

Ontario's Blue Spruce Reading Program

Grades Kindergarten - Grade 2



On the Web:

- **Official Blue Spruce Booklists** and Reader Tracking Sheets:
<http://www.accessola.org/> → select **Forest of Reading**



For the 2012 Forest of Reading program nominees, including plot summaries

http://www.accessola.org/ola_prod/OLAWEB/Forest_of_Reading/Awards_Nominees/Blue_Spruce_Nominees.aspx

- **Teachers Share Resources:** Bringing Blue Spruce To Life in Your Library (2007):
<http://www.accessola.com/superconference2007/sessions.html> Scroll down to Session #418 for a superb list of cross-curricular lesson resources by TDSB teacher Lana Peck. These lesson ideas provide ideas for integrating the 2007 Blue Spruce nominees into your K-2 classrooms.

More SuperConference Sharing: A Forest of Ideas (2008)

<http://www.docstoc.com/docs/102351472/activities> . This was Session #1301 at the OLA Superconference 2008. It has fabulous cross-curricular lesson ideas from Ontario teachers (Jessica Patrick, Upper Grand DSB, Andrea Pierce, Guelph & Wellington Ontario Early Years Centre).

- **Ontario school & public library web sites** frequently feature the Blue Spruce books, especially if the school or public library registers for the Blue Spruce Reading Program. See the London Public Library at <http://www.londonpubliclibrary.ca/node/2399> , or the Burlington Public Library at http://www.bpl.on.ca/forest_of_reading for future reference. Many Ontario schools now feature their involvement in the Forest of Reading on their school or library website as a key component of their focus on literacy. See Agnes McPhail Public School, <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/schools/?schno=4669&schoolId=1097> and Chine Drive Public School <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/libraries/sub.asp?schoolNo=4390&subId=83>
- **Reforestation! Student participation** is encouraged on the interactive Blue Spruce <http://spruce.bibliocommons.com/dashboard>

Story of the Program:

The Blue Spruce Reading Program for Grades K-2 began as a response to the popularity and exciting success of the Grade 4-6 Silver Birch program. The program has been sponsored by the Ontario School Library Association since its official inauguration in 2002, although some school districts in Ontario initiated the program in the late 1990s. The Blue Spruce program is now aimed at readers in grades K to 2, and the Silver Birch program is aimed at readers in grades 3 through 6.

How the Program Works:

Registration for the program takes place each fall. Students read 10 nominated picture books during the school year and vote for their favourite book in the spring. The best picture book is selected by student voting, and the winning author and illustrator is/are presented with the Blue Spruce Award.

The Ontario School Library Association goals of the Blue Spruce Reading Program are:

- to promote reading for enjoyment and information among primary students
- to make students aware of quality Canadian picture books & Canadian authors & illustrators
- to develop the student's skill in evaluating a picture book based on story, text, and pictures
- to provide opportunities for students to discuss the picture books in an authentic manner

Blue Spruce Award Winners, 2002-2012

2012

Bender, Rebecca. *Giraffe and Bird*. Dancing Cat Books, 2010. Juv PS8603.E556 G57 2010

2011

Whamond, Dave. *My Think-A-Ma Jink*. Owlkids, 2009. Juv PS8645 H34 M9 2009

2010

Tankard, Jeremy. *Boo Hoo Bird*. Scholastic, 2009. Juv PS3620.A6856 B66 2009

2009

Watt, Mélanie. *Chester*. Kids Can Press, 2007. Juv PS8645.A884 C44 2007

2008

Watt, Mélanie. *Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend*. Kids Can Press, 2007. Juv PS8645.A884 S284 2007

2007

Watt, Mélanie. *Scaredy Squirrel*. Kids Can Press, 2006. Juv PS8645.A884 S28 2006

2006

Elliot, George. *Boy Who Loved Bananas*. Kids Can Press, 2005. Juv PS8559.L5814B69 2005

2005

Heidbreder, Robert & Bill Slavin & Esperanca Melo (ill.). *Drumheller Dinosaur Dance*. Kids Can, 2004.
Juv PS8565.E53D78 2004

2004

Bailey, Linda and Bill Slavin (illus.). *Stanley's Party*. Kids Can Press, 2003. Juv PS8553.A4645S72 2003

2003

Napier, Matt and Melanie Rose (illus.). *Z is For Zamboni*. Sleeping Bear Press, 2002. Juv GV847.25.N36 2002

2002

Coulman, Valerie and Rogé (illus.). *When Pigs Fly*. Lobster Press, 2001. Juv PS8555.O89W48 2001

Blue Spruce Nominees

2012

Bailey, Linda & Bill Slavin. *Stanley's Little Sister*. Kids Can Press, 2010. Juv PS8553.A3644 S733 2010

***Bender, Rebecca. *Giraffe and Bird*. Dancing Cat Books, 2010. Juv PS8603.E556 G57 2010**

Gay, Mary Louise. *Roslyn Rutabaga and the Biggest Hole on Earth!* Groundwood/Anansi, 2010. Juv PS9563.A945 R67

Hart-Sussman, Heather & Geneviève Côté. *Noni Says No*. Tundra, 2011. Juv PS8615 A757 N66 2011

Tsiang, Sarah & Qin Leng. *A Flock of Shoes*. Annick, 2010. Juv PS8639.S583 F56 2010

McLeod, Heather & Brooke Kerrigan. *Kiss Me! (I'm a Prince!)*. Fitzhenry & Whiteside. Juv PS8625.L455 K57 2010

Oldland, Nicholas. *Making the Moose Out of Life*. Kids Can Press, 2011. Juv PS8629.L46 M34 2010

Spires, Ashley. *Small Saul*. Kids Can Press, 2011. Juv PS8637.P47 S63 2011

Ward, David & Brian Deines. *One Hockey Night*. Scholastic Canada/ Northwind, 2010. Juv PS8595 A722 O53 2010

Yahgulanaas, Michael Nicoll. *Little Hummingbird*. D & M / Greystone Books, 2010. Juv E59.F6 F54 2010

2011

Barclay, Jane & Renné Benoit. *Proud as a Peacock, Brave as a Lion*. Tundra, 2009. Juv PS8553.A75345 P76 2009

Button, Lana & Tania Howells. *Willow's Whispers*. Kids Can, 2010. Juv PS8603.U87 W54 2010

Jennings, Sharon & Ashley Spires. *C'mere Boy!* Kids Can, 2010. Juv PS8569.E554 C64 2010

Larsen, Andrew & Irene Luxbacher. *The Imaginary Garden*. Kids Can, 2009. Juv PS8623.A77 I53 2009

Leist, Christina. *Jack the Bear*. Simply Read, 2009. Juv PS8623.E477 J32 2009

Oldland, Nicholas. *Big Bear Hug*. Juv PS8629.L46 B54 2009

Reid, Barbara. *Perfect Snow*. North Winds, 2009. Juv PS8585.E399 P47 2009

Stehlik, Tania Duprey & Vanja Jovanovik. *Violet*. Second Story, 2009. Juv PS8637.T435 V56 2009

Watt, Mélanie. *Have I Got a Book For You!* Kids Can, 2009. Juv PS8645.A884 H38 2009

***Whamond, Dave. *My Think-A-Ma-Jink*. Juv PS8645 H34 M9 2009**

2010

Bailey, Linda. *Stanley's Beauty Contest*. Kids Can, 2009. Juv PS8553.A4645 S713 2009

Beiser, Tim. *Bradley McGogg, the Very Fine Frog*. Tundra Books, 2008. Juv PS8603.E42846 B73 2008

Gay, Marie Louise. *When Stella Was Very, Very Small*. Groundwood, 2009. Juv PS9563.A945 W477 2009

Heidbreder, Robert. *Crocodile's Play*. Tradewind, 2008. Juv PS8565.E53 C74 2008

Johnston, Lynn & Beth Cruikshank. *Farley Follows his Nose*. HarperCollins, 2009. Juv PS8569.O454 F37 2009

Oppel, Kenneth. *The King's Taster*. HarperCollins, 2009. Juv PS8579.P63 K56 2009

Sherrard, Valerie. *There's a Cow Under My Bed!* Tuckamore, 2008. Juv PS8587.H372T53 2008
***Tankard, Jeremy. *Boo Hoo Bird*. Scholastic, 2009. Juv PS3620.A6856 B66 2009**
 Jovanovic, Katarina. *The King Has Goat Ears*. Tradewind, 2008. Juv PS8619.O86 K46 2008
 Wishinsky, Frieda. *You're Mean, Lily Jean*. North Winds, 2009. Juv PS8595.I84 Y68 2009

2009

Bailey, Linda. *Stanley at Sea*. Kids Can, 2008. Juv PS8553.A4645 S69 2008
 Bar-el, Dan. *Such a Prince*. Clarion Books, 2007. Juv PS8553.A754 S82 2007
 Beck, Carolyn. *Buttercup's Lovely Day*. Orca, 2008. Juv PS8553.E3483 B88 2008
 Cottringer, Anne. *Eliot Jones, Midnight Superhero*. Scholastic, 2008. Juv PR6053.O787 E44 2008t
 Gilmore, Rachna. *Making Grizzle Grow*. Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2007. Juv PS8563.I676 M34 2007
 Hickman, Pamela. *It's Moving Day*. Kids Can, 2008. Juv QL756.15 .H53 2008
 Hutchins, Hazel & Gail Herbert. *Mattland*. Annick, 2008. Juv PS8565.U81 M37 2008
 Fagan, Cary. *My New Shirt*. Tundra, 2007. Juv PS8561.A419 M9 2007
 Mizzoni, Chris. *Clancy With the Puck*. Raincoast, 2007. Juv PS8626.I99 C53 2007
***Watt, Mélanie. *Chester*. Kids Can Press, 2007. Juv PS8645.A884 C44 2007**

2008

Baily, Linda. Illus. by Bill Slavin. *The Farm Team*. Kids Can, 2006. Juv PS8553.A4645 F37 2006
 Hutchins, Hazel. Illus. by Maria van Lieshout. *The List*. Annick, 2007. Juv PS8565.U81 L57 2007
 Reid, Barbara. *Fox Walked Alone*. Northwinds/Scholastic, 2006. Juv PS8585.E399 F69 2006
 Ruurs, Margriet. Illus. by Ron Broda. *In My Backyard*. Tundra, 2007. Juv QL49 .R88 2007
 Tankard, Jeremy. *Grumpy Bird*. Scholastic, 2007. Juv PS3620.A6856 G78 2007t
 Upjohn, Rebecca. Ill. by Renné Benoit. *Lily and the Paper Man*. Second Story, 2007. Juv PS8641.P386L54 2007
 Waldman, Debby. Illus. by Cindy Revell. *A Sack Full of Feathers*. Orca, 2006. Juv PS8645.A457 S22 2006
***Watt, Mélanie. *Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend*. Kids Can, 2007. Juv PS8645.A884S284 2007**
 Winters, Kari-Lynn. *Jeffrey and Sloth*. Orca, 2007. Juv PS8645.A457S22 2006
 Wishinsky, Frieda. Ill. by Marie Louise Gay. *Please, Louise!* House of Anansi, 2007. Juv PS8595.I84P55 2007

2007

Bailey, Linda. Illus. by Bill Slavin. *Stanley's Wild Ride*. Kids Can, 2006. Juv PS8553.A4645S74 2006
 Chartrand, Lili. Illus. by Rogé. *Taming Horrible Harry*. Tundra, 2006. Juv PS9555.H26816G7613 2006
 Gillmor, Don. Illus. by Michael Martchenko. *Sophie and the Sea Monster*. North Winds, 2005. Juv PS8563.I665S66 2005
 Hughes, Susan. Illus. by Stéphane Poulin. *Earth to Audrey*. Kids Can, 2005. Juv PS8565.U56566E27 2005
 Ohi, Ruth. *Clara and the Bossy*. Annick, 2006. Juv PS8579.H5C55 2006
 Radford, Sheri. Ill. by Christine Tripp. *Penelope and the Monsters*. Lobster, 2005. Juv PS8635.A337P455 2006
 Ruurs, Margriet. Illus. by Sean Cassidy. *Wake Up, Henry Rooster!* Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2006. Juv PS8585.U947W34 2006
 Sydor, Colleen. Illus. by Pascale Constantin. *Camilla Chameleon*. Kids Can, 2005. Juv PS8587.Y38C35 2005
 Tibo, Gilles. Ill. by Bruno St-Aubin. *Where's My Hockey Sweater?* Scholastic, 2005. Juv PS9589.I36G7613 2005
***Watt, Mélanie. *Scaredy Squirrel*. Kids Can, 2006. Juv PS8645.A884S28 2006**

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Cassidy, Sean. *Gummytoes*. Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2004. Juv PS8555.A78255G84 2004
***Elliot, George. *Boy Who Loved Bananas*. Kids Can Press, 2005. Juv PS8559.L5814B69 2005**
 Ellis, Sarah. *Ben Over Night*. Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2005. Juv PS8559.L596B46 2005
 Gay, Marie Louise. *Stella Princess of the Sky*. Douglas & McIntyre, 2004. Juv PS9563.A945S727 2004
 Hull, Maureen. *Rainy Days With Bear*. Lobster Press, 2003. Juv PS8565.U565788R34 2004
 Hutchins, Hazel. *Beneath the Bridge*. Annick, 2004. Juv PS8565.U81B45 2004
 Langston, Laura. *Mile High Apple Pie*. Bodley Head, 2004. Juv PS8573.A674M54 2004
 McLellan, Stephanie. *Leon's Song*. Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2004. Juv PS8575.L3614L46 2004
 Radford, Sheri. *Penelope and the Humongous Burp*. Lobster Press, 2004. Juv PS8635.A337 P45 2004
 Solomon, Evan. *Bigbeard's Hook*. Viking, 2005. Juv PS8587.O443B53 2005

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Davis, Aubrey & Dusan Petricic (ill.). *Bagels from Benny*. Kids Can, 2003. Juv PS8557.A84815B33 2003
 Harris, Dorothy Joan and Kim LaFave (illus.). *A Very Unusual Dog*. North Winds/Scholastic, 2004. Juv PS8565.A7866V47 2004

***Heidbreder, Robert and Bill Slavin (illus.). *Drumheller Dinosaur Dance*. Kids Can Press, 2004. Juv PS8565.E53D78 2004**

Hutchins, Hazel and Ruth Ohi (illus.). *The Sidewalk Rescue*. Anick Press, 2004. Juv PS8565.U8IS52 2004

Manuel, Lynn and Kasia Charko. *Camels Always Do*. Orca, 2004. Juv PS8576.A696C35 2004

McFarlane, Sheryl and Chrissie Wysotski (illus.). *This is the Dog*. Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2003.

Juv PS8575.F38T47 2003

Tibo, Gilles and Bruno St. Aubin (illus.). *Too Many Books!* Scholastic, 2003. Juv PS9589.I36D4713 2004

Trottier, Maxine and Brian Deines (illus.). *Our Canadian Flag*. North Winds/Scholastic, 2004.

Juv CR115.C3T76 2004t

Uegaki, Chieri and Stéphane Jorisch. *Suki's Kimono*. Kids Can Press, 2003. Juv PS8591.E32S83 2003

Wilson, Troy and Dean Griffiths (illus.). *Perfect Man*. Orca, 2004.

Juv PS8645.I48P47 2004

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***Bailey, Linda and Bill Slavin (illus.). *Stanley's Party*. Kids Can Press, 2003. Juv PS8553.A4645S72 2003**

Barclay, Jane and Janice Donato (illus.). *How Hot Was It?* Lobster Press, 2003. Juv PS8553.A75345H693 2003

Bradford, Karleen. *You Can't Rush a Cat*. Orca, 2003.

Juv PS8553.R275Y68 2003

Carter, Anne Laurel & Rose Cowles (illus.) *The F Team*. Orca, 2003.

Juv PS8555.A7787F12 2003

Coulman, Valerie and Rogé (illus.). *Sink or Swim*. Lobster Press, 2003. Juv PS8555.O89S56 2003

Gilman, Phoebe. *Jillian Jiggs and the Great Big Snow*. Scholastic, 2002. Juv PS8563.I67J511 2002

Nanji, Shenaaz and Chum G. McLeod (illus.). *An Alien in My House*. Second Story, 2003.

Juv PS8577.A248A84 2003

Nielsen-Fernlund, Susin & Louise-Andre Laliberte (illus.). *Hank and Fergus*. Orca, 2003. Juv PS8577.I44H36 2003

Reid, Barbara. *The Subway Mouse*. Scholastic, 2003.

Juv PS8585.E399S92 2003

Van Kampen, Vlasta. *It Couldn't Be Worse*. Annick, 2003.

Juv PS8593.A647I8 2003

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Edwards, Wallace. *Alphabeasts*. Kids Can Press, 2002.

Juv PE1155.E38 2002t

Gay, Marie-Louise. *Stella: Fairy of the Forest*. Groundwood, 2002.

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Godkin, Celia. *When the Giant Stirred: Legend of a Volcanic Island*. Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2002.

Juv PS8563.O375W47 2002

Harrison, Troon & Zhong-Yang Huang (ill.). *Courage to Fly*. Scholastic, 2002. Juv PS8565.A78868C68 2002

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***Napier, Matt and Melanie Rose (illus.). *Z is for Zamboni: A Hockey Alphabet*. Sleeping Bear Press, 2002.**

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Reynolds, Marilyn and Don Kilby (illus.). *The Name of the Child*. Orca, 2002. Juv PS8585.E9615N3502 2002

Taylor, Joanne and Susan Tooke (illus.). *Full Moon Rising*. Tundra, 2002. Juv QB582.T39 2002

Thornhill, Jan. *The Rumor: A Jataka Tale from India*. Maple Tree Press, 2002. Juv PS8589.I84G58 2002

Wishinsky, Frieda and Dean Griffiths (illus.). *Give Maggie a Chance*. Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2002.

Juv PS8595.I84G58 2002

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Bailey, Linda and Alan and Lea Daniel (illus.). *The Best Figure Skater in the Whole Wide World*. Kids Can Press, 2001.

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Bourgeois, Paulette & Stephane Jorisch (illus.). *Oma's Quilt*. Kids Can Press, 2001. Juv PS8553.O8O48 2001

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Fitch, Sheree and Janet Wilson (illus.). *No Two Snowflakes*. Orca, 2001. Juv PS8561.I86N62 2001

Highway, Tomson and Brian Deines (illus.). *Caribou Song*. Harper Collins, 2001. Juv PS8565.I39C37 2001

London, Jonathan and Paul Morin (illus.). *What the Animals Were Waiting For*. Scholastic, 2001.

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Ruurs, Margriet & Barbara Spurll (illus.). *Emma's Cold Day*. Stoddart Kids, 2001. Juv PS8585.U947E55 2001

Spalding, Andrea & Leslie E. Watts (illus.). *It's Raining It's Pouring*. Orca, 2001. Juv PS8587.P29A87 2001

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