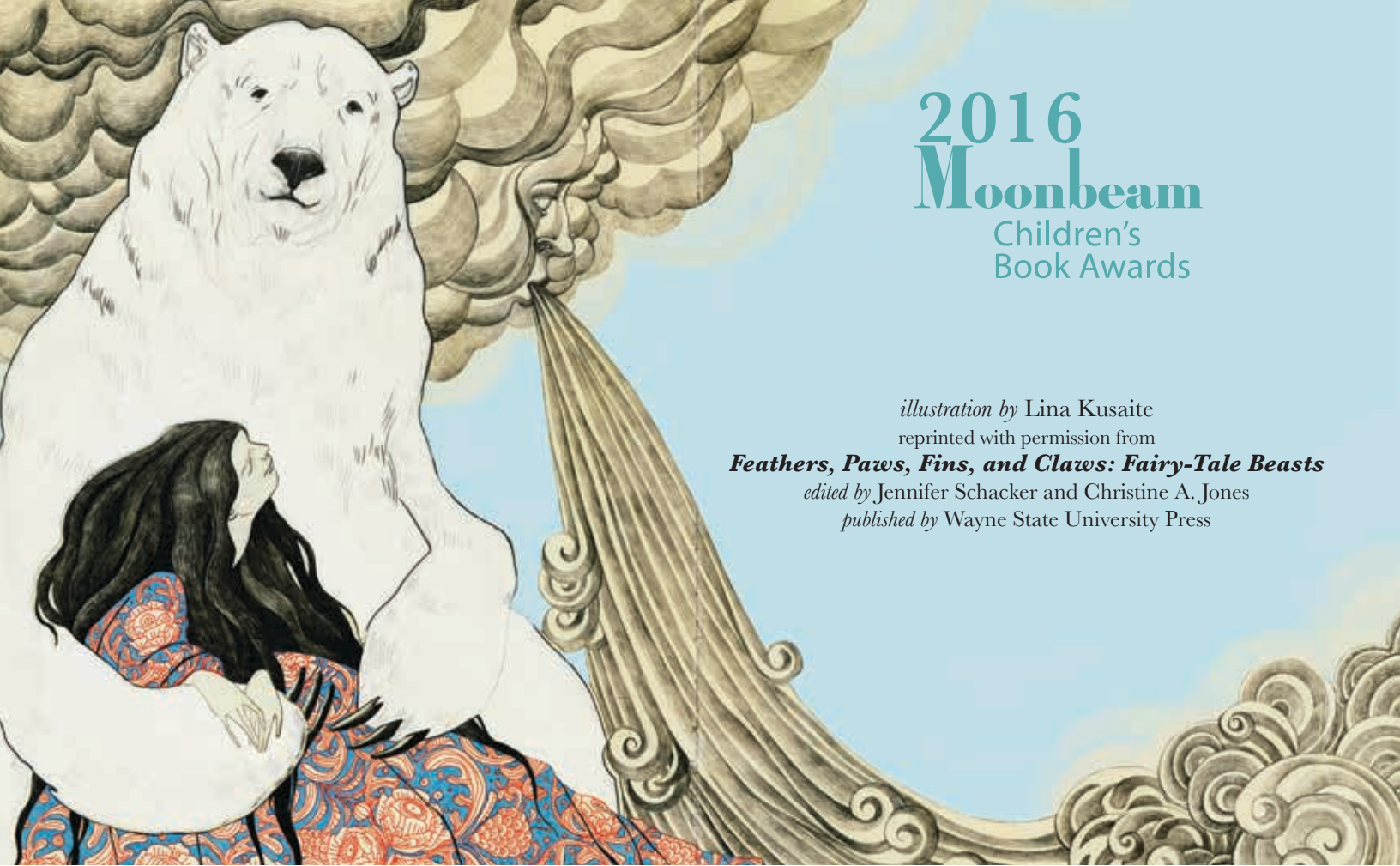
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