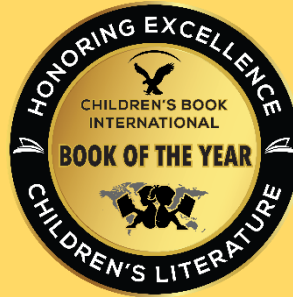


2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK INTERNATIONAL WINNERS AND FINALISTS



BOOK OF THE YEAR

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Adventures of Birdfrog: A Beautifully Illustrated Book of the In-Between World of Birdfrog*

AUTHOR NAME: Robert Lodolce

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

Adventure

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Adventures of Birdfrog: A Beautifully Illustrated Book of the In-Between World of Birdfrog*

AUTHOR NAME: Robert Lodolce

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Jabari and the Shady Shortcut*

AUTHOR NAME: Lemar O. Archer

PUBLISHER NAME: Brer Anancy Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Captain Olivia and the Treasure of Kindness*

AUTHOR NAME: Chris McKenna

PUBLISHER NAME: Chris McKenna

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Royce Saves the Day, A Magic Propeller Cap Adventure*

AUTHOR NAME: Mary Nielsen

PUBLISHER NAME: Tiny Paws Printing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Adventures of a Little Red Sock*
AUTHOR NAME: ENRICO C. BONATTI
PUBLISHER NAME: UNPUBLISHED

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Paradise Uncharted: The Island of Lost Children (A Learning Adventure for Youth)*
AUTHOR NAME: J. Robert Howard
PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished Manuscript

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Trapped*
AUTHOR NAME: Bella Olson
PUBLISHER NAME: BenBella Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Muppit Boy and the Allergies of Evil*
AUTHOR NAME: Michael J. Bowler
PUBLISHER NAME: Michael Bowler

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Extraordinary Life of Elliott Duck*
AUTHOR NAME: Mark Dantzler
PUBLISHER NAME: Orange Hat Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Spirit of the Falcon*
AUTHOR NAME: Debbie Schrack
PUBLISHER NAME: Debbie Schrack

Animals/Pets

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Extraordinary Life of Elliott Duck*
AUTHOR NAME: Mark Dantzler
PUBLISHER NAME: Orange Hat Publishing

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Chillie's Big Adventure*
AUTHOR NAME: Jim Olheiser
PUBLISHER NAME: Dakota Kota Publishing LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Lizzie and Her White-Tipped Tail: A London Story*
AUTHOR NAME: IGOR REBENOK
PUBLISHER NAME: UNPUBLISHED

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Brutus Finds a Monster*
AUTHOR NAME: Tif E. Boots
PUBLISHER NAME: ShelteringTree.Earth, LLC Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Floo Flocky Doo to The Rescue*
AUTHOR NAME: David L. Gillespie
PUBLISHER NAME: Trustmark Enterprise LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Pitty the Kitty, the Magic Collar*
AUTHOR NAME: Mary Nielsen
PUBLISHER NAME: Tiny Paws Printing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Texas Law Dogs The Case of June the Raccoon*
AUTHOR NAME: Shannon D. Christensen
PUBLISHER NAME: CS Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Little Joe and the Big City*
AUTHOR NAME: Mike Darcy
PUBLISHER NAME: Lilbuda Creations

FULL BOOK TITLE: *At the Ragtag Hotel: The Elevator Ride*
AUTHOR NAME: Freya Novak
PUBLISHER NAME: Freya Novak

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Red and Me*
AUTHOR NAME: Terry Lee Caruthers
PUBLISHER NAME: Star Bright Books

Art

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Let's Play 'I Spy Bugs!'*
AUTHOR NAME: Nanette Hanna
PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

Bedtime

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *I Shine as Bright as a Firefly*

AUTHOR NAME: Neetu Kaur Deol Jhaj

PUBLISHER NAME: Halo Publishing International

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *I Wish the World Was Made of Oranges*

AUTHOR NAME: Beth Drew

PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Welcome Baby Wigglet!*

AUTHOR NAME: A.M. Berkowitz

PUBLISHER NAME: BookBaby

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Floo Flocky Doo to The Rescue*

AUTHOR NAME: David L. Gillespie

PUBLISHER NAME: Trustmark Enterprise, LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Flo the Quokka*

AUTHOR NAME: Larry Gilbert

PUBLISHER NAME: Flo the Quokka, LLC

Best Cover Design-Fiction

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Letters Never Read*

AUTHOR NAME: Ziqi Liu

PUBLISHER NAME: Children Pay Children

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Duck & the Seagull: A Tale of Two Friends*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. B.F. Battistoli

PUBLISHER NAME Pegasus Publishers

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Crayon Caper*

AUTHOR NAME: Katie Baron

PUBLISHER NAME: Archer Dog Books

Best Cover Design-Nonfiction

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Midwife Wha?!*
AUTHOR NAME: Jo Zasloff
PUBLISHER NAME: Nettle Wellness Press

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Don't Wake the Dragon*
AUTHOR NAME: Craig Ohlau
PUBLISHER NAME: Craig Ohlau

Chapter Book

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Trapped*
AUTHOR NAME: Bella Olson
PUBLISHER NAME: BenBella Books

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Mystery of the Sparkling Compass*
AUTHOR NAME: Monica Swope
PUBLISHER NAME: Learning Dimensions

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Elliot & Bo in Icyland*
AUTHOR NAME: Agatha Georges
PUBLISHER NAME: The Magic Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Crayon Caper*
AUTHOR NAME: Katie Baron
PUBLISHER NAME: Archer Dog Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Red and Me*
AUTHOR NAME: Terry Lee Caruthers
PUBLISHER NAME: Star Bright Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Last Ayer*
AUTHOR NAME: J.E. Rogers
PUBLISHER NAME: AHA Publishers

Children's Literature

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE BOOK OF KINDNESS*

AUTHOR NAME: EGOR KLOPENKO

PUBLISHER NAME: AMAZON KDP

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Toys Come Alive*

AUTHOR NAME: Evelyn Wong

PUBLISHER NAME: The Graceful Swan

FULL BOOK TITLE: *WE ARE DIFFERENT BUT A LOT ALIKE*

AUTHOR NAME: Linda Guest-Peters

PUBLISHER NAME: Page Publishing, INC.

FULL BOOK TITLE: *GOOSIE'S GOLDEN GIFTS*

AUTHOR NAME: RIYANIKA SHANKAR

PUBLISHER NAME: UNPUBLISHED

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Bentley Finds a Hippopotomonsterous*

AUTHOR NAME: Miki Taylor

PUBLISHER NAME: Taylor & Co. Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Duck & the Seagull: A Tale of Two Friends*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. B.F. Battistoli

PUBLISHER NAME Pegasus Publishers

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Digger: Dig or Die!*

AUTHOR NAME: Deborah Cholette

PUBLISHER NAME: One Elm Books, an imprint of Red Chair Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THERE IS SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT ed: A Gentle Introduction to Mental Health and Eating Disorders*

AUTHOR NAME: Monique Stokvis

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Where Beau the Beach Bunny Burrows*

AUTHOR NAME: Lolisa Marie Monroe

PUBLISHER NAME: Miss Lolisa's Tales & Tails

FULL BOOK TITLE: *BLOOM*

AUTHOR NAME: Danielle E. Ramsay

PUBLISHER NAME: KDP

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Bird Who Was Afraid to Fly*
AUTHOR NAME: Harker Jones
PUBLISHER NAME: Self-published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Cedrick the Sad Rock*
AUTHOR NAME: Brandy Mincer
PUBLISHER NAME: Brandy Mincer, Author

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Jade the Judge: Who Works With You*
AUTHOR NAME: Shequitta Kelly-Joubert
PUBLISHER NAME: Jeniro Agency

Educational

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Too Much Quiet!*
AUTHOR NAME: Kottie Christie-Blick
PUBLISHER NAME: NSTA Press and NSTA Kids

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Ethan and the Seven Chakras*
AUTHOR NAME: Yvette Farkas
PUBLISHER NAME: Singing Soul Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Will My Haircut Hurt? ¿Me Dolerá el Corte de Pelo?*
AUTHOR NAME: Martha Goldner
PUBLISHER NAME: Xlibris US

FULL BOOK TITLE: *I Only Eat Pizza*
AUTHOR NAME: Benita L. Gibson
PUBLISHER NAME: Tatoon Kids

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Tales Retold: Freedom's Eve*
AUTHOR NAME: Dawn Caldwell
PUBLISHER NAME: Baby Crow, an imprint of Colorful Crow Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Nurse Florence®: Tell Me About the Coronary Arteries*
AUTHOR NAME: Michael Dow, RN, MS
PUBLISHER NAME: Dow Creative Enterprises

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Kinney Clay: The Poem, The Story, The History*
AUTHOR NAME: Richard Wittie
PUBLISHER NAME: Palmetto Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Vinnie's Tour of the Universe*
AUTHOR NAME: Elizabeth Zhang
PUBLISHER NAME: Independently published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Midwife Wha?!*
AUTHOR NAME: Jo Zasloff
PUBLISHER NAME: Nettle Wellness Press

Fable

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Mr. Fox Sells Pockets*
AUTHOR NAME: Mark Dantzler
PUBLISHER NAME: Orange Hat Publishing

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Bookworm*
AUTHOR NAME: Beth Drew
PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

FULL BOOK TITLE: *GOOSIE'S GOLDEN GIFTS*
AUTHOR NAME: RIYANIKA SHANKAR
PUBLISHER NAME: UNPUBLISHED

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Lizzie and Her White-Tipped Tail: A London Story*
AUTHOR NAME: IGOR REBENOK
PUBLISHER NAME: UNPUBLISHED

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Story of Chris the Toiler and Andy the Drifter*
AUTHOR NAME: Takamasa Ogasawara
PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Big Ears Jack and Friends*
AUTHOR NAME: Earl Vincent de Berge
PUBLISHER NAME: Earl Vincent de Berge

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Song Only Kofi Could Sing*
AUTHOR NAME: Philip Essienyi
PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

Fairy Tale

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Pixie Dust and Other Dangerous Things*
AUTHOR NAME: Jessica Brenner
PUBLISHER NAME: Journey Institute Press (Fall 2026)

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Tooth Fairy Jerry*
AUTHOR NAME: Avery, Mason, Lauren & Michael Powell
PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Where Beau the Beach Bunny Burrows*
AUTHOR NAME: Lolisa Marie Monroe
PUBLISHER NAME: Miss Lolisa's Tales & Tails

Fantasy

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Ray Taylor and the Torn and Tattered Treasure Map*
AUTHOR NAME: N.Degen
PUBLISHER NAME: N.Degen

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Hidden world of Dystopia*
AUTHOR NAME: Divyanka Verma
PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Nebula Strikes Back (nebula pt 3)*
AUTHOR NAME: Riya Goswami
PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Guardians of the Cosmic Clocks: Wings of the Gods*
AUTHOR NAME: Jabril Yousef Faraj
PUBLISHER NAME: DANK ONION

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Return of the Nebula (Nebula pt 2)*
AUTHOR NAME: Riya Goswami
PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Pixie Dust and Other Dangerous Things*
AUTHOR NAME: Jessica Brenner
PUBLISHER NAME: Journey Institute Press (Fall 2026)

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Boy Who Lives on Prickinjer Place*
AUTHOR NAME: Ann Fleming
PUBLISHER NAME: Kahu Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Vetala Zone: December and Friday's Zombie Cruise*
AUTHOR NAME: Sebastian Strange
PUBLISHER NAME: Sebastian Strange

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Adventures of Fairies and Dragons*
AUTHOR NAME: Nancy Benson
PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse

Fiction-General

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Dreams Factory*
AUTHOR NAME: Bashir Bashir
PUBLISHER NAME: Independently Published

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Doña Basura Manda: en una Tierra Llena*
AUTHOR NAME: Martha Goldner
PUBLISHER NAME: Xlibris US

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Tales Retold: Freedom's Eve*
AUTHOR NAME: Dawn Caldwell
PUBLISHER NAME: Baby Crow, an imprint of Colorful Crow Publishing

Folklore

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Jabari and the Shady Shortcut*

AUTHOR NAME: Lemar O. Archer

PUBLISHER NAME: Brer Anancy Press

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Hayrik and Little Fox*

AUTHOR NAME: Tatevik Shakhkulyan

PUBLISHER NAME: KaytArt Production

Historical Fiction

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Seeds of Rebellion*

AUTHOR NAME: Wendy M. Neugent

PUBLISHER NAME: SWH Media, LLC

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Bella's Tales of History: America's Secret Friend Bernardo de Galvez*

AUTHOR NAME: Deb Evans

PUBLISHER NAME: Deb Evans Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Finding Sea Legs*

AUTHOR NAME: Shannon Mulholland

PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Derailed*

AUTHOR NAME: Kathryn Cryan-Hicks

PUBLISHER NAME: School Street Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Dumplings and Dreams*

AUTHOR NAME: Hillary Aimee Srijaya

PUBLISHER NAME: CV. The Enrichment Lab

Holiday

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Time to Shine-A Filipino American Family Story*

AUTHOR NAME: Stephanie Vivit Lehmann

PUBLISHER NAME: Pamilya Press LLC

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Child's Dream: Santa's Parking Ticket & an Empty Sled*

AUTHOR NAME: Anita Yates

PUBLISHER NAME: Appalachian Ace

FULL BOOK TITLE: *When Fred the Snake and Friends Go Camping*

AUTHOR NAME: Peter Cotton

PUBLISHER NAME: Bublish

Humor

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Never Take Your Rhino on a Plane*

AUTHOR NAME: K.E. Lewis

PUBLISHER NAME: Harper Collins

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Renzo's Botty Rocket*

AUTHOR NAME: Gillen & Laura Townshend

PUBLISHER NAME: Happy Heart Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *I HAVE A SURPRISE FOR YOU!*

AUTHOR NAME: Ash Mash

PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Mr. Fox Sells Pockets*

AUTHOR NAME: Mark Dantzler

PUBLISHER NAME: Orange Hat Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Deadpan*

AUTHOR NAME: Harold Eppley

PUBLISHER NAME: Orange Hat Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Cat For Dinner*
AUTHOR NAME: Ava Barry
PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Suzy and Roxy Go Camping*
AUTHOR NAME: Katie Saucedo
PUBLISHER NAME: Babooky

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Owl Be Seeing You (a Grumpy the Iguana and Green Parrot Adventure)*
AUTHOR NAME: Susan Marie Chapman
PUBLISHER NAME: Gourmet Dog LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *1 2 3 Ding Ding Ding!*
AUTHOR NAME: Moises D. Rodriguez
PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

Interactive

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Hayrik and Little Fox*
AUTHOR NAME: Tatevik Shakhkulyan
PUBLISHER NAME: KaytArt Production

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Alex the Bull Rider (Riding Bulls from A – Z)*
AUTHOR NAME: AL LEAL
PUBLISHER NAME: VICTORY PUBLISHERS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *There Was a Tenacious Teacher Who Scarfed Down a Sticker*
AUTHOR NAME: Patty York Raymond
PUBLISHER NAME: Davica Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Charley's New Friend*
AUTHOR NAME: M.a. Wenger, Wendy B. (Author), Djacson Stvil (Illustrator)
PUBLISHER NAME: Halo Publishing International

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Blue Bubble Gum*
AUTHOR NAME: Martha Goldner
PUBLISHER NAME: Xlibris US

Inspirational

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Not Sorry To Be Me*
AUTHOR NAME: Vicki Bentley and Isla Bentley
PUBLISHER NAME: Torn Curtain Publishing

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Time to Shine-A Filipino American Family Story*
AUTHOR NAME: Stephanie Vivit Lehmann
PUBLISHER NAME: Pamilya Press LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Deadpan*
AUTHOR NAME: Harold Eppley
PUBLISHER NAME: Orange Hat Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Rewilding*
AUTHOR NAME: Lisa Gerlits
PUBLISHER NAME: One Elm Books, an imprint of Red Chair Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THERE IS SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT ed: A Gentle Introduction to Mental Health and Eating Disorders*
AUTHOR NAME: Monique Stokvis
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Idea Maker's Big Adventure*
AUTHOR NAME: Anjali Ayyappadas Priji
PUBLISHER NAME: Anjali Ayyappadas Priji

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Little Lola and Her Big Dream*
AUTHOR NAME: Teri M. Brown
PUBLISHER NAME: TMB Creations LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Wagon of Worries*
AUTHOR NAME: Ruthie Godfrey
PUBLISHER NAME: Ruthie Godfrey Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *My Magical Mindset*
AUTHOR NAME: Allison Joy
PUBLISHER NAME: Boys Town Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *I Shine as Bright as a Firefly*
AUTHOR NAME: Neetu Kaur Deol Jhaj
PUBLISHER NAME: Halo Publishing International

FULL BOOK TITLE: *If I Were A Butterfly*
AUTHOR NAME: MM MYERS
PUBLISHER NAME: Firestorm Publishing LLC

Legacy

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Tattler Tales: Vonnie and Fussy, Girl Reporters*
AUTHOR NAME: J. Lee Fleming
PUBLISHER NAME: Westbow Press

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Little Candle*
AUTHOR NAME: Daniel Collins
PUBLISHER NAME: Trafford Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Active Book of Monsters: A Bedtime Story*
AUTHOR NAME: Craig Ohlau
PUBLISHER NAME: Craig Ohlau

LGBTQ

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Midwife Wha?!*
AUTHOR NAME: Jo Zasloff
PUBLISHER NAME: Nettle Wellness Press

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Keesha Luz and Her Magic Eyes: Keesha Helps Her Brother*
AUTHOR NAME: Bonnie Strahs and Cheryl Lee-Owens
PUBLISHER NAME: Mindstir Media

Multicultural

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *WHEN I WAS YOUNG IN KOREA*

AUTHOR NAME: Minkyung Jeong

PUBLISHER NAME: Pubple (in South Korea), Independently Published through Amazon KDP (globally)

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Time to Shine-A Filipino American Family Story*

AUTHOR NAME: Stephanie Vivit Lehmann

PUBLISHER NAME: Pamilya Press LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Borhan*

AUTHOR NAME: Zinah Al Helfy

PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Island of Yaki Yim Bamboo*

AUTHOR NAME: Fred Rohan-Vargas and Millicent F. Arrindell

PUBLISHER NAME: Mixing It Up Productions, LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *I Shine as Bright as a Firefly*

AUTHOR NAME: Neetu Kaur Deol Jhaj

PUBLISHER NAME: Halo Publishing International

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Song Only Kofi Could Sing*

AUTHOR NAME: Philip Essienyi

PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

Mystery

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *August Rain*

AUTHOR NAME: Marlo Holly

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Finding Sea Legs*

AUTHOR NAME: Shannon Mulholland

PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

FULL BOOK TITLE: The Magical Farm Mysteries: Bubble Gum Rocks
AUTHOR NAME: A.M. Berkowitz
PUBLISHER NAME: BookBaby

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Crayon Caper*
AUTHOR NAME: Katie Baron
PUBLISHER NAME: Archer Dog Books

Nature

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *All that Glitters is not GOLD: A children's story about glitter, microplastics, and protecting Alaska's rivers*
AUTHOR NAME: Emily Brubaker
PUBLISHER NAME: Emily Brubaker

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Big Ears Jack and Friends*
AUTHOR NAME: Earl Vincent de Berge
PUBLISHER NAME: Earl Vincent de Berge

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The little Seed and the Wind*
AUTHOR NAME: Maritha Pocorni-Humphries
PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Borhan*
AUTHOR NAME: Zinah Al Helfy
PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Elliot & Bo in Icyland*
AUTHOR NAME: Agatha Georges
PUBLISHER NAME: The Magic Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Too Much Quiet!*
AUTHOR NAME: Kottie Christie-Blick
PUBLISHER NAME: NSTA Press and NSTA Kids

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Ocean Protectors: Colors of the Coral Reef*
AUTHOR NAME: Blair Northen Williamson
PUBLISHER NAME: Genius Cat Books

Nonfiction-General

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *I LOVE YOU, GRANDMA SHARON! Brooke and Grandma's Days with Parkinson's*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr George Ackerman (Father) & Brooke Ackerman (Daughter)

PUBLISHER NAME: TogetherForSharon®

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Book of Maps: search & find adventures around the world*

AUTHOR NAME: Evi Triantafyllides ILLUSTRATOR & MAP CREATOR: Jordan Sandler

PUBLISHER NAME: Worldwide Buddies

FULL BOOK TITLE: *All that Glitters is not GOLD: A children's story about glitter, microplastics, and protecting Alaska's rivers*

AUTHOR NAME: Emily Brubaker

PUBLISHER NAME: Self Published

Parenting and Family

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Mama Carries the House*

AUTHOR NAME: Zinah Al Helfy

PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Flo the Quokka*

AUTHOR NAME: Larry Gilbert

PUBLISHER NAME: Flo the Quokka, LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Leo & Lou: When We Grow Up*

AUTHOR NAME: S T Kimbrough Jr. and Mark S. Kimbrough

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Tricky Pickle Carrot Cake*

AUTHOR NAME: Brytta H Fitzgibbons

PUBLISHER NAME: Xlibris US

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Goodnight, Wiggles*

AUTHOR NAME: Destany B. Stevens

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Brave Enough – Atlan and the Farm Animals*
AUTHOR NAME: Bowe Balhoff
PUBLISHER NAME: The Word Verve

FULL BOOK TITLE: *What If Roxy*
AUTHOR NAME: Jessica Ann
PUBLISHER NAME: KDP (Kindle Direct Publishing)

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Polar Bear in the Closet*
AUTHOR NAME: Tracey Sullivan
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Will My Haircut Hurt? ¿Me Dolerá el Corte de Pelo?*
AUTHOR NAME: Martha Goldner
PUBLISHER NAME: Xlibris Us

Picture Book

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Brunt and Egbert Happen Upon a Wreck!*
AUTHOR NAME: Jeff Dorrill
PUBLISHER NAME: Blue Balloon Books

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Garden in Me: The Nature of Emotions & the Beauty of Feelings*
AUTHOR NAME: Nalina Siva
PUBLISHER NAME: KDP

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Tall as the Sun*
AUTHOR NAME: Stephanie Henson
PUBLISHER NAME: Watchful Wizard Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Imagine and Daydream-Mindfulness Imagine and Daydream-Calmness*
AUTHOR NAME: Fiorita Di Palma
PUBLISHER NAME: Self-Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *I'll Be This, You'll Be That!*
AUTHOR NAME: MANSI SHARMA
PUBLISHER NAME: KDP

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Dirt Dog Invites Prissy Poodle to the Prom, Dirt Dog and Friends Series*

AUTHOR NAME: Lisa M. Pritchard

PUBLISHER NAME: Abundance Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Skinny Katie and Her Potbelly Pig Named Sadie*

AUTHOR NAME: Paul Bullock

PUBLISHER NAME: Self Published by PBNB International

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Magical Wooden Chair*

AUTHOR NAME: Judy Haveson

PUBLISHER NAME: J Press Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *I Always Knew We Were Meant For You*

AUTHOR NAME: Michelle Gillitzer

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Growing Up is Hard to Do Part 1 (a Grumpy the Iguana and Green Parrot Adventure)*

AUTHOR NAME: Susan Marie Chapman

PUBLISHER NAME: Gourmet Dog LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *At the Ragtag Hotel: The Elevator Ride*

AUTHOR NAME: Freya Novak

PUBLISHER NAME: Freya Novak

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Ringo the Ginkgo*

AUTHOR NAME: Arshak Martirosyan

PUBLISHER NAME: Amazon/Kindle Direct Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Peter Plumber's Perfect Plan*

AUTHOR NAME: Mika Samuelle

PUBLISHER NAME: Mika Samuelle / Woodland Pond Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Sweet Potato*

AUTHOR NAME: Susan Marie Chapman

PUBLISHER NAME: Gourmet Dog LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Friendship Garden*

AUTHOR NAME: Klarisse Monje

PUBLISHER NAME: Klarisse Monje

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Flocky Doo to The Rescue*

AUTHOR NAME: David L. Gillespie

PUBLISHER NAME: Trustmark Enterprise LLC

Poetry

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *When Will I Ever Learn – 60 Humorous and Teachable Poems for Kids*

AUTHOR NAME: Lynn Marceau

PUBLISHER NAME: Lynn Marceau

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Fabemol Hears the Heart: A Story About Listening and Empathy*

AUTHOR NAME: Mary Ann Domanska

PUBLISHER NAME: Chalk & Wonder Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Skinny Katie and Her Potbelly Pig Named Sadie*

AUTHOR NAME: Paul Bullock

PUBLISHER NAME: Self Published by PBNB International

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Live Free or Diet: A Holistic Guide to Finding Faith, Freedom, and Abundant Life*

AUTHOR NAME: Kurt Bravata M.D.

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Boy Who Lives on Prickinjer Place*

AUTHOR NAME: Ann Fleming

PUBLISHER NAME: Kahu Publishing

Realistic Fiction

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Deadpan*

AUTHOR NAME: Harold Eppley

PUBLISHER NAME: Orange Hat Publishing

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Paradise Uncharted: The Island of Lost Children (A Learning Adventure for Youth)*

AUTHOR NAME: J. Robert Howard (James R. Howard)

PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The little Seed and the Wind*

AUTHOR NAME: Maritha Pocorni-Humphries

PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Time to Shine-A Filipino American Family Story*
AUTHOR NAME: Stephanie Vivit Lehmann
PUBLISHER NAME: Pamilya Press LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Growing Pains: Courage Comes with Growing Pains*
AUTHOR NAME: Betts Arney
PUBLISHER NAME: GAB Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Letters Never Read*
AUTHOR NAME: Ziqi Liu
PUBLISHER NAME: Children Pay Children

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Joe Wala the Keeper*
AUTHOR NAME: Molly J. Hoffman
PUBLISHER NAME: Molly J. Hoffman

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Forgotten Secrets of the Tuscarora Eye: A Hannah Hallie Hawkins History Mystery*
AUTHOR NAME: D.L. Bush
PUBLISHER NAME: D.L. Bush

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Mathu's Day with Appachen*
AUTHOR NAME: Soumya Thomas
PUBLISHER NAME: Soumya Thomas

Religious

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The New Adventures of Frankie and Abby: A Committed Heart*
AUTHOR NAME: Jannean HedgeSpeth
PUBLISHER NAME: Enhanced DNA Publishing

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Crabby Abby the Decorator Crab's Big Heart*
AUTHOR NAME: Ellen Kolman
PUBLISHER NAME: Prolific Pulse Press LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Gigi Butterfly*
AUTHOR NAME: Tiffanie Ronette
PUBLISHER NAME: Paramount Book Publishing

Science Fiction

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *STAR-FIRE*
AUTHOR NAME: Kelly Yu
PUBLISHER NAME: Children Pay Children

Sports

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Line Em' Up*
AUTHOR NAME: Oscar Avery
PUBLISHER NAME: Oscar Avery

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Jimmy The Caddy*
AUTHOR NAME: John Potthoff
PUBLISHER NAME: John Potthoff

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Alex the Bull Rider (Riding Bulls from A – Z)*
AUTHOR NAME: AL LEAL
PUBLISHER NAME: VICTORY PUBLISHERS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *All The President's Ballplayers*
AUTHOR NAME: Timothy Dinan
PUBLISHER NAME: Timothy Dinan

Travel

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Book of Maps: search & find adventures around the world*
AUTHOR NAME: Evi Triantafyllides ILLUSTRATOR & MAP CREATOR: Jordan Sandler
PUBLISHER NAME: Worldwide Buddies

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The little Seed and the Wind*
AUTHOR NAME: Maritha Pocorni-Humphries
PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

FULL BOOK TITLE: *When Fred the Snake and Friends Go Camping*
AUTHOR NAME: Peter Cotton
PUBLISHER NAME: Bublish

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Never Take Your Rhino on a Plane*
AUTHOR NAME: K.E. Lewis
PUBLISHER NAME: Harper Collins

FULL BOOK TITLE: *I Can Go Anywhere: National Parks*
AUTHOR NAME: Karissa Nix
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

Young Adult

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *CodeSkull*
AUTHOR NAME: Chloe Spencer
PUBLISHER NAME: Mad Axe Media

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Guardians of the Cosmic Clocks: Wings of the Gods*
AUTHOR NAME: Jabril Yousef Faraj
PUBLISHER NAME: DANK ONION

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Letters Never Read*
AUTHOR NAME: Ziqi Liu
PUBLISHER NAME: Children Pay Children

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Storms and Whispers: The Captain's Legacy*
AUTHOR NAME: Patrick Bordes
PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Beyond Superhero School: Let The Games Begin!*
AUTHOR NAME: Gracie Dix
PUBLISHER NAME: Amazon KDP

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Trail To Twilight For The Gods*
AUTHOR NAME: Ben Klotz
PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Tissiack: A Sierran Siren*
AUTHOR NAME: Charles Weeden
PUBLISHER NAME: Independently published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Paradise Uncharted: The Island of Lost Children (A Learning Adventure for Youth)*
AUTHOR NAME: J. Robert Howard
PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished Manuscript

Honorable Mention

FULL BOOK TITLE: Cokie the Coffee
AUTHOR NAME: Harley Paradzhanova
PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished