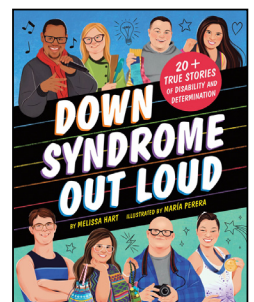
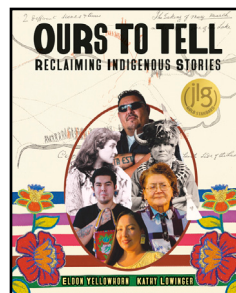
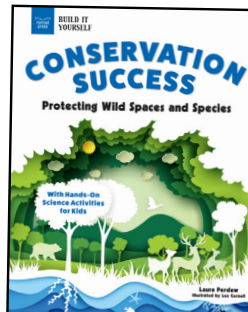
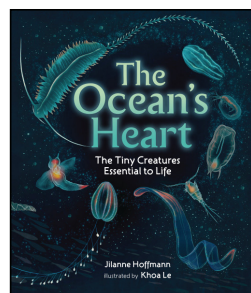
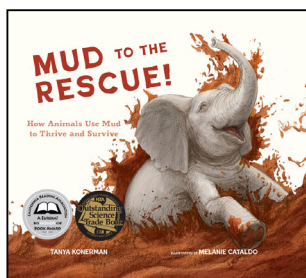
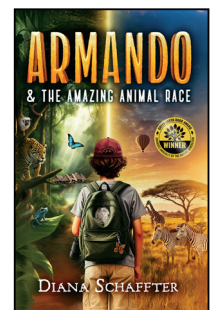
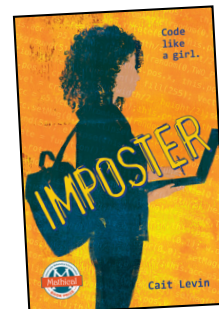
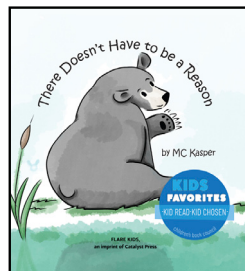
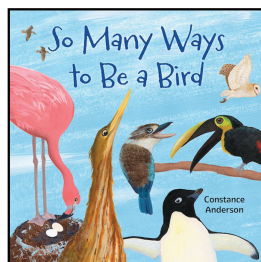
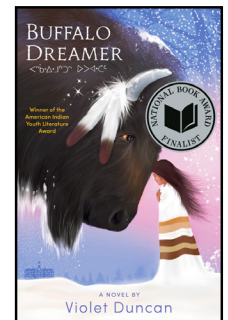
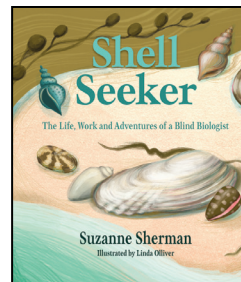
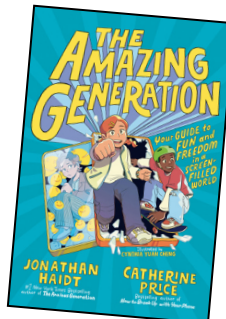
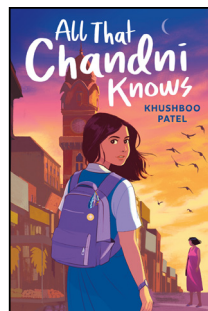
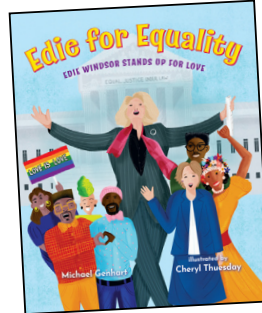
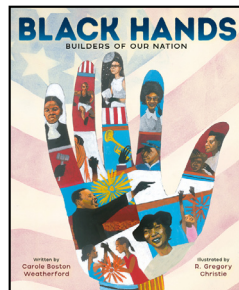
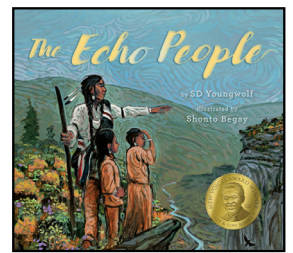
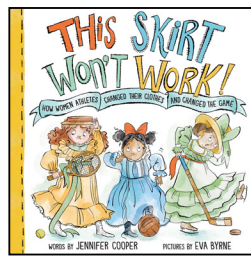
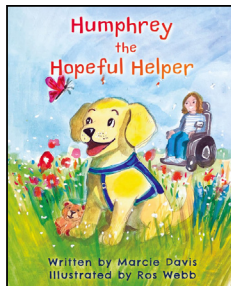
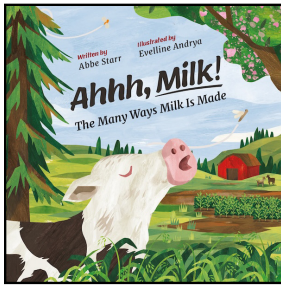


2026 Skipping Stones Honor Awards

We are pleased to honor the following 25 outstanding books—in three categories: Multicultural, Nature, and Teaching & Parenting Resources—as our 2026 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 social issues. 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! *Reviews will be posted on the website in the Annual Book Awards under Contests/Awards by July 2.*



Multicultural and International Books

The Echo People, by SD Youngwolf; illustr. Shonto Begay. *Lee & Low*. Picture Book. Ages 3–5.

Humphrey the Hopeful Helper, by Marcie Davis; illustr. Ros Webb. *Workinglikedogs.com*. Ages 3–5.

Ahhh, Milk!: *The Many Ways Milk Is Made*, by Abbe Starr; illustr. Evelline Andrya. *Gnome Road Publishing*. Ages 4–7.

This Skirt Won't Work!: *How Women Athletes Changed Their Clothes and Changed the Game*, by Jennifer Cooper; illustr. Eva Byrne. *Sourcebooks*. Ages 4–8.

Black Hands: *Builders of Our Nation*, by Carole Boston Weatherford; illustr. R. Gregory Christie. *Crown Books for Young Readers*. Ages 6–9.

Kai Po Che: *Mini's Perfect Kite*, by Suhasini Gupta; illustr. Devika Oza. *Gnome Road Publishing*. Ages 6–10.

The First Girl on Stage, by Shruthi Rao; art by Devika Joglekar. *Yali Books/Sambasivan & Parikh*. Ages 6–10.

Sign Up For Adventure! by Lavanya Karthik. *Modern Marigold Books/Sambasivan & Parikh*. Ages 6–10.

Edie For Equality: *Edie Windsor Stands up for Love*, by Michael Genhart; illustr. Cheryl Thuesday. *Lee & Low*. Ages 7–13.

The Amazing Generation, by Jonathan Haidt & Catherine Price. *Rocky Pond Books*. Ages 9–12.

Half Spoon of Rice: *A Survival Story of the Cambodian Genocide*, by Icy Smith; illustr. Sopaul Nhem. *A bilingual book in English and Khmer. East West Discovery Press LLC*. Ages 9–14.

All that Chandni Knows, a novel in verse, by Khushboo Patel. *G.P. Putnam's Sons BFYR*. Ages 10–16.

Buffalo Dreamer, a novel, by Violet Duncan. *Nancy Paulsen Books*. Ages 10–18.

The Story of My Anger, a novel in verse, by Jasminne Mendez. *Dial Books*. Ages 12–17.

Imposter, a novel, by Cait Levin. *Charlesbridge Teen*. Ages 13–18.

Nature and Ecology Books

All That Glitters Is Not GOLD, by Emily Brubaker. *Amazon/KDP*. Picture Book. Ages 4–8.

There Doesn't Have to be a Reason, by M C Kasper. *Flare Kids/Catalyst Press*. Ages 4–9.

So Many Ways to be a Bird, by Constance Anderson. *Star Bright Books*. Ages 4–9.

Mud to the Rescue!: *How Animals Use Mud to Thrive and Survive*, by Tanya Konerman; illustr. Melanie Cataldo. *Web of Life*. Ages 5–10.

Shell Seeker: *The Life, Work and Adventures of a Blind Biologist*, by Suzanne Sherman; illustr. Linda Olliver. *NSTA Kids*. Ages 5–10.

The Ocean's Heart: *The Tiny Creatures Essential to Life*, by Jilanne Hoffmann; illustr. Khoa Le. *Millbrook Press/Lerner Publishing Group*. Ages 6–10.

Armando and the Amazing Animal Race, by Diana Schaffter. *Sea Otter Press*. Ages 8–14.

Conservation Success: *Protecting Wild Spaces and Species*, by Laura Perdew; illustr. Lex Cornell. *Nomad Press*. Ages 9–12.

Teaching and Parenting Resources

Down Syndrome Out Loud: *20+ True Stories of Disability and Determination*, by Melissa Hart; illustr. María Perera. *Sourcebooks*. Ages 8–14.

Ours To Tell: *Reclaiming Indigenous Stories*, by Eldon Yellowhorn & Kathy Lowinger. *Annick Press*. Ages 12+.

Reviews of these honored titles can be downloaded from our website, www.skippingstones.org after July 2nd. Please click on the **Annual Book Awards** under the **Contests/Awards** menu.