

Diamond Willow Nominees 2010

Dear Toni

by Cyndi Sand-Eveland

Tundra Books, © 2008

ISBN 9780887768767 (hc)

Gene Tucks has the worst school assignment ever – to write a journal for 100 days. Gene is convinced she has a really dull life, but with playing on the field hockey team, her St. Bernard Sally with new pups, and her new friend Winn, Gene finds plenty to write about.

Review: <http://www.umanitoba.ca/outreach/cm/vol15/no2/deartoni.html>

Fight for Justice

by Lori Saigeon

Coteau Books for Kids, © 2009

ISBN 9781550504057 (pbk)

When bully Trey starts picking on him and his twin sister Charity, Justice doesn't know what to do. He is afraid that telling someone will only make things worse. Then on a family visit to his home reserve, Justice gets the courage to talk to his mushum about his problems.

Review: <http://umanitoba.ca/outreach/cm/vol16/no12/fightforjustice.html>

Focus on Flies

by Norma Dixon

Fitzhenry & Whiteside, © 2008

ISBN 9781550051292 (pbk)

Flies are fascinating! There are over 100,000 species of flies, including mosquitoes. They are nature's best flyers and one of the worst threats to human health, yet they also help maintain nature's balance. This book is full of information, experiments and activities.

Review: <http://umanitoba.ca/outreach/cm/vol15/no8/focusonflies.html>

Gotcha! 18 Amazing Ways to Freak Out Your Friends

by David Acer

Illustrated by Stephen MacEachern

Kids Can Press, © 2008

ISBN 9781554531950 (pbk)

Make a Bigfoot print, film your own UFO video, or test your ESP. Join Doubting Dave and the Mystery Hunters as they investigate some of the world's oldest and coolest mysteries. Then learn how to recreate these mysteries – to impress your friends and confuse your enemies!

Review: <http://umanitoba.ca/outreach/cm/vol15/no8/gotcha.html>

Jolted

by Arthur Slade

HarperTrophyCanada, © 2008

ISBN 9780006395690 (pbk)

Most of Newton's ancestors have been killed by lightning strikes, including his mother. In desperation, Newton enrolls in a school in Moose Jaw, and has to deal with wearing a kilt, hiding his pet pig Josephine, battling a competitive student, and preparing for an expedition.

Review: <http://umanitoba.ca/outreach/cm/vol15/no5/jolted.html>

The Mealworm Diaries

by Anna Kerz

Orca Book Publishers, © 2009

ISBN 9781551439822 (pbk)

Jeremy is the new kid in class. He also has a secret that gives him nightmares. The last thing Jeremy needs is a science partner as weird as Aaron, the kid who can't keep still, who bangs his head when he's upset, and who thinks Jeremy is his best friend.

Review: <http://umanitoba.ca/outreach/cm/vol15/no13/themealwormdiaries.html>

Meeting Miss 405

by Lois Peterson

Orca Book Publishers, © 2008

ISBN 9781554690152 (pbk)

Tansy is pretty lonely, with her Mom away and her Dad at work. Then she has to go to Miss Stella's after school, the strange old lady in Apartment 405. Miss Stella doesn't own a TV or a car. She eats unusual things like artichoke hearts. Miss Stella can't become a friend, can she?

Review: <http://umanitoba.ca/outreach/cm/vol15/no8/meetingmiss405.html>

The Nine Lives of Travis Keating

by Jill MacLean

Fitzhenry & Whiteside, © 2008

ISBN 9781554551040 (pbk)

Travis moves to a tiny town on the coast of Newfoundland for one year, but is already wishing the year was over. Then he discovers a group of abandoned cats. Travis takes on the challenging task of caring for the cats, but he will need to find someone to help him.

Review: <http://www.umanitoba.ca/outreach/cm/vol15/no2/theninelivesoftraviskeating.html>

Zach & Zoe and the Bank Robber

by Kristin Butcher

James Lorimer & Company Ltd., © 2008

ISBN 9781552770153 (pbk)

Zach and Zoe enjoy the company of their neighbour Mr. Dotty. He takes them on expeditions to the nearby marshland and gives them great recycled gifts. So when they see pictures of a bank robber who looks just like Mr. Dotty they are horrified, and go looking for clues.

Review: <http://umanitoba.ca/outreach/cm/vol15/no10/zackandzoeandthebankrobber.html>

Zoobreak

by Gordon Korman

Scholastic Press, © 2009

ISBN 9780545124997

Savannah discovers that her stolen monkey, Cleopatra, is being kept aboard a floating zoo. She enlists the help of her friend, Griffin, to free the monkey, along with all the other badly treated animals. But the zoobreak is just the beginning. Where can you hide a zooful of animals?