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

2018 Moonbeam Children’s Book Awards

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Welcome to the 2018 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 bring these special books to the attention of booksellers, librarians, parents, and young readers.

This year’s medalists are a very geographically diverse group: medals went to books from 38 U.S. states, five Canadian provinces, and ten countries overseas: Australia, Ireland, Finland, United Kingdom, Spain, Norway, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan and the Netherlands. 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-publishers. There are 157 medalists in all, chosen from 1,200 total entries.

Of all the good things we can do for our children, encouraging them to love books and reading may be the most valuable. Studies show that a child with good reading skills will become a better communicator and problem solver, and be generally more successful in school and in life. That is why the Moonbeam Children’s Book Awards exist – to 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 2018 Moonbeam Award winners!

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2018 MOONBEAM AWARDS RESULTS

1. BOARD BOOK / CLOTH BOOK
   **GOLD** (tie): *One Eagle Soaring*, by Roy Henry Vickers & Robert Budd (Harbour Publishing)
   *It’s a Circle: But Not Just a Circle!* by Ripley’s Believe It or Not! (Ripley Entertainment Inc.)
   **SILVER**: *This Book*, by Kathryn Madeline Allen; illustrated by Lizzy Doyle (Albert Whitman & Co)
   **BRONZE**: *Vann the Artist Paints a Necklace*, by Becky Palmer; illustrated by Vann Benson (Benson Palmer Books)

2. ALPHABET / COUNTING BOOK
   **GOLD**: *Over on a Desert: Somewhere in the World*, by Marianne Berkes; illustrated by Jill Dubin (Dawn Publications)
   **SILVER**: *Native American A B C*, by Lisa and Colten Lechowicz; illustrated by Wade Patton (Mascot Books)

3. BOOK ARTS / POP-UP / CUT-OUT
   **GOLD**: *E.T.A. Hoffman’s The Nutcracker: An Enchanting Pop-Up Adaptation*, story retold by Jessica Southwick; illustrations by Neiko Ng; paper engineering by Yevgeniya Yeretskaya (Jumping Jack Press)
   **SILVER**: *What a Mess! A Pop-Up Misadventure*, written, illustrated and paper engineered by Keith Allen (5AM Press)
   **BRONZE**: *Tokyo Pop-Up Book*, written and paper engineered by Sam Ita (Tuttle Publishing)

4. ACTIVITY BOOK 1 – GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS, ETC.
   **GOLD** (tie): *Origami City Kit*, by Joel Stern; graphic design by Konstantin Vints (Tuttle Publishing)
   *Origami Peace Cranes: Friendships Take Flight*, written and illustrated by Sue DiCicco (Tuttle Publishing)
   **SILVER**: *My First Book About the Five Senses*, by Patricia J. Wynne, Donald M. Silver, & Rob DeSalle (Dover Publications)
   **BRONZE**: *Stone Painting for Kids: Designs to Spark Your Creativity*, by F. Sehnaz Bac (Dover Publications)

5. ACTIVITY BOOK 2 – EDUCATIONAL, SCIENCE, HISTORY
   **GOLD** (tie): *My Contemporary Art Book; with Activities for Kids*, by Kate Ryan; illustrations by Cally Bennett (National Gallery of Victoria)
   *My Modern Art Book; with Activities for Kids*, by Kate Ryan with Emily Kenner; illustrated by Cally Bennett (National Gallery of Victoria)
   **SILVER** (tie): *California Illustrated*, by Mark Drenth (Sunnyscene)

6. BOOK WITH MUSIC / THEATRICAL
   **GOLD**: *On the Luck of an Irish Sailor*, by Mike Mirabella; illustrated by Amy O’Hanlon (Mirabella Books with Songs)
   **SILVER**: *Yaapan’s Paintbrush*, by Chihiro; illustrated by Yuka Kobayashi (Self-Published)
   **BRONZE**: *Symphony Hollow*, by Jessica Reino; illustrated by Emma Graham (Clear Fork Publishing)

7. PICTURE BOOK – PRESCHOOL
   **GOLD**: *Bathtime Dance*, by Candace Smith; illustrated by Lucy Barnard (Warren Publishing)
   **SILVER**: *Five Hungry Mice: A Poem by F.A.B. Dunning*, retold and illustrated by Heather Lynn Harris (Buffalo Heritage Press)
   **BRONZE**: *The Spill*, by Jacqueline Leigh; illustrated by Erika Wilson (Mascot Books)

8. PICTURE BOOK – 4-8 YEAR OLD
   **GOLD** (tie): *Just Bee*, by Shannon Nataf; illustrated by Echo Li (Write Path Publishing)
   *Zookeeper*, by Dr. John Hutton; illustrated by Doug Cenko (blue manatee press)
   **SILVER**: *Ayobami and the Names of the Animals*, by Pilar López Ávila; illustrated by Mar Azabal (Cuento De Luz)
   **BRONZE**: *King Calm: Mindful Gorilla in the City*, by Susan D. Sweet and Brenda S. Miles; illustrated by Bryan Langdo (Magination Press)
9. PICTURE BOOK – ALL AGES  
GOLD: *Mister Yes*, by Carmen Gil; illustrated by Miguel Cerro (Cuento De Luz)  
SILVER: *The Lying King*, by Alex Beard (Greenleaf Book Group Press)  
*Children in the Woods*, by Carl R. Sams II & Jean Stoick (Carl R. Sams Photography)

10. JUVENILE FICTION – EARLY READER / FIRST CHAPTER BOOKS  
GOLD: *Lily Lynn Give Me Some Change*, by Kelsey Maxell (Building Champions Publishing)  
SILVER: *Oh Susannah: Things that Go Bump*, by Carole P. Roman; illustrated by Mateya Arkova (Self-Published)  
BRONZE: *Miles and Jax*, by Kimber Iverson & Jill Pearson (Logic of English)

11. PRE-TEEN FICTION – GENERAL  
GOLD: *Tillie: Heart and Soul*, by Mary Atkinson (Maine Authors Publishing)  
SILVER: *Artemis and the Violin*, by Vanessa Chase; illustrated by Jo Gershman (Screech Owl Press)  
BRONZE: *Open: A Boy's Wayang Adventure*, by Eva Wong Nava (Ethos Books)

12. PRE-TEEN FICTION – FANTASY  
SILVER: *Del Toro Moon*, by Darby Karchut (Owl Hollow Press)  
BRONZE (tie): *Excerpts From An Unknown Guidebook (Book 1: Phases of The Moon)*, by Josef Bastian (Folkteller)  
*Ethyr*, by MP Follin (Castleton Press)

13. PRE-TEEN FICTION – MYSTERY  
GOLD: *Tutti's Promise*, by K. Heidi Fishman (MB Publishing)  
*Skye Bird and the Eagle Feather*, by Mary Harelkin Bishop (Emmbee Ink & DriverWorks Ink)  
BRONZE: *Terror in Boring Town: A Sam and Rex Adventure*, by Hoot N. Holler (CreateSpace)

14. PRE-TEEN FICTION – HISTORICAL / CULTURAL  
GOLD: *Tutti's Promise*, by K. Heidi Fishman (MB Publishing)  
SILVER: *Skye Bird and the Eagle Feather*, by Mary Harelkin Bishop (Emmbee Ink & DriverWorks Ink)  
BRONZE: *When Luck Runs Out*, by Terri Karsten (Wagonbridge Publishing)

15. PRE-TEEN FICTION – MATURE ISSUES  
GOLD: *Jake, Lucid Dreamer*, by David J. Naiman (Kwill Books)  
SILVER: *Whispers*, by Lynn Yvonne Moon (Köhlerbooks)  
BRONZE: *Nothing But a Song*, by Keri De Deo (Crystal Publishing)

16. YOUNG ADULT FICTION – GENERAL  
GOLD: *Apple in the Middle*, by Dawn Quigley (North Dakota State University Press)  
SILVER: *The Trail Rules*, by Melanie Hooyenga (Self-Published)  
BRONZE: *Hope*, by Jennifer Gibson (Black Opal Books)

17. YOUNG ADULT FICTION – FANTASY / SCI-FI  
GOLD: *Eat, Prey, Blood*, by Elizabeth Russell (Warren Publishing)  
SILVER (tie): *Elk Riders Volume 3: The Font of Jasmeen*, by Ted Neill (Self-Published)  
*The Great & the Small*, by A.T. Balsara (Common Deer Press)  

18. YOUNG ADULT FICTION – HORROR / MYSTERY  
GOLD: *Ember Burning: Trinity Forest Book 1*, by Jennifer Alsever (Sawatch Publishing)  
SILVER: *Clandestine*, by Hannah Rials (Aletha Press)  
BRONZE: *Orville Mouse and the Puzzle of the Sagacious Sapling*, by Tom Hoffman (Self-Published)

19. YOUNG ADULT FICTION – HISTORICAL / CULTURAL  
GOLD (tie): *Rings of Time*, by Renée Veillet (Self-Published)  
*Playing by Heart*, by Carmela A. Martino (Vinspire Publishing)  
SILVER: *Stranded: A Story of Frontier Survival*, by Matthew P. Mayo (Five Star Publishing)  
BRONZE: *Mari's Hope*, by Sandy Brehl (Crispin Books)

20. YOUNG ADULT FICTION – RELIGION / SPIRITUALITY  
GOLD: *The Three*, by Christa Kinde (Self-Published)  
SILVER: *Choices: The True Story of One Family’s Daring Escape to Freedom*, by J.E. Laufer (Little Egg Publishing Co.)  
BRONZE: *Tiny Tim and the Ghost of Ebenezer Scrooge: The Sequel to A Christmas Carol*, by Norman Whaler (Beneath Another Sky Books)

21. YOUNG ADULT FICTION – MATURE ISSUES  
GOLD: *The Space Between*, by Evan Jacobs (Saddleback Educational Publishing)  
SILVER: *Rickie Trujillo*, by Nicholas Bradley (Upper Hand Press)  
BRONZE: *Turning in Circles*, by Michelle Buckman (Vinspire Publishing)

22. CHILDREN’S POETRY  
GOLD: *The Wolf is Back*, by Robert Priest; illustrated by Joan Krygsman (Wolsak and Wynn Publishers)  
SILVER: *Leaf Litter Critters*, by Leslie Bulion; illustrated by Robert Meganck (Peachtree Publishers)  
23. NON-FICTION – PICTURE BOOK
GOLD: Grandpa Alan’s Sugar Shack,
by Alan and Kamie Page; illustrated by David Geister
(Page Education Foundation)
SILVER: He’s Your Daddy: Ducklings, Joeys, Kits, and More,
by Charline Profiri; illustrated by Andrea Gabriel
(Dawn Publications)
BRONZE: Goodnight Traverse City, by Mandy Toomey;
illustrated by Jim Dewildt (Ampersand, Inc.)

24. NON-FICTION – CHAPTER BOOK
GOLD: Maria Sibylla Merian, Artist. Scientist. Adventurer,
by Sarah B. Pomeroy and Jeyaraney Kathirithamby
(Getty Publications)
SILVER: A Smart Girl’s Guide: Sports & Fitness,
by Therese Kauchak Maring (American Girl Publishing)
BRONZE (tie): Ripley’s Believe It Or Not! Time Warp,
by Ripley’s Believe It Or Not! (Ripley Entertainment Inc)
Dark Matters: Nature’s Reaction to Light Pollution,
by Joan Marie Galat (Red Deer Press)

25. ANIMALS / PETS
GOLD: Paddle Perch Climb: Bird Feet Are Neat,
Written and illustrated by Laurie Ellen Angus (Dawn Publications)
SILVER: The Dog at the Gate: How a Throw-Away Dog
Becomes Special,
by Sunny Weber (Pups & Purr’s Press)
BRONZE: Lucy Loves Sherman,
by Catherine Bailey; illustrated by Meg Walters (Sky Pony Press)

26. MULTICULTURAL NON-FICTION
GOLD: The Worst First Day: Bullied While Desegregating
Central High,
by Elizabeth Eckford, Dr. Eurydice Stanley
and Grace Stanley (Lamp Press)
SILVER: My First Book of Vietnamese Words,
by Tran Thi Minh Phuoc; illustrated by Nguyen Thi Hop
& Nguyen Dong (Tuttle Publishing)
BRONZE: Song of Hope,
by Joan Donaldson; illustrated by PJ Lyons (Tandem Light Press)

27. COMIC / GRAPHIC NOVEL
GOLD: Photographic: The Life of Graciela Iturbide,
by Isabel Quintero & Zeke Peña (Getty Publications)
SILVER: Musnet 4: The Tears of the Painter,
by Kickliy (Uncivilized Books)
BRONZE: Pizza Tree: For Those with a Taste for Horror,
by Mark & Chase Poulton, Ryan Onorato (Arcana Studio)

28. RELIGION / SPIRITUALITY
GOLD (tie): Not Especially Special,
by Katie Savage; pictures by Emily Henebrey (Self-Published)
The Blessed Bananas: A Muslim Fable,
by Tayyaba Syed; illustrated by Melani Putri (Prolance)
SILVER: Loyola Kids Book of Bible Stories,
by Amy Welborn (Loyola Press)
BRONZE: Almost a Minyan,
by Lori S. Kline (Sociosights Press)

29. HOLIDAY
GOLD: Zuzu’s Petals: A Dream of It’s a Wonderful Life,
by Karolyn Grimes & Karen Deming; illustrated by
Karen Deming (Self-Published)
SILVER: Fred & Tator’s Christmas Star,
by Diane Shapley-Box (Apple Pie Publishing)
BRONZE: Finding Frankenstein: A Halloween Story,
by Liz Bockelmann (Graphocity Books)

30. BOOK WITH MERCHANDISE (PLUSH TOY, ETC.)
GOLD: Dinosaurs Living in My Hair! 2,
by Jayne M. Rose-Vallee; illustrated by Anni Matsick (RoseVallee Creations)
SILVER: Lil’ Bunny Sue Roux: Photo Book & Inspirational
Quotes, written and photographed by Rachel Korsen;
additional photography by Jackie Deak Akay & Lindsay
Maloan (Polar Press and Stuffimals)
BRONZE (tie): How to Turn Your Mom into a Monster,
by Aurora Whittet (Wise Ink Creative Publishing)
Grady Gets Glasses, by Dede Rittman; illustrated by
Lauren Givens Wood (Mascot Books)

31. SPANISH LANGUAGE BOOK
GOLD (tie): El Viaje De Kalak (Kalak’s Journey),
by María Quintana Silva & Marie-Noëlle Hébert
(Cuento de Luz)
La Desenfrenada Podadora de Césped (The Runaway
Lawnmower),
by Mary Morgan; illustrated by Hannah Fritzké (Buttonwood Press)
SILVER: La Papa Magica (The Magic Potato),
by Elaine Ambrose; translated by Emily Nielsen;
illustrated by Patrick Bochnak (Mill Park Publishing)
BRONZE: [Tu nombre] y el Delfin ([Your Name] and the
Dolphin),
by Saskia Reusens; illustrated by Katrien Van
Schuylenbergh (TimTimTom Books)

32. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES
GOLD: The Jaguar’s Story,
by Kosa Ely; illustrated by Radhe Gendron (Chandra Media)
SILVER: A Seal Named Patches,
by Roxanne Beltran & Patrick Robinson (University of Alaska Press)
BRONZE: The Tantrum that Saved the World,
by Megan Herbert & Michael E. Mann (World Saving Books)

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**GOLD:** Outsmarting Worry: An Older Kid’s Guide to Managing Anxiety, by Dawn Huebner PhD (Jessica Kingsley Publishers)
**SILVER:** What Does Consent Really Mean? by Pete Wallis & Thalia Wallis (Jessica Kingsley Publishers)
**BRONZE:** The Moon Prince and the Sea, by Daniela Rose Anderson (Et Alia Press)

### 34. MIND-BODY-SPRIT / SELF-ESTEEM
**GOLD:** F is for Feminist: An A to Z Guide for Feminists of All Ages, by Kim Collins; photography by Jeff Bartee Photography; graphic design by Jacqueline Kraft (Mascot Books)
**SILVER:** Mirror, Mirror, by Barbara J. Freeman; illustrated by Ruth Araceli Rodríguez (Laredo Publishing)
**BRONZE:** Golden Sparkles: An Introduction to Mindfulness, by Catarina R. Peterson illustrations by Mateya Arkova (Grosvenor House Publishing)

### 35. READING SKILLS / LITERACY
**GOLD:** A Duck in a Sock: Four Phonics Stories, by Elspeth Rae and Rowena Rae; illustrated by Elisa Gutiérrez (44 Sounds Publishing)
**SILVER:** Mr. Mouthful Learns His Lesson, by Joseph Kimble; illustrated by Kerry Bell (Iguana Books)
**BRONZE:** Sara and the Pooka, by Russ Fugal (Sara.ai Books)

### 36. BEST FIRST BOOK – PICTURE BOOK
**GOLD:** Bits & Pieces, by A.J. Snyder; illustrated by Leah Snyder Letch (Sweetgrass Books)
**SILVER:** Goodnight Trilobite, by Steve Vanlandingham; illustrated by Shanda Willis McDonald (Chickasaw Press)
**BRONZE:** The Inn at the Edge of the World, written and illustrated by Jeremy J. Gritton (Self-Published)

### 37. BEST FIRST BOOK – CHAPTER BOOK
**GOLD:** The Stump: Abridged Version - The Early Years, by CSM Terry L. Braddock, U.S. Army (Ret.) with Kathleen A. Braddock (Self-Published)
**SILVER:** What the Wind Can Tell You, by Sarah Marie A. Jette (Islandport Press)
**BRONZE:** The Calling: Book 1, by Tricia Wentworth (Self-Published)

### 38. BEST ILLUSTRATOR
**GOLD:** Leo’s Gift, by Susan Blackaby and Joellyn Cicciarelli; illustrated by Carrie Schler (Loyola Press)
**SILVER:** Letters from New York: Making Pictures with the A-B-C, by Maree Coote (Melbournestyle Books)
**BRONZE:** Dinosaurs Living in My Hair! 2, by Jayne M. Rose-Vallee; illustrated by Anni Matsick (RoseVallee Creations)

### 39. BEST BOOK BY YOUTH AUTHOR (UNDER 18)
**GOLD:** Boys’ Moods Matter: Overcoming My Struggle with Depression, by Joseph Lou (Self-Published)
**SILVER:** Expedition to the Galápagos Islands, by Grayson Rigby (Salty Paws Publishing)
**BRONZE:** Glitter the Unicorn Goes to the Moon, by Callie Chapman; illustrations by Bronwyn Chapman & Callie Chapman (Self-Published)

### 40. BEST BOOK SERIES – PICTURE BOOK
**GOLD:** What Do You Do…Series, by Kobi Yamada; illustrated by Mae Besom (Compendium)
**SILVER:** Piccadilly and Her Magical World Series, by Lisa Anne Novelline; illustrated by Ryan Jude Novelline, Phillip Light, and Nicola Hwang (Self-Published)
**BRONZE:** The Adventures of Lovey Series, by Dixon Douglas; illustrated by Jordan Wray (Warren Publishing)

### 41. BEST BOOK SERIES – CHAPTER BOOK
**GOLD:** Lucky Luke’s Hunting Adventures, by Kevin Lovegreen (Lucky Luke)
**SILVER:** The Bass Lake Bunch, by Leslie J. May & Charles R. Ratliff (Lost Lake Cottage Publishing)
**BRONZE:** Tales of Mr. Snuggywhiskers, by C.F. Crawford; illustrated by L.H. Crawford (Laugo Books)

### 42. BEST BOOK SERIES – NON-FICTION
**GOLD:** Make It Happen! Series, by Dan Gunderman and Ryan Humé (Lightswitch Learning)
**SILVER:** I Have a Question About…Series, by Arlen Grad Gaines and Meredith Englander Polsky (Jessica Kingsley Publishers)
**BRONZE:** If You Were Me and Lived In…Series, by Carole P. Roman, Various illustrators (Self-Published)

### 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
*Have I Ever Told You?* by Shani King; illustrated by Anna Horváth (Beaver’s Pond Press)

#### PRESERVATION

#### EXPLORATION
*Be Prepared! The Frankie MacDonald Guide to Life, the Weather, and Everything,* by Frankie MacDonald and Sarah Sawler (Nimbus Publishing)

#### IMAGINATION

#### MINDFULNESS
*Make it a Good Day,* written and illustrated by Jennifer Universe (Beaver’s Pond Press)
E-BOOK CATEGORIES

E1. CHILDREN’S PICTURE BOOK
GOLD: *Murphy See How You Shine*, by Chen Wei Teng; illustrated by Quek Hong Shin (Notion Press)
SILVER (tie): *Alabama Oh*, by Andi Cann; illustrated by Micaela Stéfano (MindView Press)
 Sigfried’s Smelly Socks, by Len Foley (New Horizon Health)
Wobbles, by Leah Venegas; illustrated by Micah Rauch (Amazon Digital)

E2. PICTURE BOOK – ENHANCED & APPS
GOLD: *Galdo’s Gift: The Boovie*, by Trevor Young and Eleanor Long (Tapocketa)
SILVER: *Theseus*, by Simon Spence (Early Myths)

E3. PRE-TEEN FICTION
GOLD: *The Sleeping King*, by Laurel Colless (Balboa Press)
SILVER: *Money Jane: How to Set the World on Fire, Book 2*, by T.K. Riggins (Franchise Publishing)
BRONZE: *Ms Mulligan and the Enchanted Ice Cream*, by Tiffany Elaine (Ingramelliott)

E4. YOUNG ADULT FICTION
GOLD: *Having Her Back*, by Ann Gallagher (Self-Published)
BRONZE: *Lucid World*, by Denise Lammi (Self-Published)

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