

2021 Green Earth Book Award Winners Announced

The Nature Generation Announces Best in Eco Lit for Youth

April 22, 2021 - Arlington, Va.- The Nature Generation announced the winners of the 2021 Green Earth Book Award this Earth Day to honor the authors and illustrators whose books best convey the message of environmental stewardship and inspire youth to grow a deeper appreciation for their natural environment.

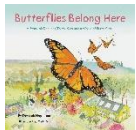
The nonprofit has bestowed the national award, which carries a \$1,000 prize, since 2005. A record-breaking 183 books were nominated this year in four categories: Picture Book; Cadmus Children's Fiction; Young Adult Fiction; and Children's & Young Adult Non-fiction. Winners were selected by a panel of literary, environmental, and educational professionals.

This year, winners were announced at a virtual unveiling with the assistance of a small group of students from Hillsboro Charter Academy in Virginia and Ingrid B Lacy Middle School in California. A virtual awards ceremony to honor the winners is scheduled for October 7, 2021, during the Salisbury University "Envirokids Literacy Festival." On October 8, a celebration of these leading authors and their books will be streamed into classrooms for K-12 school children.

"The 2021 winning and honor books represent the best in children's literature. We encourage librarians, teachers and parents to make these books available for children across the nation to read, enjoy and be inspired," said Amy Maraso, founder and president of The Nature Generation.

2021 Green Earth Book Award Winners

PICTURE BOOK



Winner

Butterflies Belong Here, by Deborah Hopkinson and illustrated by Meilo So, *Chronicle Books* (ages 5-8)

Honors

Rocket Says Up!, by Nathan Byron and illustrated by Dapo Adeola, *Random House BFYR* (ages 3-7)

One Little Bag, written and illustrated by Henry Cole, *Scholastic* (ages 4-8)

One Little Lot: The 1-2-3s of and Urban Garden, by Diane C. Mullen and illustrated by Oriol Vidal, *Charlesbridge Publishing* (ages 3-7)

ABC For Me: ABC Earth-Friendly Me, by Christiane Engel, *Walter Foster Jr.* (ages 3-6)

CADMUS' CHILDREN'S FICTION



Winner

Hello from Renn Lake, by Michele Weber Hurwitz, *Wendy Lamb Books/Random House Children's Book* (ages 8-12)

Honors

Music for Tigers, by Michelle Kadarusman, *Pajama Press* (ages 10-13)

The Queen Bee and Me, by Gillian McDunn, *Bloomsbury Children's Books* (ages 8-12)

Eco Rangers: Pelican in Peril, by Candice Lemon-Scott and illustrated by Aska, *New Frontier Publishing* (ages 7+)

YOUNG ADULT FICTION



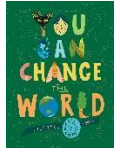
Winner

Bright Shining World, by Josh Swiller, *Alfred A. Knopf/Random House Children's Book* (ages 12+)

Honor

Three Days till EOC: a Novella, by Abhimanyu Sukhdial, *Stone Soup / Children's Art Foundation* (ages 9-16)

CHILDREN'S and YOUNG ADULT NONFICTION



Winner

You Can Change the World: The Kids' Guide to a Better Planet, by Lucy Bell, *Andrews McMeel Publishing* (ages 8-12)

Honors

Kids vs. Plastics, by Julie Beer, *National Geographic Kids Publishing* (ages 8-12)

One Earth: People of Color Protecting the Planet, by Anuradha Rao, *Orca Book Publishers* (ages 12+)

Condor Comeback, by Sy Montgomery and illustrated by Tianne Strombeck, *Houghton Mifflin Harcourt* (ages 10-12)

RECOMMENDED READING

Picture Book

Earth Hour: A Lights-Out Event for Our Planet, by Nanette Heffernan, illustrated by Bao Luu, *Charlesbridge Publishing*, ages 3-7)

Honeybee, by Candace Fleming, illustrated by Eric Rohmann, *Holiday House* (ages 6-9)

It's Only One, by Tracey Corderoy, illustrated by Tony Neal, *Tiger Tales* (ages 3-7)

Let's Save Our Planet: Forests, by Jess French, *Ivy Kids* (ages 8-10)

Solar Story, by Allan Drummond, *Farrar Straus Giroux BYR / Macmillan Children's Publishing Group* (ages 4-8)

The Lion Queens of India, written and illustrated by Jan Reynolds, *Lee and Low Books* (ages 5-8)

We Are Water Protectors, by Carole Lindstrom, illustrated by Michaela Goade, *Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan Children's Publishing Group* (ages 3-6)

Cadmus Children's Fiction

A Whale of the Wild, by Rosanne Parry, illustrated by Lindsay Moore, *HarperCollins Children's Books / Greenwillow* (ages 8-12)

AstroNuts Mission Two: The Water Planet, by Jon Scieszka, illustrated by Steven Weinberg, *Chronicle Books* (ages 8-12)

Cast Away, by Naomi Shihab Nye, *HarperCollins Children's Books / Greenwillow* (ages 8-12)

Stella Diaz Never Gives Up, by Angela Dominguez, *Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan Children's Publishing Group* (ages 6-9)

The Endangerededs, by Philippe Cousteau, illustrated by James Madsen, *HarperCollins Children's Books* (ages 8-12)

The Silver Arrow, by Lev Grossman, illustrated by Tracy Nishimura Bishop, *Hachette Book Group - Little Brown Books for Young Readers* (ages 8-12)

Children's and Young Adult Nonfiction

Bird's-Eye View: Keeping Wild Birds in Flight, by Ann Eriksson, *Orca Book Publishers* (ages 9-12)

Chemical World: Science in Our Daily Lives, by Rowena Rae, *Orca Book Publishers* (ages 9-12)

Extreme Ocean, by Sylvia Earle, *National Geographic Kids Publishing* (ages 8-12)

If You Take Away the Otter, by Susannah Buhrman-Deever, illustrated by Matthew Trueman, *Candlewick Press* (ages 5-8)

Kids Fight Plastic: How to Be a #2minutesuperhero, by Martin Dorey, illustrated by Tim Wesson, *Candlewick Press* (ages 7-10)

Life in a Frozen World: Wildlife of Antarctica, by Mary Batten, illustrated by Thomas Gonzales, *Peachtree*

Publishing (ages 6-10)

Marjory Saves the Everglades, by Sandra Neil Wallace, illustrated by Rebecca Gibbon, *Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers* (ages 4-8)

Plastic Sea: A Bird's-eye View, by Kirsti Blom, illustrated by Geir Wing Gabrielsen, *WunderMill Books* (ages 7-13)

Sea Otters: A Survival Story, by Isabelle Groc, *Orca Book Publishers* (ages 9-12)

Tracking Pythons: The Quest to Catch an Invasive Predator and Save an Ecosystem, by Kate Messner, *Lerner Publishing Group / Millbrook Press* (ages 9-14)

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