



# Ruth and Sylvia Schwartz Children's Book Awards

## Award Recipients

### 1976 – 2026

| Year | Author  | Title  | Publisher                                      |
|------|---|--|--|
| 2026 | Jennifer Maruno / Miki Sato                     | <i>Chidori: A Story of One Thousand Birds</i>                  | Pajama Press                                   |
|      | Kate Blair                                      | <i>We Bury Nothing</i>   | DCB Young Readers / Cormorant Books            |
| 2025 | Yewande Daniel-Ayoade / Ken Daley               | <i>The Little Regent</i>                                       | Owlkids Books                                  |
|      | Cassandra Calin                                 | <i>The New Girl</i>  | Scholastic Canada Ltd.                         |
| 2024 | Melissa Mollen Dupuis / Elise Gravel            | <i>Nutshimit: In the Woods</i>                                 | Scholastic Canada Ltd.                         |
|      | Kevin Sands                                     | <i>The Raven's Revenge</i>                                     | Simon & Schuster / Aladdin Imprint             |
| 2023 | Jen Lynn Bailey / Maggie Zeng                   | <i>This is the Boat That Ben Built</i>                         | Pajama Press                                   |
|      | Nafiza Azad                                     | <i>Road of the Lost</i>  | Margaret K. McElderry Books / Simon & Schuster |
| 2022 | Brittany Luby / Joshua Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley | <i>Mii maanda ezhi-gkendmaanh / This Is How I Know</i>         | Groundwood Press                               |
|      | Philippa Dowding                                | <i>Firefly</i>   | DCB  |
| 2021 | Heather M. O'Connor / Claudia Dávila            | <i>Fast Friends</i>  | Scholastic Canada Ltd.                         |
|      | Wesley King                                     | <i>Sara and the Search for Normal</i>                          | Simon & Schuster / Paula Wiseman Books         |
| 2020 | Nicole Testa / Annie Boulanger                  | <i>Lili Macaroni</i>   | Pajama Press                                   |
|      | Kelley Armstrong                                | <i>A Royal Guide to Monster Slaying</i>                        | Puffin Canada                                  |
| 2019 | Wab Kinew / Joe Morse                           | <i>Go Show the World: A Celebration of Indigenous Heroes</i>   | Tundra Books                                   |
|      | Colleen Nelson                                  | <i>Sadia</i>   | Dundurn Press                                  |
| 2018 | Melanie Florence / Gabrielle Grimard            | <i>Stolen Words</i>  | Second Story Press                             |
|      | Heather Smith                                   | <i>The Agony of Bun O'Keefe</i>                                | Penguin Teen                                   |
| 2017 | The Fan Brothers                                | <i>The Night Gardener</i>                                      | Simon & Schuster                               |
|      | Wesley King                                     | <i>OCDaniel</i>  | Paula Wiseman Books                            |
| 2016 | Marianne Dubuc                                  | <i>Mr. Postmouse's Rounds</i>                                  | Kids Can Press                                 |
|      | Susin Nielsen                                   | <i>We Are All Made of Molecules</i>                            | Tundra Books                                   |
| 2015 | Kathy Kacer / Gillian Newland                   | <i>The Magician of Auschwitz</i>                               | Second Story Press                             |
|      | Kenneth Oppel                                   | <i>The Boundless</i>   | HarperCollins Canada                           |
| 2014 | Anne Villeneuve                                 | <i>Loula is Leaving for Africa</i>                             | Kids Can Press                                 |
|      | Teresa Toten                                    | <i>The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B</i>                           | Doubleday Canada                               |
| 2013 | Aubrey Davis / Marie Lafrance                   | <i>A Hen for Izzy Pippik</i>                                   | Kids Can Press                                 |
|      | Susin Nielsen                                   | <i>The Reluctant Journal of Henry K. Larsen</i>                | Tundra Books                                   |
| 2012 | Susan Vande Griek / Karen Reczuch               | <i>Loon</i>  | House of Anansi / Groundwood Books             |
|      | Kit Pearson                                     | <i>The Whole Truth</i>   | HarperCollins Canada                           |
| 2011 | Mélanie Watt                                    | <i>Chester's Masterpiece</i>                                   | Kids Can Press                                 |
|      | Kenneth Oppel                                   | <i>Half-Brother</i>  | HarperCollins Canada                           |
| 2010 | Jane Barclay / Renné Benoit                     | <i>Proud as a Peacock, Brave as a Lion</i>                     | Tundra Books                                   |
|      | Shane Peacock                                   | <i>Vanishing Girl: The Boy Sherlock Holmes, His Third Case</i> | Tundra Books                                   |
| 2009 | Mélanie Watt                                    | <i>Chester's Back!</i>   | Kids Can Press                                 |
|      | Alma Fullerton                                  | <i>Libertad</i>  | Fitzhenry & Whiteside                          |
| 2008 | Duncan Weller                                   | <i>The Boy from the Sun</i>                                    | Simply Read Books                              |



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|      | <b>Kenneth Oppel</b>  | <i>Darkwing</i>                              | HarperCollins Canada                       |
| 2007 | <b>Mélanie Watt</b>   | <i>Scaredy Squirrel</i>                      | Kids Can Press                             |
|      | <b>Deborah Ellis</b>  | <i>I Am a Taxi</i>                           | Groundwood Books                           |
|      | <b>Marie-Louise Gay</b>                                     | <i>Caramba</i>                               | Groundwood Books                           |
| 2006 | <b>Kenneth Oppel</b>  | <i>Skybreaker</i>                            | HarperCollins Canada                       |
|      | <b>Wallace Edwards</b>                                      | <i>Monkey Business</i>                       | Kids Can Press Ltd.                        |
| 2005 | <b>Kenneth Oppel</b>  | <i>Airborn</i>                               | HarperCollins Canada                       |
|      | <b>Barbara Reid</b>   | <i>The Subway Mouse</i>                      | North Winds Press / Scholastic Canada Ltd. |
| 2004 | <b>Brian Doyle</b>  | <i>Boy O' Boy</i>                            | Groundwood Books                           |
|      | <b>Richard Thompson / Martin Springett</b>                  | <i>The Night Walker</i>                      | Fitzhenry & Whiteside                      |
| 2003 | <b>Deborah Ellis</b>  | <i>Parvana's Journey</i>                     | Groundwood Books                           |
|      | <b>Paulette Bourgeois/ Stéphane Jorisch</b>                 | <i>Oma's Quilt</i>                           | Kids Can Press Ltd.                        |
| 2002 | <b>Mary C. Sheppard</b>                                     | <i>Seven for a Secret</i>                    | Groundwood Books                           |
|      | <b>Stephanie Simpson McLellan/ Sean Cassidy</b>             | <i>The Chicken Cat</i>                       | Fitzhenry & Whiteside Ltd.                 |
| 2001 | <b>Janet McNaughton</b>                                     | <i>The Secret Under My Skin</i>              | HarperCollins Canada                       |
|      | <b>Marie-Louise Gay</b>                                     | <i>Stella, Star of the Sea</i>               | Groundwood Books                           |
| 2000 | <b>Kenneth Oppel</b>  | <i>Sunwing</i>                               | HarperCollins Canada                       |
|      | <b>Celia Barker Lottridge/ Harvey Chan</b>                  | <i>Music for the Tsar of the Sea</i>         | Groundwood Books                           |
| 1999 | <b>Eric Walters</b>   | <i>War of the Eagles</i>                     | Orca Book Publishers                       |
|      | <b>Jo Ellen Bogart/ Laura Fernandez &amp; Rick Jacobson</b> | <i>Jeremiah Learns to Read</i>               | Scholastic Canada Ltd.                     |
| 1998 | <b>Martha Brooks</b>  | <i>Bone Dance</i>                            | Groundwood Books                           |
|      | <b>Paul Yee/Harvey Chan</b>                                 | <i>Ghost Train</i>                           | Groundwood Books                           |
| 1997 | <b>Kit Pearson</b>  | <i>Awake and Dreaming</i>                    | Penguin Books Canada                       |
|      | <b>Geoff Butler</b>   | <i>The Killick: A Newfoundland Story</i>     | Tundra Books                               |
| 1996 | <b>Welwyn Wilton Katz</b>                                   | <i>Out of the Dark</i>                       | Groundwood Books                           |
|      | <b>Barbara Greenwood/ Heather Collins</b>                   | <i>A Pioneer Story</i>                       | Kids Can Press Ltd.                        |
| 1995 | <b>Julie Johnson</b>  | <i>Adam and Eve and Pinch-Me</i>             | Lester Publishing                          |
|      | <b>Michael Kusugak/ Vladyana Kyrkorka</b>                   | <i>Northern Lights: The Soccer Trails</i>    | Annick Press                               |
| 1994 | <b>O.R. Melling</b>   | <i>The Hunter's Moon</i>                     | HarperCollins Canada                       |
|      | <b>Phoebe Gilman</b>  | <i>Something from Nothing</i>                | Doubleday                                  |
| 1993 | <b>Paul Yee/ Harvey Chan</b>                                | <i>Roses Sing on New Snow</i>                | Groundwood Books                           |
| 1992 | <b>William Bell</b>   | <i>Forbidden City</i>                        | Doubleday                                  |
| 1991 | <b>Diana Wieler</b>   | <i>Bad Boy</i>                               | Groundwood Books                           |
| 1990 | <b>Janet Lunn/ Kim LaFave</b>                               | <i>Amos's Sweater</i>                        | Groundwood Books                           |
| 1989 | <b>Cora Taylor</b>  | <i>The Doll</i>                              | Western Producer                           |
| 1988 | <b>Barbara Reid</b>   | <i>Have You Seen Birds?</i>                  | Scholastic Canada Ltd.                     |
| 1987 | <b>Robert Munsch / Michael Martchenko</b>                   | <i>Thomas' Snowsuit</i>                      | Annick Press                               |
| 1986 | <b>Jean Little</b>  | <i>Mama's Going to Buy You a Mockingbird</i> | Penguin Books Canada                       |
|      | <b>Tim Wynne-Jones/ Ken Nutt</b>                            | <i>Zoom at Sea</i>                           | Groundwood Books                           |
| 1985 | <b>Jan Truss</b>  | <i>Jasmin</i>                                | Groundwood Books                           |
| 1984 | <b>Claire Mackay/ Marsha Hewitt</b>                         | <i>One Proud Summer</i>                      | Women's Press                              |
| 1983 | <b>Suzanne Martel</b>                                       | <i>The King's Daughter</i>                   | Groundwood Books                           |
| 1982 | <b>Barbara Smucker</b>                                      | <i>Days of Terror</i>                        | Penguin Books                              |



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| 1979 | <b>Kevin Major</b>                | <i>Hold Fast</i>                           | Stoddart             |
| 1978 | <b>Dennis Lee/ Frank Newfield</b> | <i>Garbage Delight</i>                     | MacMillan            |
| 1977 | <b>Robert Thomas Allen</b>        | <i>The Violin</i>                          | McGraw-Hill Ryerson  |
| 1976 | <b>Mordecai Richler</b>           | <i>Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang</i> | McClelland & Stewart |