

Ontario Library Association Forest of Reading: Red Maple Reading – Grades 7-8

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Thames Valley District School Board Reading Program information, including links to author biographies and/or web pages): <http://www.tvdsb.on.ca/harrison/redmaple04.shtml>

Story of the Program:

The Red Maple Reading Program for Grades 7-8 began in 1998, following the phenomenal success of the Silver Birch Reading Program (Grades 4-6). The program is coordinated by the Ontario School Library Association, and the award winners are selected by the student participants. Student participants are encouraged to use the internet to learn about the authors, and even to communicate with authors via email and with other students via a bulletin board. These connections to authors and to other readers are a distinguishing mark of the Red Maple Reading Program.

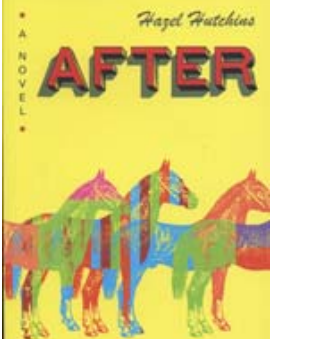
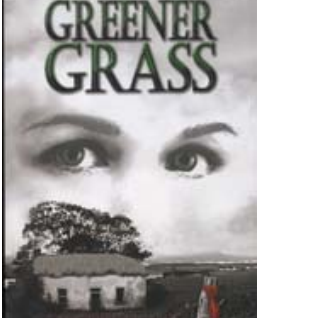
How the Program Works:

Registration for the programs takes place in the fall each year. Students read at least 5 books from the list of nominees during the school year, and then vote for their favourite book in the spring via an electronic voting system. The award-winning book/author is selected according to the student votes, and the author of the award-winning book is presented with the Red Maple Award at an annual Awards Ceremony in an Ontario city.

According to the Ontario School Library Association, the goals of the Red Maple Reading Program are:

- to encourage students to view information about authors and the books on a special web site created for registrants
- to provide teachers, teacher-librarians, librarians, parent writers with insights into young people's reading preferences
- to read novels by Canadian authors
- to encourage young adults to communicate with their peers and with authors about the books they have read

RED MAPLE Nominated BOOKS 2010

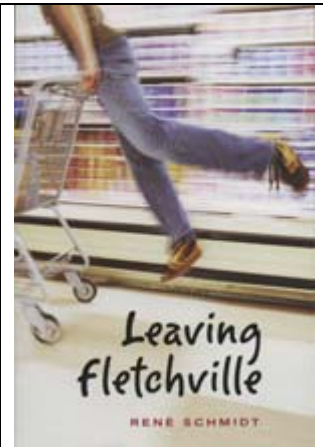
<p>Title: After Author: Hazel Hutchins Description: How do families cope in the aftermath of a tragic shooting? Follow Kate and Sam to see how families on both side of violence are impacted. Call Number: PS8555 H334 A75 2005</p>	
<p>Title: Greener Grass Author: Caroline Pignat Description: Step back into the past as Kit Byre's family struggles to survive the Irish potato famine of the 1840's. How will Kit's courage give her family hope for the future? Call Number: PS8631 I4777 G74 2008</p>	

Title: Leaving Fletchville
Author: René Schmidt

Description: Fourteen-year-old Brandon is a troublemaker. Or so they say. People assume he's stupid and mean but Brandon doesn't care what people think. He has more important things to do. And he knows how to keep secrets... Then the George family moves in — Leon, Winnie and Sam — the only black family in town. There is something else unusual about them, something they are hiding, and Brandon is determined to find out what it is...

Read on for fights, sports, music, racism, secrets, dirt bikes, fires, a secret crush, missing persons, a dead body, and a good ending to it all.

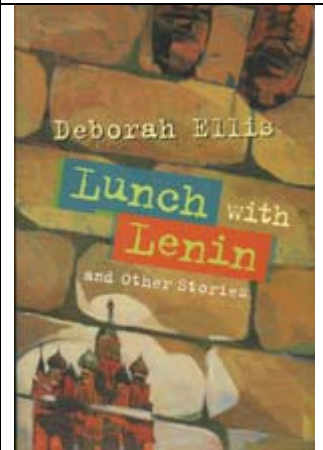
Call Number: PS8637 C44915 L43 2008



Title: Lunch with Lenin and Other Stories
Author: Deborah Ellis

Description: For "those who struggle to make their way", stories from around the world.

Call Number: PS8559 L5917 L86 2008



Title: Night Runner
Author: Max Turner

Description: Orphaned Zach lives in the hospital, a friend (Charlie) and an allergy he never questioned...until a stranger broke in and told him to run.

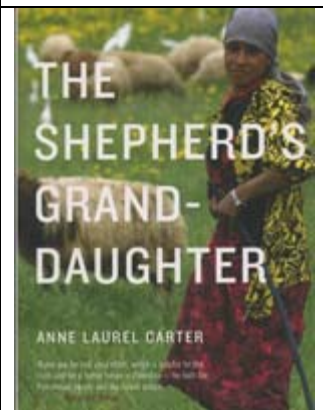
Call Number: PS8639 U763 N54 2008



Title: The Shepherd's Granddaughter
Author: Anne Laurel Carter

Description: What happens when someone tries to take over your family's land? Read about a granddaughter's journey to be a shepherd near Hebron while her land is taken over by Jewish settlers.

Call Number: PS8553 A7787 S53 2008

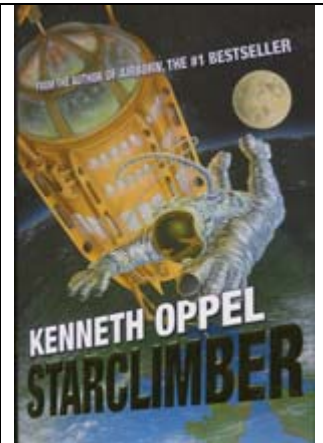


Title: Starclimber

Author: Kenneth Oppel

Description: From the very beginning, with a deadly attack by the Babelites over Paris, Starclimber (the third book in the Airborn trilogy) is full of action, suspense, and intrigue. Matt Cruse is a member of an elite crew aboard a Canadian spacecraft attempting to be the first to reach outer space via an astral cable. Kate de Vries, Matt's girlfriend is also aboard the ship as an expert in aerial zoology. Matt and Kate are older now and their romance is intense and still difficult. Matt proves to be a courageous and skillful astronaut in this action packed story.

Call Number: PS8579 P63 S73 2008

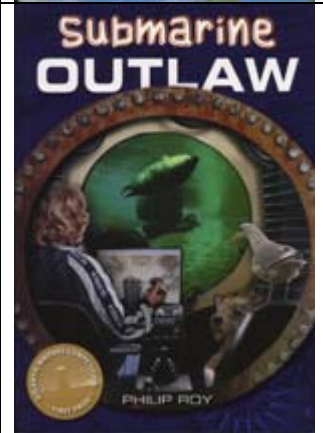


Title: Submarine Outlaw

Author: Philip Roy

Description: Fourteen year old Al changes his destiny by following his dream to become an explorer. Al's journey begins off the rugged coast of Newfoundland in his handmade submarine. As he travels through east coast waters he rescues a family of four, finds a lost treasure, eludes the coast guard and the navy, befriends a seagull and an abandoned dog, meets a "queen" of the sea, and saves a lost boy. Al's nautical adventures make him a celebrity but his ability to evade the police makes him an outlaw.

Call Number: PS8635 O91144 S83 2008

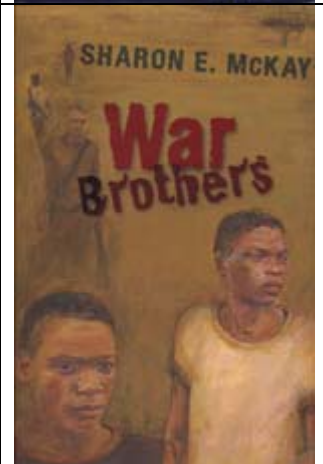


Title: War Brothers

Author: Sharon E. Mckay

Description: War Brothers is a fictionalized account of three young boys who were abducted and coerced into fighting for an armed resistance movement called the LRA (Lord's Resistance Army) in Uganda, in 2002, Jacob, the main character, survives his ordeal, but not before asked to participate in genocide. This story is based on real accounts of over 60,000 children who were used by the LRA in this African conflict.

Call Number: PS8575 K2629 W37 2008

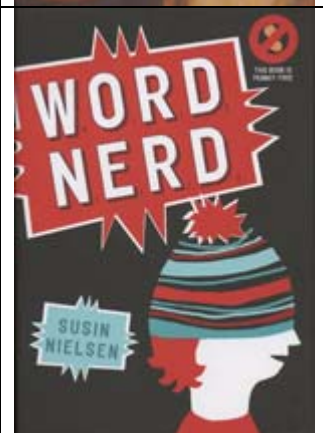


Title: Word Nerd

Author: Susin Nielsen

Description: "Friendless Nerd" Ambrose and his mother are moving again - but this time he has a plan. Can he find acceptance and love through Scrabble?

Call Number: PS8577 I44 W67 2008



Red Maple Award Winners, 1994-2008

2008

Walters, Eric. *Safe as Houses*. Doubleday, 2007. Juv PS8595.A688 S23 2007

2007

Walters, Eric. *We All Fall Down*. Doubleday, 2006. Juv PS8595.A688 W4 2006

2006

Oppel, Kenneth. *Skybreaker*. HarperCollins, 2005. Juv PS8579.P63 S59 2005

2005

Oppel, Kenneth. *Airborn*. HarperCollins, 2004. Juv PS8579.P63 A74 2004

And in **2005** there was also a non-fiction winner:

Schroeder, Andreas. *Scams!* Annick, 2004. Juv HV6691 S339 2004

2004

McClintock, Norah. *Hit and Run*. Scholastic, 2003. Juv PS8575.C455H57 2003

2004

McClintock, Norah. *Hit and Run*. Scholastic Canada, 2003.
Juv PS8575.C455H57 2003

2003

Friesen, Gayle. *Losing Forever*. Kids Can Press, 2002.
Juv PS8561.R5253.L67 2002

2002

Kacer, Kathy. *Clara's War*. Second Story, 2001.
Juv PS8571.A33C52 2001

2001

Walters, Eric. *Rebound*. Stoddart, 2000.
Juv PS8595.A688R42 2000

2000

Horrocks, Anita. *What They Don't Know*. Stoddart, 1998.
Juv PS8565.O76W48 1998

1999

Friesen, Gayle. *Janey's Girl*. Toronto: Kids Can Press, 1998.
Juv PS8561.R5253J36 1998

1998

Matas, Carol. *After the War*. Richmond Hill: Scholastic, 1996.
Juv PS8576.A7366A747 1996

RED MAPLE NOMINATED BOOKS - 2009:

FICTION:

The Castaways

PS8573.A89 C37 2007

Iain Lawrence
Delacorte Press

Unjustly convicted of a crime, Tom Tin is sent to Australia. After many dangerous adventures, Tom is now adrift in the middle of the ocean with four other boys. Will he survive?

Egghead**PS8631.I4777 E34 2008**

Caroline Pignat
Red Deer Press

Starting Grade 9 is difficult, especially for: Will - science geek and target of bullies, Katie - Will's defender, and Devan - the school bully's best friend. Their lives will definitely change this year!

Elijah of Buxton**PS3553.U6944 E44 2007**

Christopher Paul Curtis
Scholastic Canada Ltd

Although Elijah was born into freedom in Canada, he experiences the horrors of slavery firsthand and realizes how special his home is. Will he ever be able to return?

Frost**PS8573.U48 F76 2007**

Nicole Luiken
Great Plains

Love reading fast paced thrillers? This book is for you! Johnny and his friends are racing against time to battle the actions of an eerie stranger known only as Frost.

Not Fair, Clare**PS8631.R56 N68 2008**

Yvonne Prinz
Raincoast Books

It's the first day of Grade 8 but Clare isn't nervous because she has a new best friend, Allison. However, Allison is soon tempted to the dark side...popular Ginny Germain.

Out of the Cold**juv PS8575.C455 O85 2007**

Norah McClintock
Scholastic Canada Ltd

After Robyn is hurt while volunteering at a homeless shelter, she vows to never go back. However, when the man who hurt her is found frozen to death, her guilt leads her into danger.

Payback**PS8565.E6402 P39 2007**

James Heneghan
Groundwood Books

Charley becomes a target for bullies at his new school and is greatly relieved when the bullies find someone else to harass - Benny Mason. Should Charley do something to help Benny?

A Perfect Gentle Knight**PS8581.E353 P47 2007**

Kit Pearson
Penguin Group

The six Bell children fantasize that they are Knights of the Round Table to escape their grief. However, for eldest brother Sebastian, it has become more. Will they lose him to the fantasy?

Perilous Passage**PS8553.A947 P47 2007**

B.J. Bayle

Dundurn Press

With his faithful dog by his side, Peter experiences native encounters, treacherous wilderness, and despicable companions as the youngest member of explorer David Thompson's crew seeking an overland passage to the Pacific Ocean.

Way Lies North**PS8603.A935 W39 2007**

Jean Rae Baxter

Ronsdale Press

During the American Revolution, Charlotte and her Loyalist family flee to Canada, leaving her sweetheart Nick behind. Will Charlotte and her family reach safety? Will she ever see Nick again?

NON-FICTION:**At Vimy Ridge****juv D545.V5 B74t 2006**

Hugh Brewster

Scholastic Canada Ltd

Relive the excitement and tragedy of the Battle of Vimy Ridge during World War I. Find out why it was so important in the making of Canada as a nation.

Canadian Boys Who Rocked the World**juv FC26.Y6 K95 2007**

Tanya Lloyd Kyi

Walrus Books

Do you know how many boys under the age of 20 made a significant contribution to the world? Read this book and find out!

Dangerous Crossings**juv G175 B36t 2007**

Antonia Banyard

Annick Press

Learn about the adventures of people who went on daring trips across sea, land and air from 1325 to just a few years ago.

Desperate Glory**D522.7 .W45 2008**

John Wilson

Napoleon Publishing

What caused World War I? What role did Canada play in this "war to end all wars?" Read *Desperate Glory* to find out!

Fire on the Water**GV790.92.H36 L48 2007**

Wendy Lewis

James Lorimer & Company Ltd

England and the United States prided themselves on being the best rowers during the late 1800s. Read how a young man from Toronto Island beat them all at their own game!

Healing Our World**juv RA390.A2 M67 2008**

David Morley

Fitzhenry & Whiteside Ltd

Read this book to find out exactly what Médecins sans frontières (Doctors without borders) is all about. You might be surprised!

Island of Hope and Sorrow

FC2945.G78 R45 2007

Anne Renaud

Lobster Press

Cholera is a scary disease that ships brought over to Canada when immigrants came at the beginning of the 1800s. The Island of Grosse Ile was at the heart of this story!

The Kids Book of Canada at War

FC226 .M23 2007

Elizabeth MacLeod

Kids Can Press

Canada has participated in many wars and peacekeeping missions in its relatively short history. This book tells many stories of courage and talks about the role of women and many cultural groups.

Royal Murder

HV6278 .M334 2008

Elizabeth MacLeod

Annick Press

What do Cleopatra of Egypt, Vlad III of Wallachia, Mary Queen of Scots and Czar Nicholas II have in common? Treachery and murder!!! Read all about these scheming world monarchs.

SOS – Stories of Survival

juv D24 .B88t 2007

Ed Butts

Tundra Books

Read about disaster, tragedy and courage that thirteen young people lived through in Canada and around the world. These stories span three continents and over 120 years.

RED MAPLE NOMINATED BOOKS - 2008:

Darkwing

juv PS 8579. P63 D37 2007

by Kenneth Oppel

HarperCollins

Dusk--He alone can fly and see in the dark. His colony cannot. Dusk should be shunned by the colony but is protected by his father, the leader of the colony. What does his future hold? Carnassial--has the true instincts of a predator and the taste for it. He is determined that his kind will survive and dominate. This adventure by Kenneth Oppel is set 65 million years ago when the world was still changing.

Endymion Spring

juv PR 6119.K44 E53 2006t

by Matthew Skelton

Penguin

How can you read a book with no words? Blake Winters finds a book with no words in the library of Oxford University. Long ago, Endymion Spring was an apprentice to the man who printed the very first Bible in Mainz Germany in 1452. His name was Johann Gutenberg. When Endymion discovers the book's terrible secret, he escapes far away, to Oxford University, where he hides the amazing book until it is found by another — hundreds of years later! What secrets will Blake find in the book with no words?

Gemini Summer

by Iain Lawrence

Delacorte Press

Danny and his brother are having childhood adventures and dreams. Danny dreams of owning a dog and Beau dreams about astronauts and space ships. Of course this is the golden age of space for America, Beau dreams about meeting people like the astronaut, Gus Grissom. Along the way the local bully, Dopey Colvig torments the River boys very successfully. Once he whacks Danny over the head with a real estate sign. Later in the novel after Beau can no longer make his dream come true, Danny tries to fulfill it for him.

PS8573.A89 G45 2006**Pirate's Passage**

by William Gilkerson

Trumpeter

Jim and his mother are trying to keep the historic family inn running and out of the hands of the wealthy Moehners. A boat floundering in a rough storm lands safely by their Nova Scotia inn and Jim and his mother meet Captain Charles Johnson. The Captain changes Jim's life over the winter while he tells the history of pirates. How can pirates help save his family's inn?

PS3557.I3672 P57 2007**The Rise of the Golden Cobra** by Henry T. Aubin *Annick Press* **juv PS 8601. U25 R57 2007**

14-year-old scribe Nebi, survives a raiding party led by the double crossing Count Nimlot. Nebi's master, Setka, is killed, but before he dies he charges Nebi to get to Pharaoh Piankhy and tell him of the treachery. Pharaoh Piankhy was a real pharaoh in ancient Egypt. This book is bursting with action, intrigue and military strategy.

Safe as Houses by Eric Walters *Doubleday Canada***juv PS 8595. A688 S23 2007**

What would you do if you were trapped in a house, surrounded by a flooding river that was rising higher and higher by the minute? Thirteen-year-old Elizabeth is babysitting David and Suzie, her neighbours' children when Hurricane Hazel strikes and this is exactly the situation that the three children find themselves in. They must somehow work together using all their ingenuity and skills to try and escape from the life-threatening situation.

Sarah's Legacy by Valerie Sherrard *Boardwalk/Dundurn Group* **juv PS 8587. H372 S27 2006**

Sarah Gilmore and her widowed mother are struggling to make ends meet in their tiny Belleville apartment when they get a mysterious letter stating that her mother's distant relative, Aunt Sarah, has left them her home and her estate! The only two conditions are that they move to Miramichi in New Brunswick where the estate is located — and that they care for Aunt Sarah's eleven pets!

Skinnybones and the Wrinkle Queen by Glen Huser *Groundwood Books* **juv PS 8565. U665 S54 2006**

15-year-old Tamara has one goal in life — to become a model. Jean Barclay, a retired school teacher, has only one goal in life — to see for one last time the opera "The Ring Cycle of Operas." Tamara has just moved to her newest foster home and Jean lives in a senior citizens' home. They meet during Tamara's high school visits to the nursing home, and they form a plan to fulfill their goals by taking a road trip. Despite several obstacles, these unlikely allies are united in their life-changing quest...but are they each prepared for just how life-altering the experience will truly be?

Stolen Away by Christopher Dinsdale *Napoleon & Company* **juv PS 8607. I58 S76 2006**

This is a story of Kiera, an Irish girl who was captured by Viking raiders and sold into slavery. It tells of her life with the Vikings in Vinland (Newfoundland) and of how she almost died while they were attempting to find a new place for their

village. After a fierce storm knocks Kiera overboard, she is saved by Chocan, a Beothuck warrior, and his sister. She lives for a year with the Beothuck and, eventually, she is reunited with her Viking captors only to discover what is truly in her heart

Where Soldiers Lie by John Wilson Key Porter Books juv PS 8595. I6564 W47 2006

1857, India. After the death of his parents, sixteen year old Jack O'Hara is sent to live with his distant aunt and uncle. Life in India is nothing like life in the Canadian wilderness. As Jack struggles to adapt to a new culture he comes face to face with the brutalities of war. Join Jack and his friends as they fight desperately to survive.

Red Maple Nominees, 2005

Fiction

Ellis, Deborah. *The Heaven Shop*. Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2004.

Juv PS8559.L5917H42 2004

Huser, Glen. *Stitches*. Groundwood, 2003.

Juv PS8565.U665S74 2003

Linden, Dianne. *Peacekeepers*. Coteau, 2003.

Juv PS8573.I524P42 2003

Martini, Clem. *The Mob*. Kids Can, 2004.

Juv PS8576.A73624M62 2004

McClintock, Norah. *Dead and Gone*. Scholastic Canada, 2004.

Juv PS8575.C455 D42 2004

McNicoll, Sylvia. *A Different Kind of Beauty*. Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2004.

Juv PS8575.N57D53 2004

Oppel, Kenneth. *Airborn*. HarperCollins, 2004.

Juv PS8579.P63A74 2004

Skrypuch, Marsha Forchuk. *Nobody's Child*. Dundurn Press, 2003.

Juv PS8587.K79N62 2003

Trottier, Maxine. *Sister to the Wolf*. Kids Can, 2004.

Juv PS8589.R8S57 2004

Wood, Maggie L. *The Princess Pawn*. Sumach, 2003.

PS8595.O514 P74 2003, October 2004.

Non-Fiction

Gorrell, Gena K. *Working Like a Dog: The Story of Working Dogs Through History*. Tundra, 2003.

Juv SF428.2 .G67 2003

Granfield, Linda. *I Remember Korea: Veterans Tell Their Stories of the Korean War, 1960-53*.

Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2004.

Juv DS921.6.G73 2003

Graydon, Shari. *Made You Look: How Advertising Works and Why You Should Know*. Annick, 2003.

Juv HF5329.G73 2003t

Miles, Victoria. *Wild Science: Amazing Encounters Between Animals and the People Who Study Them*. Raincoast, 2004.

Juv QL26 M54 2004

Schroeder, Andreas. *Scams!* Annick, 2004.

Juv HV6691.S339 2004

Weaver, Janice. *From Head to Toe: Bound Feet, Bathing Suits, and Other Bizarre and Beautiful Things.* Tundra Books, 2003.

Juv GT518 .W43 2003

Red Maple Nominees, 1998-2004

2004

Ellis, Deborah. *Parvana's Journey.* Groundwood, 2002.

Juv PS8559.L5917P37 2002

Foon, Dennis. *The Dirt Eaters.* Annick, 2003.

Juv PS8561.O64D57 2003

Johnston, Julie. *In Spite of Killer Bees.* Tundra, 2001.

Juv PS8569.O453I5 2001

Lawrence, Iain. *The Buccaneers.* Delacorte, 2001.

Juv PS8573.A89B82 2001

McBay, Bruce and James Heneghan. *Waiting for Sarah.* Orca, 2003.

Juv PS8575.B39W34 2003

*McClintock, Norah. *Hit and Run.* Scholastic, 2003.

Juv PS8575.C455H57 2003

McKay, Sharon. *Charlie Wilcox's Great War.* Penguin, 2003.

Juv PS8575.K2629C492 2003

McNaughton, Janet. *An Earthly Knight.* HarperCollins, 2003.

Juv PS8575.N415E15 2003

Taylor, Cora. *On Wings of a Dragon.* Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2003.

Juv PS8589.A925O52 2001

Walters, Eric. *Run.* Penguin, 2003.

Juv PS8595.A688R86

2003

Chan, Gillian. *The Carved Box.* Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2001.

Juv PS8555.H346C37 2001

*Friesen, Gayle. *Losing Forever.* Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2002.

Juv PS8561.R5253L67 2002

Hawarth-Attard, Barbara. *Irish Chain.* Toronto: HarperCollins, 2002.

Juv PS8565.A863I74 2002

Heneghan, James. *Flood.* Toronto: Groundwood, 2002.

Juv PS8565.E6402F55 2002

Oppel, Kenneth. *Firewing.* Toronto: HarperCollins, 2002.

Juv PS8579.P63F57 2002

Mills, J.C. *The Goodfellow Chronicles: The Sacred Seal.* Toronto: Key Porter, 2001.

Juv PS8576.I622S32 2001

Sherrard, Valerie. *Out of the Ashes: A Shelby Belgarden Mystery.* Toronto: Boardwalk Books, 2002.

Juv PS8587.H372O97 2002

Stewart, Sharon. *City of the Dead.* Calgary: Red Deer Press, 2001.

Juv PS8587.T5183C57 2001

Tullson, Diane. *Saving Jasey.* Victoria: Orca, 2001.

Juv PS8589.U45S28 2001

Wilson, Budge. *Fractures: Family Stories*. Toronto: Penguin Books, 2002.

Juv PS8595.I6554F72 2002

2002

Bell, William. *Stones*.

Bradford, Karleen. *Whisperings of Magic*.

Dorion, Betty Fitzpatrick. *Whose Side Are You On?*

Harrison, Troon. *A Bushel of Light*.

*Kacer, Kathy. *Clara's War*.

Peacock, Shane. *Bone Beds of the Badklands*.

Slade, Arthur. *Dust*.

Stenhouse, Ted. *Across the Steel River*.

Trottier, Maxine. *By the Standing Stone*.

Walters, Eric. *Bully Boys*.

2001

Ellis, Deborah. *The Breadwinner*.

Friesen, Gayle. *Men of Stone*.

Holeman, Linda. *Raspberry House Blues*.

Hughes, Monica. *Storm Warning*.

Lawrence, Iain. *The Wreckers*.

McClintock, Norah. *Over the Edge*.

McKay, Sharon. *Charlie Wilcox*.

McNaughton, Janet. *The Secret Under My Skin*.

*Walters, Eric. *Rebound*.

Wynne-Jones, Tim. *The Boy in the Burning House*.

2000

Boraks-Nemetz, Lillian. *The Sunflower Diary*. U of Toronto, 1999.

Holubitsky, Katherine. *Alone at Ninety Foot*. Orca, 1999.

*Horrocks, Anita. *What They Don't Know*. Stoddart Kids, 1998.

Hughes, Monica. *The Story Box*. HarperCollins, 1998.

Huser, Glen. *Touch of the Clown*. Groundwood, 1999.

Khan, Rukhsana. *Dahling, If You Luv Me Would You Please Please Smile*. Stoddart Kids, 1999.

McClintock, Norah. *Password: Murder*. Scholastic, 1999.

Moore, Ishbel. *Daughter*. Kids Can, 1999.

Oppel, Kenneth. *Sunwing*. HarperCollins, 1999.

Peacock, Shane. *The Mystery of Ireland's Eye*. Viking, 1999.

1999

Bell, William. *Zack*. Doubleday, 1998.

Buffie, Margaret. *Angels Turn Their Backs*. Kids Can,

*Friesen, Gayle. *Janey's Girl*. Kids Can,

Holeman, Linda. *Mercy's Birds*. Tundra, 1998.

McClintock, Norah. *Sins of the Father*. Scholastic Canada, 1998.

McNaughton, Janet. *Make or Break Spring*. Tuckamore Books,

Pearson, Kit. *Awake and Dreaming*. Puffin,

Walters, Eric. *War of the Eagles*. Orca, 1998.

Woodbury, Mary. *Brad's Universe*. Orca, 1998.

Wynne-Jones, Tim. *Stephen Fair*. Groundwood, 1998.

1998

Aker, Don. *Stranger at Bay*. Stoddart, 1997.

Attema, Martha. *A light in the Dunes*. Orca, 1997.

Bayless, Maureen. *No Fixed Address*. Scholastic, 1997.

Dale, Mitzi. *What's Tuesday?* Groundwood, 1997.

Doyle, Brian. *Uncle Ronald*. Groundwood, 1996.

Holeman, Linda. *Promise Song*. Tundra, 1997.

*Matas, Carol. *After the War*. Scholastic, 1996.

McClintock, Norah. *The Body in the Basement*. Scholastic, 1997.