

The 2025 Skipping Stones Book Awards



We are pleased to honor the following 25 outstanding books—in three categories: Multicultural, Nature, and Teaching Resources—as our 2025 Award Winners. These picture books, chapter books, novels and nonfiction works promote an understanding of cultures, cultivate cooperation, and/or encourage a deeper awareness of nature, ecology, and diversity. They foster respect for multiple viewpoints and closer relationships within human societies. The honored titles offer various perspectives, help us understand our diverse cultures and their histories, and how we overcome challenging situations. Hearty congratulations to the creators of these timely books!

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Multicultural and International Books:

Mnoomin maan'gowing/The Gift of Mnoomin by Brittany Luby; illustr. Joshua Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley; trans. Mary Ann Corbiere. *Groundwood Books*. Ages 3-6.

Momma's Going to March by Jennifer Maruno; illustr. Vivian Rosas. *Groundwood Books*. Ages 3-6.

Baking Up Love by Alan Page and Kamie Page; art: David Geister. *Page Education Foundation*. Ages 5-9.

The Home We Make by Maham Khwaja; illustr. Daby Zainab Faidhi. *Lee and Low Books*. Ages 5-10.

Miryam's Dance by Kerry Olitzky and Rachel Stock Spilker; illustr. John Baptist Tumuhaise. *Apples & Honey Press*. Ages 5-8.

Hokusai's Daughter: A Young Artist in Old Japan, by Sunny Seki. *Tuttle Publishing*. Ages 5-14.

Oh No! Chinese School! A bilingual Chinese/English picture book, by Crystal Murakami; illustr. Jon Kenzo Okeya. www.eastwestdiscovery.com. Ages 6-9.

Salma Joins the Team by Danny Ramadan; art by Anna Bron. *Annick Press*. Ages 6-9.

The Go-Between by Jennifer Maruno. *Red Deer Press*. Ages 8-12.

The Christmas Menorahs: How a Town Fought Hate, by Janice Cohn; illustr. Bill Farnsworth. *Le Chambon Press*. Ages 7 and up.

Mercedes Sosa: Voice of the People by Aixa Pérez-Prado. (A Spanish edition is also available). *Children's Book Press/Lee & Low Books*. Ages 7-10.

Grandma, Don't Forget How Much I Love You by Linda A. Gerdner and Jacqueline A. Witter; illustr. Amy Bunnell Jones. *Pizzicato Press*. Ages 7-10.

A Tree of My Own by Nui Wilson; illustr. Kayor, et. al. *Qilin Press*. Ages 7-12.

Finding Melody Sullivan, a novel by Alice Rothchild. *Cune Press*. Ages 13 to adult.

Nature and Ecology Books:

Loop de Loop: Circular Solutions for a Waste-Free World, by Andrea Curtis; illustr. Roozeboos. *Groundwood Books*. Ages 4-8.

Gifts from the Garbage Truck: A True Story about the Things We (Don't) Throw Away, by Andrew Larsen; illustr. Oriol Vidal. *Sourcebooks Kids*. Ages 4-8.

A Sky That Sings by Anita Sanchez & George Steele; illustr. Emily Mendoza. *Lee and Low Books*. Ages 5-10.

At Home with the Prairie Dog: The Story of a Keystone Species, by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent; photos: William Muñoz. *Web of Life Children's Books*. Ages 5-9.

Hawk Mother Returns: A Story of Interspecies Adoption, by Kara Hagedorn and Marlo Garnsworthy. *Web of Life Children's Books*. Ages 5-9.

Tizzy and Me: Fifteen Ways to Love a Mink, by N.M.L. Hazard; illustr. Alice Priestley. *Red Deer Press*. Ages 7-9.

The Girl Who Cried for the Earth: A Story of Hope, Healing & Possibilities, by Bodhi Simpson. *2nd Tier Publishing*. Ages 8 and up.

Keystone Species: Meet the Animals Key to Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity, by Laura Perdew; illustr. Micah Rauch. *Nomad Press*. Ages 9-13.

Zoe and the Seed Garden by Lorna McMaster; illustr. by the author. *Heartfelt Seed Stories*. Grades 3-8.

Teaching & Parenting Resources:

Teaching Palestine: Lessons, Stories, Voices. Editors: Bill Bigelow, Jesse Hagopian, Suzanna Kassouf, Adam Sanchez, and Samia Shoman. *Rethinking Schools*. Middle and high school grades.

Transgender Justice in Schools. Eds. Linda Christensen & Ty Marshall. *Rethinking Schools*.

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