

2024 MYRCA Sundog Nominees

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Apartment 713 by Kevin Sylvester



HarperCollins • ISBN: 978 1443460941 • Grades 4+

Jake Simmons hates his new home. Jake misses his old life. He misses the time when his mother was employed. He misses living in a house where the wind doesn't make the windows whistle. Loneliness leads Jake to the apartment of an elderly lady, then to the bowels of the building and then to a part-time job assisting Larry the custodian. With each passing day, the building reveals more of its mysteries to Jake.

Berani by Michelle Kadarusman



Pajama Press • ISBN: 978 1772782936 • Grades 4+

Malia has had a privileged upbringing in Indonesia, but since her Indonesian father died, her Canadian mother wants to return to her own family on the other side of the world. Ari knows he is lucky to be going to school and competing on the chess team. He's also horribly worried about Ginger Juice, his uncle's orangutan. The too-small cage where she lives is clearly hurting her body and her mind.

Fire on Headless Mountain by Iain Lawrence



Margaret Ferguson Books/Holiday House • ISBN: 978 0823454631 • Grades 4+

Virgil is making his older siblings trek to a mountain lake on a trip unlike any they've taken before. They carry precious cargo: the ashes of their beloved mother. Then a forest fire is sparked by a bolt of lightning at the exact moment when their van breaks down, and the journey quickly turns to disaster.

Forever Birchwood by Danielle Daniel



HarperCollins • ISBN: 978 1443463348 • Grades 4+

Wolf lives in a northern mining town and spends her days exploring the mountains and wilderness with her three best friends Penny, Ann and Brandi. The girls' secret refuge is their tree-house hideaway, Birchwood, Wolf's favourite place on earth. When her beloved grandmother tells her that she is the great-granddaughter of a tree talker, Wolf knows that she is destined to protect the birch trees and wildlife that surround her.

Harvey Takes the Lead by Colleen Nelson



Pajama Press • ISBN: 978 1772782400 • Grades 4+

Mr. Kowalski, a longstanding Brayside resident, is struggling with his wife's recent hospitalization. As Harvey watches over him, Mr. Kowalski shares stories of his youth during World War II—tales which fascinates Harvey's friend Austin. At the same time, the newly appointed Assistant Director Hilary Appleby, the person who wants to get rid of Harvey, also creates unreasonable rules which make the residents of Brayside miserable.

Hidden on the High Wire by Kathy Kacer



Second Story Press • ISBN: 978 1772602517 • Grades 4+

Irene grew up traveling around Germany with her family's circus, surrounded by her loved ones and thrilling the crowds with her performance on the high wire...until one day, the audience boos. The Lorch family is Jewish, and the increasing power of Adolf Hitler's Nazis has put them all in grave danger.

Peanut Butter and Chaos by Anita Daher



Yellow Dog • ISBN: 978 1773370774 • Grades 4+

When twelve-year-old Sam is struck by a bolt of lightning out of a clear blue sky, he suddenly sees everything in pixels. His life is further upended by Flum, a non-binary being from a parallel world, a missing neighbour, and astonishing powers that may not last long. Science and magic collide as Sam races to solve a mystery and help Flum return home.

Ravenous Things by Derrick Chow



Disney-Hyperion • ISBN: 978 1368078436 • Grades 4+

Reggie Wong has a quick temper that's always getting him into trouble at school, while at home his mom struggles to get out of bed--let alone leave their apartment. That's why Reggie desperately needs his dad back. One problem: His dad is dead.

The Grave Thief by Dee Hahn



Puffin Canada • ISBN: 978 0735269422 • Grades 4+

Digging graves works for Spade - alone in the graveyard at night, no one notices his limp or calls him names. He's headed for a lifetime of theft when his father comes up with the audacious plan to rob a grave in the Wyndhail castle cemetery. Spade and his brother get caught in a royal trap, and Spade must find the master of the Woegan: a deadly creature that is stalking the castle by night.

The U-nique Lou Fox by Jodi Carmichael



Pajama Press • ISBN: 978 1772782929 • Grades 4+

It isn't easy being Louisa Elizabeth Fitzhenry-O'Shaughnessy- especially with dyslexia. She prefers Lou Fox, the dream name she'll use one day as a famous Broadway playwright. In the meantime, Lou is stuck in fifth grade with Mrs. Snyder, a total Shadow Phantom of a teacher who can spot a daydream from across the room but doesn't know anything about ADHD.

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Autumn Bird and the Runaway by Melanie Florence, Richard Scrimger



Scholastic Canada, 2022 • ISBN: 978 1443182867 • Grades 7+

Cody's home life is a messy, too-often terrifying story of neglect and abuse. Autumn's home life is loving and secure, and she is "in" with the popular girls at school. Returning home from a movie one evening, Autumn comes across Cody, face down in the laneway behind her house.

Echoes and Empires by Morgan Rhodes



Razorbill, 2022 • ISBN: 978 0593351659 • Grades 7+

Josslyn Drake knows only three things about magic: It's rare, illegal, and always deadly. When she's caught up in a robbery gone wrong at the Queen's Gala she finds herself living her worst nightmare, working with wanted criminal Jericho Nox. The closer she grows to Jericho, the more Joss begins to question the beliefs she's always taken for granted.

Eight Days by Teresa Toten



Scholastic Canada, 2022 • ISBN: 978 1443190022 • Grades 7+

Samantha finds out that the mother she thought had died years ago has actually just passed away. Added to this charged secret is her recovering alcoholic grandfather's strange behaviour and sudden insistence that he take Sami back to Chicago to retrieve her mother's body.

Fly by Alison Hughes



Kids Can Press, 2022 • ISBN: 978 1525305832 • Grades 7+

Felix Landon Yarrow (F.L.Y., or "Fly"), a fourteen-year-old boy with cerebral palsy, is captivated by the noble, chivalrous ideals of knighthood. So when he fears that a school villain, Carter, poses a danger to his lady love, Daria, he knows rescuing her must be his quest.

Ghostlight by Kenneth Oppel



Puffin Canada, 2022 • ISBN: 978 0735272354 • Grades 7+

Rebecca Strand was just sixteen when she and her father fell to their deaths from the top of the Gibraltar Point Lighthouse in 1839. Just how they fell remains a mystery. And their ghosts haunt the lighthouse to this day. Gabe tells this story every day when he gives the ghost tour on Toronto Island. He tries to make it scary enough to satisfy the tourists, but he doesn't actually believe in ghosts—until he finds himself face to face with Rebecca Strand.

How to be a Goldfish by Jane Baird Warren



Scholastic Canada, 2022 • ISBN: 978 1443192309 • Grades 7+

When her class is assigned a family tree project, Lizzie knows hers will become fodder for the town gossips. It's 1981, and she's the only one with an unmarried mom. So she turns to her neighbour Harry for advice, but he has problems of his own. A stranger has turned up, claiming to own his farm, and Harry is being forced out.

Let the Monster Out by Chad Lucas



Amulet Books, 2022 • ISBN: 978 1419751264 • Grades 7+

Bones Malone and his friend, Kyle notice things in town are getting weird. His mom isn't acting like herself at all—she's totally spaced out, almost like a zombie. But when faced with seemingly impossible situations, a shady corporation, and their own worst nightmares, will the fear totally consume and control them?

Scout is not a Band Kid by Jade Armstrong



RH Graphic, 2022 • ISBN: 978 0593176221 • Grades 7+

When Scout learns that her favorite author is doing an exclusive autograph session at the end of the year, she's determined to be there! She officially needs a plan...and when she finds out that her school's band is heading to the same location for their annual trip, an idea takes shape. Being a band kid can't be that hard, right?

She Hold up the Stars by Sandra Laronde



Annick Press, 2022 • ISBN: 978 1773210650 • Grades 7+

The last thing that twelve-year old Misko wants to do is to move away from the city to spend time on the rez with her grandmother. And yet she feels strangely compelled to go, drawn by a pull that she feels in her dreams. When she gets to know a spirited horse named Mishtadim, she feels a sense of belonging and comes to understand the beauty of the world all around her. • Grades 7+

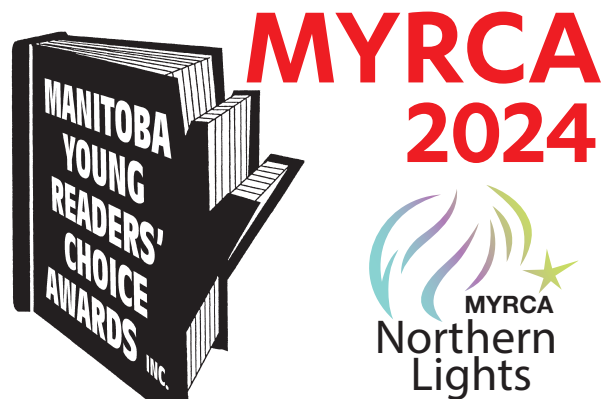
Winterkill by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch



Scholastic Canada, 2022 • ISBN: 978 1338831412 • Grades 7+

Ever since the Soviet dictator, Stalin, started to take control of farms like the one Nyl's family lives on, there is less and less food to go around. Alice has recently arrived from Canada with her father, who is here to work for the Soviets... until they realize that the people suffering the most are all ethnically Ukrainian, like Nyl. Something is very wrong, and Alice is determined to help.

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