

2007 Moonbeam Children's Book Awards

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through books and reading.”**



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Welcome to the 1st Annual Moonbeam Children's Book Awards!

Jenkins Group Inc. is proud to announce the results of the 2007 Moonbeam Children's Book Awards, honoring the year's best children's books, authors and illustrators. A total of 862 entries were received from authors and publishers in 45 U.S. states, 6 Canadian provinces, and 7 countries overseas. The new contest is presented by Jenkins Group and their book marketing webzine, Independent Publisher Online, sponsors of the popular Independent Publisher Book Awards.

The Moonbeam Children's Book Awards are intended to bring increased recognition to exemplary children's books and their creators, and to support childhood literacy and life-long reading. A wide range of children's publishing categories, from alphabet books to young adult novels, were judged by expert panels of youth educators, librarians, booksellers, and reviewers. The Moonbeam Awards recognize excellence in specialty categories like Religion, Holiday and Audiobook, with medals also going to Best First-time Author and Best Children's Book Illustrator.

Special awards go to the best books dealing with three childhood causes: the Peacemaker Award for books promoting world peace and human tolerance, inspired by Mattie J.T. Stepanek (1990-2004), whose poetry and messages of hope and peace have inspired millions of people around the world; the Kids for Saving Earth Award for the best book on environmental awareness, inspired by Clinton Hill (1978-1989) who started a club for kids interested in saving the planet; and the Childhood Wellness Award for books promoting awareness of childhood disease or special needs.

Jenkins Group has been involved in book packaging, marketing and distribution since 1987, and many of its founders and employees now have children and grandchildren who strongly influence the company culture with their youthful exuberance and love of books.

"We all have kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews, and we all recognize the role books play in enriching children's lives," says company founder Jerrold Jenkins, father of four children ranging from ages 5 to 15. "As our society has gotten more complex and growing up has become more complicated, children's book authors and publishers have risen to the occasion, creating books that not only celebrate the joys of childhood, but also help families deal with its challenges. We want to recognize and reward the best of these books and bring them to the attention of parents, booksellers, librarians – and to the kids themselves."

Now that the immensely difficult task of judging the entrants and determining the winners is complete, the staff at Jenkins Group is even more strongly committed to promoting these wonderful books and getting them into the hands of children. That's why we're so excited to kick off our Moonbeam Awards promotion with an awards announcement at "Bookstalk," the children's reading event and literary showcase of the Children's Humanities Festival. We applaud the festival for taking children, books and reading so seriously and for inviting us to participate in this fantastic event.

Here is our list of award-winning gems, 118 in all, many of them by undiscovered authors and little-known publishers from around the globe. Writing and publishing books that teach and inspire our children is an extremely important task, and these awards were conceived and conducted in appreciation of those efforts. Thanks to all involved for writing, illustrating, publishing, and sharing these wonderful works of art. And thanks to parents, teachers, librarians and all those who believe that books make a difference in children's lives.

May some of these books inspire your children and students to become life-long readers and book lovers!

Read on,

Jim Barnes, Awards Director
Jenkins Group/Independent Publisher Online

2007 Moonbeam Children's Book Awards Results

Here are the results of the first annual awards, listed by category and by gold, silver and bronze medalists:

1. Board Book

Gold: *If You Were My Baby: A Wildlife Lullaby*, by Fran Hodgkins; illustrated by Laura J. Bryant (Dawn Publications)

Silver: *What's That Sound? By the Sea*, by Sheryl McFarlane; illustrated by Kim LaFave (Fitzhenry & Whiteside)

Bronze: *My Alaska Animals - Can You Name Them?* by Bernd and Susan Richter (Saddle Pal Creations); *Colorful Sleepy Sheep*, by Rory Zuckerman; illustrated by Maryn Roos (Little Lion Press)

2. Alphabet/Counting Book

Gold: *A Woodland Counting Book*, by Claudia McGehee (University of Iowa Press)

Silver: *P is for Peanut: A Photographic A-B-C*, by Lisa Gelber & Jody Roberts (Getty Publications)

Bronze: *T is for Tortilla: A Southwestern Alphabet Book*, by Jody Alpers; illustrated by Celeste Johnson (Azro Press); *ABC Safari*, by Karen Lee (Sylvan Dell Publishing)

3. Pop-up/Cut-out

Gold: *Halloween at the Zoo: A Pop-Up Trick-or-Treat Experience*, by George White; illustrated by Jason O'Malley; engineered by Bruce Foster (Jumping Jack Press)

Silver: *City Beats: A Hip-Hoppy Pigeon Poem*, by S. Kelly Rammell; illustrated by Jeanette Canyon (Dawn Publications)

Bronze: *The Grumble Rumble Mumbler*, by Melanie Drewery; illustrated and designed by Loudmouth Productions (Huia Publishers); *I See You!* by Nicole Hartz; illustrated by Milena Robbins (Soothing Hartz)

4. Activity Book – Games, Arts & Crafts, Educational, etc.

Gold: *Gadgetology: Kitchen Fun with Your Kids*, by Pam Abrams; photographs by Melissa Punch (The Harvard Common Press)

Silver: *Explore Spring: 25 Great Ways to Learn About Spring*, by Maxine Anderson; illustrated by Alexis Frederick-Frost (Nomad Press)

Bronze: *Language Smarts – Level C*, by Judy Wilson Goddard; graphic design by Danielle West (The Critical Thinking Co.); *Primary Physics: The Principles Behind Leonardo's Science*, by Marti Pels and Andrew Davies (Sunshine Educational)

5. Book with Music/Theatrical

Gold: *River Song*, by Steve Van Zandt with the Banana Slug String Band; Illustrated by Katherine Zecca (Dawn Publications)

Silver: *Down at the Sea Hotel*, by Greg Brown; illustrated by Mireille Levert; performances by various Red House Records artists (The Secret Mountain)

Bronze: *Grandma's Feather Bed*, by John Denver; adapted and illustrated by Christopher Canyon (Dawn Publications); *Beaser the Bear's Rocky Mountain Christmas*, by Patricia Derrick, illustrated by Doug Hoch (Animalations); *Simon With Two Left Feet*, by Angela K. Narth; illustrations by Heidi Vincent (GWEV Publishing); *Heavenly Skies & Lullabies*, created and sung by Dr. Kathy Reilly Fallon & Frank Pellegrino; illustrated by Becky Kelly (Heavenly Productions)

6. Audio Book

Gold: *The One and Only Shrek!* by William Steig; read by Meryl Streep and Stanley Tucci (Audio Renaissance)

Silver: *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, by Arthur Conan Doyle; read by David Ian Davies (One Voice Recordings)

Bronze: *The Animated Noom & Raj Start a Business: The ABC's of Money*, created by Eulalie Scanduzzi;

sound design by Nathan Rollins (Moonjar)

7. Picture Book - Preschool

Gold: *Ashleigh's Fairies*, by Amy and Ashleigh Kieliszewski; illustrated by Twila Jefferson (Ashleigh Marie Books)

Silver: *Goodnight Hawaiian Moon*, by Dr. Carolan; illustrated by Joanna F. Carolan (Banana Patch Press)

Bronze: *Kiernan's Jam*, by Nancy Delano Moore; illustrated by Bill Peck (Ingledew Press); *Barnaby Bennett*, by Hannah Rainforth; illustrated by Ali Teo (Huia Publishers)

8. Picture Book - 4-8 Year Old

Gold: *How the Moon Regained Her Shape*, by Janet Ruth Heller; illustrated by Ben Hodson (Sylvan Dell Publishing)

Silver: *Gwango's Lonesome Trail*, written and illustrated by Justin Parpan (Red Cygnet Press)

Bronze: *Emily's Magical Journey with Toothena the Tooth Fairy*, by CoraMarie Clark; illustrated by Val Lawton (Strategix Ltd.); *Little Angel's Journey*, written and illustrated by Dzvinka Hayda (Trillium Forest Press); *Wolf's Coming!* written and illustrated by Joe Kulka (Carolrhoda Books)

9. Picture Book - All Ages

Gold: *Our Friendship Rules*, by Peggy Moss and Dee Dee Tardif; illustrated by Alissa Imre Geis (Tilbury House Publishers)

Silver: *Beyond the Northern Lights*, written and illustrated by Lynn Blaikie (Fitzhenry & Whiteside)

Bronze: *Agate: What Good Is a Moose?*, by Joy Morgan Dey; illustrated by Nikki Johnson (Lake Superior Port Cities); *Once Upon a Rainbow*, written and illustrated by Jennifer Woods Tierney (Honey Suckle Press); *Ol' 556: Alaska's Mighty Steam Engine*, written and illustrated by Shannon Cartwright (Shannon/Taku Graphics); *Kami and the Yaks*, by Andrea Stenn Stryer; illustrated by Bert Dodson (Bay Otter Press)

10. Juvenile Fiction – Early Reader/1st Chapter books

Gold: *Forever Home*, by Sandra J. Philipson; illustrated by Jenny Campbell (Chagrin River Publishing)

Silver: *Jake and Sam at the Empty Abbey*, by Jinny Powers Berten; illustrated by Elizabeth W. Schott (Fountain Square Publishing)

Bronze: *Send Me the Soap: The Emerald Isle Adventure*, by Gretchen Schlesinger (Eco-Thumb Publishing); *The Discontented Gopher*, by L. Frank Baum; illustrated by Carolyn Digby Conahan (South Dakota State Historical Society Press); *Frederick Douglas: Young Defender of Human Rights*, by Elisabeth P. Myers; illustrated by Cathy Morrison (Patria Press)

11. Pre-Teen Fiction – Intermediate/Middle Grade

Gold: *Perch, Mrs. Sackets, and Crow's Nest*, by Karen Pavlicin (Alma Little)

Silver: *Heroical Historicals: Daniel Boone and the Battle of Boonesborough*, by Annie Winston (Sonship Press)

Bronze: *The Crystal of Dreams*, by Paul Greenspan (Flying Cloud Books); *Leroy the Cowboy: Children & Horses*, by Davis L Ford and Pam Arthur; illustrated by Ken Arthur II (LastCowboy Press); *The Gift*, written and illustrated by Bob J. Bernreuter (Key West Publishing); *The Mysterious Jamestown Suitcase: A Bailey Fish Adventure*, by Linda Salisbury (Tabby House); *Annie: The Mysterious Morgan Horse*, by Ellen F. Feld; illustrated by Jeanne Mellin (Willow Bend Publishing)

12. Young Adult Fiction

Gold: *The Smell of Paint*, by Sheryl McFarlane (Fitzhenry & Whiteside)

Silver: *The Alchemist's Dream*, by John Wilson (Key Porter Books)

Bronze: *Race to Eagle Mountain*, by S.M. Schofield (Pleasant Word/Wine Press Group); *Kristin's Wilderness: A Braided Trail*, by Garrett Conover (Raven Productions); *The Princess Mage*, by Maggie L. Wood (Sumach Press)

13. Young Adult Fiction – Mature Issues

Gold: *The View From a Kite*, by Maureen Hull (Vagrant Press/Nimbus Publishing)

Silver: *Beauty and the Boy*, by Steve Hays (Before Christmas Press)

Bronze: *The Little Black Book for Blue People*, by Ruth Theobald Probst (Life Mark)

14. Non-Fiction – Picture book

Gold: *Autistic Planet*, by Jennifer Elder; illustrated by Marc Thomas and Jennifer Elder (Jessica Kingsley Publishers)

Silver: *The Little Man In the Map: With Clues To Remember All 50 States*, by E. Andrew Martonyi; illustrated by Ed Olson (Schoolside Press)

Bronze: *My Travels with Clara*, by Mary Tavener Holmes; illustrated by Jon Cannell (Getty Publications); *Adventures with Jonny: Let's Go Fishing!* by Michael DiLorenzo; illustrated by Jennifer Julich (Running Moose Publications)

15. Non-Fiction - Young Adult

Gold: *Homeland: The Illustrated History of the State of Israel*, by Marv Wolfman, Mario Ruiz & William J. Rubin (Nachshon Press)

Silver: *It's Not Your Fault: Discovering Your Inner Power*, by Bianca Guerra (Living Life Publishing)

Bronze: *Live Your Dreams: Doctor's Orders*, by Samuel Gerstein, M.D. (Dreams for Real); *Healing Our World: Inside Doctors Without Borders*, by David Morley (Fitzhenry & Whiteside)

16. Multicultural – Picture book

Gold: *Yesterday We Had a Hurricane (Ayer Tuvimos Un Huracán)*, written and illustrated by Deirdre McLaughlin Mercier (Bumble Bee Publishing)

Silver: *Grandma, How Do You Say I Love You?* by Uzo Unobagha; illustrated by Victoria Krassa (Adonoke Books)

Bronze: *Zoe and the Fawn*, by Catherine Jameson; illustrated by Julie Flett (Theytus Books); *Nokum Is My Teacher*, by David Bouchard; illustrated by Allen Sapp (Red Deer Press)

17. Multicultural Fiction

Gold: *Feast of Lights*, by Ellen S. Jaffe (Sumach Press)

Silver: *Shadows On Society Hill*, by Evelyn Coleman (American Girl)

Bronze: *Rickshaw Girl*, by Mitali Perkins; illustrated by Jamie Hogan (Charlesbridge); *The Raider's Promise*, by Lois Walfrid Johnson (Moody Publishers)

18. Multicultural Non-Fiction

Gold: *Tatanka and the Lakota People: A Creation Story*, illustrated by Donald F. Montileaux (South Dakota State Historical Society Press)

Silver: *Ray Charles: Find Another Way!* by Susan Sloate (Bearport Publishing)

Bronze: *Native Athletes in Action!* by Vincent Schilling (7th Generation); *He Who Flies By Night: The Story of Grey Owl*, by Lori Punshon; illustrated by Mike Keepness (Your Nickel's Worth Publishing)

19. Comic/Graphic Novel

Gold: *The Arrival*, by Shaun Tan (Hachette Livre Australia)

Silver: *Moonsailors*, by Buckley Smith (WoodenBoat Books)

Bronze: *Tomo: I Was an Eighth-Grade Ninja*, by Andrew Simmons & Rob Corley; Art by Ariel Padilla (Zondervan)

20. Religion/Spirituality

Gold: *The Jesus Storybook Bible*, by Sally Lloyd-Jones; illustrated by Jago (Zonderkidz)

Silver: *I Will Rejoice*, by Karma Wilson; illustrated by Amy June Bates (Zonderkidz)

Bronze: *The Bedtime Sh'ma: A Good Night Book*, adapted by Sarah Gershman; illustrated by Kristina Swarner (EKS Publishing); *The Creation Story: In Words and Sign Language*, by John P. Audia; illustrated by David Spohn (Liturgical Press)

21. Holiday

Gold: *The Zombie Night Café*, by Merrily Kutner; illustrated by Ethan Long (Holiday House)

Silver: *What Can I Give Jesus? A Christmas Message for All Ages*, by Cheryl Kirking; illustrated by Ann Thomas (Mill House Press)

Bronze: *The Christmas Memory Quilt*, by Kimberly Webb; illustrated by Jennifer Gaskin (Leatherwood Press); *Christmas at the Zoo: A Pop-Up Winter Wonderland*, by George White; illustrated by Jason O'Malley; engineered by Bruce Foster (Jumping Jack Press)

22. Book with Merchandise (plush toy, etc.)

Gold: *Freckles and the Great Beach Rescue*, by Ellen Bryant Lloyd; illustrated by Carol Schwartz (Butterfly Creations)

Silver: *The Princess Who Picked Her Nose*, by Jilly Rebeil; illustrated by Susan Regan (Royal Rebel Publishing)

Bronze: *The King's Crown*, by Jill LaMere (Minikin Press)

23. Best First Book

Gold: *Adventures with Jonny: Let's Go Fishing!* by Michael DiLorenzo (Running Moose Publications)

Silver: *The Birds of the Harbor*, by John Italia (Shenanigan Books)

Bronze: *My Feet Aren't Ugly*, by Debra Beck (Beaufort Books); *The Princess Who Picked Her Nose*, by Jilly Rebeil (Royal Rebel Publishing); *The Royal Woods*, by Matt Duggan (Key Porter Books); *Don't Eat the Bluebonnets*, by Ellen Leventhal & Ellen Rothberg (Bluebonnets Boots & Books)

24. Best Illustrator

Gold: Becky Kelly (*Heavenly Skies & Lullabies*)

Silver: Nikki Johnson (*Agate: What Good Is a Moose?*)

Bronze: Pamela Meacher (*Emily's Enchanted Guardians*); Jennifer Woods Tierney (*Once Upon a Rainbow*); Elena Caravela (*The Birds of the Harbor*)



Special Moonbeam Awards - These award-winning titles were chosen from the regular contest entries, nominated for their relevance to four special awards categories:

Moonbeam Peacemaker Award - Best book for promoting world peace and human tolerance. Inspired by Mattie J.T. Stepanek (1990-2004), whose poetry and messages of hope and peace have inspired millions of people around the world. Medalists will receive personalized medals and a collection of Mattie's books will be donated to the school of our gold medalist's choice:

Gold: *Soul Sunday: A Family's Guide to Exploring Faith and Teaching Tolerance*, by Carrie Brown-Wolf (TEO Summit Press)

Silver: *I Dream for You a World: A Covenant for Our Children*, by Charisse Carney-Nunes; illustrated by Ann Marie Williams (Brand Nu Words)

Bronze: *Healing Our World: Inside Doctors Without Borders*, by David Morley (Fitzhenry & Whiteside)

Kids for Saving Earth Award - Best book for promoting environmental awareness. Inspired by Clinton Hill (1978-1989) who started a worldwide club for kids and instructors interested in protecting the Earth. We'll donate an assortment of Kids for Saving Earth educational materials, books and posters to a recipient of the gold medalist's choice:

Gold: *Wind Bird: Gift of the Mist*, by Sarah Stiles Bright; illustrated by Gustav Moore (Maine Lakes Conservancy Institute)

Silver: *All the Way to the Ocean*, by Joel Harper; illustrated by Marq Spusta (Freedom Three)

Bronze: *No Eat Not Food: The Search for Intelligent Food on Planet Earth*, by Rick Sanger; illustrated by Carol Russell (Mountain Path Press)

Childhood Wellness Award - Best book promoting awareness of childhood disease or special needs:

Gold: *Full Mouse, Empty Mouse: A Tale of Food and Feelings*, by Dina Zeckhausen; illustrated by Brian Boyd (American Psychological Assoc./Magination Press)

Silver: *Playing by the Rules: A Story about Autism*, by Dena Fox Luchsinger; illustrated by Julie Olson (Woodbine House)

Bronze: *All Cats Have Asperger Syndrome*, by Kathy Hoopman (Jessica Kingsley Publishers)

We have also named three books and their authors/illustrators/publishers the recipients of special Moonbeam Spirit Awards, for their dedicated love of children, books, and literacy. These books were hard to categorize, but impressed our judges with their inspired writing and illustrations, their enthusiasm for words and the printed page, and their compassion for children and humanity. Each will receive a Moonbeam gold medal.

The Moonbeam Spirit Award winners are:

Exactly, by students of Wallenberg Traditional High School in conjunction with 826 Valencia

Butterfly Kisses and Wishes on Wings, by Ellen McVicker; illustrated by Nanci Hersh

Love Letters, by Lenore Rowntree

Congratulations to all!

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