

Shining Willow Award Nominees 2010

Bird Child

by Nan Forler

Illustrated by François Thisdale

Tundra Books, © 2009

ISBN 9780887768941 (hc)

Eliza wants to help the new girl, Lainey, when children pick on her in the schoolyard. As the sun disappears from Lainey's beautiful paintings, Eliza finds a way to pass along the gifts her mother has given her – “wings to fly” and the ability to see the wonderful possibilities that lie before her.

Reviews: <http://umanitoba.ca/cm/vol16/no4/birdchild.html>

<http://www.aelaq.org/mrb/article.php?issue=28&article=842&cat=5>

Boo Hoo Bird

by Jeremy Tankard

Scholastic Press, © 2009

ISBN 9780545065702 (hc)

Poor Bird has another dilemma. He gets bonked on the head, and can't stop crying. His friends try out their ideas to make him feel better, but a kiss, a hug, a cookie, a game, and even a Band-Aid can't make Bird stop crying. Young readers will enjoy the surprise solution to Bird's problem.

Reviews: http://www.quillandquiere.com/books_young/review.cfm?review_id=6382

The Delicious Bug

by Janet Perlman

Kids Can Press, © 2009

ISBN 9781553379966 (hc)

One delicious bug, two foolish chameleons, and a pair of hungry crocodiles. The rainforest animals watch as friends Willy and Wally become engaged in a battle over a tasty bug. As the conflict escalates, disaster approaches. Will peace be restored? Can Willy and Wally repair their friendship?

Reviews: http://www.quillandquiere.com/books_young/review.cfm?review_id=6665

<http://umanitoba.ca/outreach/cm/vol16/no7/thedeliciousbug.html>

Farley Follows His Nose

by Lynn Johnston & Beth Cruikshank

Illustrated by Lynn Johnston

The Bowen Press, © 2009

ISBN 9781554685189 (hc)

Good-natured and ever-hungry Farley goes wherever his nose leads him. One delicious smell leads to another, and as Farley meets new friends and explores new parts of town, he also uses his nose to help a little boy find his way home. But will Farley be able to find his own way home?

Reviews: http://www.quillandquiere.com/books_young/review.cfm?review_id=6498

The Funny Faceoff

by Irene Punt

Illustrated by Ken Steacy

Scholastic Canada Ltd., © 2008

ISBN 9780545996815 (pbk)

The Glenlake Hawks are having a great hockey season – on the ice and in the dressing room.

Tom and his friends take their team spirit to the classroom and the schoolyard. But after a funny presentation in the class, they are sent to the principal's office. Can their teamwork save the day?

Reviews: <http://umanitoba.ca/outreach/cm/vol14/no21/thefunnyfaceoff.html>

The Giving Tree

by Leah Dorion

The Gabriel Dumont Institute, © 2009

ISBN 9780920915905 (pbk)

This vibrantly illustrated book focuses on the boyhood reminiscences of Moushoom as he describes finding the "Great Giving Tree" with his mother and father. This beautiful retelling of a traditional Métis story emphasizes the connection with the Creator and Mother Earth.

Review: None at this time

Have You Ever Seen a Duck in a Raincoat?

by Etta Kaner

Illustrated by Jeff Szuc

Kids Can Press, © 2009

ISBN 9781554532469 (hc)

In this funny, fact-filled book, young readers will discover ways in which animals have adapted to their environments in order to stay dry, keep cool, run fast and more. It compares people and animals in surprising and delightful ways, and brings a fresh approach to the study of animals.

Review: http://www.quillandquire.com/books_young/review.cfm?review_id=6419

<http://umanitoba.ca/outreach/cm/vol15/no19/haveyoueverseenaduck.html>

Scaredy Squirrel at night

by Mélanie Watt

Kids Can Press, © 2009

ISBN 9781554532889 (hc)

Night time is especially scary for Scaredy Squirrel, because of impending bad dreams. He has to make a plan to stay awake, but then suffers the hilarious, but true, consequences of sleepless nights. His wonderful plan is sabotaged, and panic ensues. How will he fare in the scary darkness?

Review: http://www.quillandquire.com/books_young/review.cfm?review_id=6431

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

Stanley's Beauty Contest

by Linda Bailey

Illustrated by Bill Slavin

Kids Can Press, © 2009

ISBN 9781554533183 (hc)

Stanley isn't exactly sure what beautiful is, but his people have entered him in a dog show. The good news – his friends, Alice and Nutsy and Gassy Jack, are in the contest, too. The bad news – Stanley's not so great at winning contests. As expected, chaos ensues, and love and loyalty win the day.

Reviews: http://www.quillandquiere.com/books_young/review.cfm?review_id=6420

<http://umanitoba.ca/outreach/cm/vol15/no19/stanleysbeautycontest.html>

You're Mean, Lily Jean

by Frieda Wishinsky

Illustrated by Kady MacDonald Denton

North Winds Press, © 2009

ISBN 9780545994996 (hc)

Carly and her sister Sandy are happy to have a new friend join their games. But Lily Jean changes things. She decides what they'll play, and gives all the orders. Tired of being bossed around, Carly comes up with a way to teach Lily Jean a lesson. Can her plan turn a bully into a friend?

Reviews: http://www.quillandquiere.com/books_young/review.cfm?review_id=6625