

# ~ Book Lists & Content Area Connections~

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## ► Canadian Children's Book Awards

Track Canadian children's & YA book awards at the **Canadian Children's Book Centre's** web site.  
<http://www.bookcentre.ca/>



### Top 10 to Track

- ❖ Amelia Frances Howard-Gibbon Illustrator's Award
- ❖ Canadian Library Association Book of the Year for Children
- ❖ Elizabeth Mrazik-Cleaver Canadian Picture Book Award
- ❖ Governor General's Award for illustration
- ❖ Governor General's Award for text
- ❖ Marilyn Baillie Picture Book Award (\$10,000)
- ❖ Ruth & Sylvia Schwartz Children's Book Award (selected by juries of children in an Ontario school)
- ❖ TD Canadian Children's Literature Award (best book of the year) (\$20,000)
- ❖ Vicky Metcalf (for the author of a distinguished body of work, \$15,000)

### Ontario

Blue Spruce Award <http://www.accessola.com/> -- Reading Programs  
Winners are selected by K-2 students in Ontario



Silver Birch Award <http://www.accessola.com/> -- Reading Programs  
Winners are selected by Grade 3-6 students in Ontario

## ► Children's Book Awards: United States



Track many American children's & YA book awards at the **American Library Association's** web site.  
Go to <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/index.cfm> for Children's book awards. Go to [www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists) for YA book awards

### Top 10 to Track

- ❖ Caldecott Medal & Honor Books (illustrator award)
- ❖ Coretta Scott King Book Award (author)
- ❖ Coretta Scott King Book Award (illustrator)
- ❖ Laura Ingalls Wilder Award (for the author of a distinguished body of work)
- ❖ Pura Belpre Award (for a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience)
- ❖ Schneider Family Book Award (Young children / middle school / teen categories for a book that embodies an artistic expression of the disability experience for child)
- ❖ Theodor Seuss Geisel Award (best book for beginning readers)
- ❖ Newbery Medal & Honor Books (best book)
- ❖ Sibert Medal (best information book)

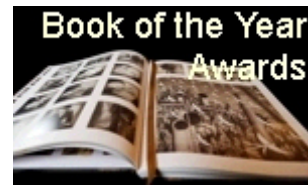


## ► Children's Book Awards: International

Track book awards from 6 English-speaking countries with Lisa Bartle's Database of Award--Winning Children's Literature at <http://www.dawcl.com/introduction.html>

## Top 5 to Track

- ❖ Carnegie Medal (England; best book)
- ❖ <http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/home/index.php>
- ❖ Children's Book of the Year (Australia)
- ❖ <http://cbca.org.au/awards.htm>
- ❖ Hans Christian Andersen Award (Intl. Board on Books for Young People: IBBY; an author or illustrator for their lasting contribution) <http://www.ibby.org/>
- ❖ Jane Addams Children' Book Award (Women's Intl. League for Peace and Freedom WILPF; books that promote the cause of peace) [http://home.igc.org/~japa/jacba/index\\_jacba.html](http://home.igc.org/~japa/jacba/index_jacba.html)
- ❖ Kate Greenaway Medal (England) (illustration)
- ❖ <http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/home/index.php>



## ► Best of the Best Lists in Professional Journals & the News

**Booklist Editor's Choice: Books for Youth** (Fiction for older, middle, & younger readers). Annual. Published by the American Library Association in Booklist (see free sections at <http://booklistonline.com>) each January 1.

**Best of the Best.** In *Teacher Librarian* (Cdn. & U.S.). Every April issue features many book lists, including a Canadian list, "North of 49". North of 49 is compiled by *Resource Links – Teacher Librarian's* Canadian counterpart.

**Children's Choices** (U.S.). Annual. In *The Reading Teacher*. October issue. Published by the International Reading Association and prepared in cooperation with the Children's Book Council.

**Children's Notable Lists** (U.S.). Annual. Published by the American Library Association in Booklist (see free sections at <http://booklistonline.com>) each March 15, and on the Association for Library Services to Children web site at <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/childrensnotable/index.cfm> Also at School Library Journal Online <http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6640447.html>

**Cooperative Children's Book Center Choices.** Annual. Faculty of Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison. <http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/books/choices.asp>

**Globe & Mail** Bestseller's Lists: <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/v5/content/readerschoice/bestsellers/>

**The Guardian** (U.K.) Children's Book page: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/books/booksforchildrenandteenagers>

**New York Times** Bestseller's Lists: <http://www.nytimes.com/> Free registration gives you access to the book section.

**Teacher's Choices** (U.S.). Annual. In *The Reading Teacher*. November issue. Published by the International Reading Association. Covers all curriculum areas. Selected articles (including this one) available free at <http://www.reading.org>

## ► Best Content Area Connections

### **Best Bet: *NoveList Plus* or *NoveList***

This database is available from many Canadian public libraries and school boards. Search here for fiction – by grade level -- on any theme or subject area. Access the Queen's subscription from QCAT – just look up *NoveList Plus*. <http://library.queensu.ca/>

The image shows the word "NoveList" in a stylized, serif font. The letters are white and set against a dark purple rectangular background.

### **Cross-Curricular Connections**

- ❖ Information Book Award (Canadian) [http://www.bookcentre.ca/awards/information\\_book\\_award](http://www.bookcentre.ca/awards/information_book_award)  
Awarded annually by the Children's Literature Roundtable

- ❖ Norma Fleck Award for Children's Non-Fiction (Canadian; \$10,000 prize)  
[http://www.bookcentre.ca/awards/norma\\_fleck\\_award\\_canadian\\_childrens\\_nonfiction](http://www.bookcentre.ca/awards/norma_fleck_award_canadian_childrens_nonfiction)
- ❖ Orbis Pictus Award (U.S.; best in nonfiction from K to Gr. 8)  
<http://www.ncte.org/awards/orbispictus>  
Awarded annually by the National Council of Teachers of English

### Social Studies Connections

- ❖ Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction (Canadian)  
[http://www.bookcentre.ca/awards/geoffrey\\_bilson\\_award\\_historical\\_fiction\\_young\\_people](http://www.bookcentre.ca/awards/geoffrey_bilson_award_historical_fiction_young_people)  
Awarded annually to the author of an outstanding work of historical fiction for young readers.
- ❖ Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People. Annual. In *Social Education*. May/June issue. Published by the National Council for the Social Studies (U.S.) and prepared in cooperation with the Children's Book Council. NCSS website is currently down, but the latest pdf of this list is available at <http://downloads.ncss.org/notable/notable2008.pdf> and previous years are available at <http://www.socialstudies.org/resources/notable>

### Science Connections

- ❖ Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K-12. Annual. In *Science and Children*. March issue. Published by the National Science Teachers Association (U.S.) and prepared in cooperation with the Children's Book Council. Available on the NSTA website  
<http://www.nsta.org/publications/ostb/>
- ❖ Science in Society Book Award (Canadian Children's & Youth categories)  
[http://www.bookcentre.ca/awards/science\\_society\\_book\\_award\\_0](http://www.bookcentre.ca/awards/science_society_book_award_0)

## ► Best Children's Literature Organizations & Associations

### The Canadian Children's Book Centre

<http://www.bookcentre.ca/>

Cost for individuals \$60.00 -- includes a tax receipt.

Members receive the valuable *Best Books* annual and the quarterly *CC Book News* magazine.



### Children's Book Council (U.S.)

<http://www.cbcbooks.org/>

Superb, high-quality children's book lists here.



### Cooperative Children's Book Center (American)

<http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/>

School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

High value in their thematic booklists. A site that is kept current and that includes material for teachers

<http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/areyoua/k12teacher.asp>



### Library & Archives Canada Children's Literature Service

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/childrenliterature/index-e.html>

Includes the Read up on It Program

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/read-up-on-it/015020-100-e.html>

TD Summer Reading Club Booklists <http://www.td-club-td.ca/009003-2000-e.html>



### National Council of Teachers of English (U.S.)

<http://www.ncte.org>

Join now! The student price is \$20.00 U.S. Membership benefits include

access to the full text of NCTE journals on the NCTE website and discounts on NCTE books and journal subscriptions.



## ► Favourite Children's Book Blogs

A Fuse #8 Production <http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/blog/1790000379.html>

Elizabeth Baird blogs about children's books for the School Library Journal. Always current. The quirky voice of an expert in the field.

Educating Alice

<http://medinger.wordpress.com/>

Recent posts on Reading Aloud (+lists) are typical & useful.



The Miss Rumphium Effect <http://missrumphiuseffect.blogspot.com/>

Tricia Stohr-Hunt's blog that includes thematic book lists that help teachers make curriculum connections. Focus on poetry and nonfiction.



Mo Willems Blog (can't help it – I'm a pigeon fan) Check if your favorite authors have their own blogs. Many do.

<http://mowillemsdoodles.blogspot.com/>

Read Roger <http://www.hbook.com/blog/>

The Horn Book editor's blog. He reads a lot of books – worth knowing him!

Seven Impossible Things Before Breakfast <http://blaine.org/sevenimpossiblethings/>

Includes, but not only, children's books, but how can you resist the title!

## ► Favourite Children's Book Web Sites

**Big Universe**

<http://www.biguniverse.com/>

Read books online. Very cool.



**Guys Read** – see Young and Middle Guys – under Guys Picks

<http://guysread.com/>

Hosted by author Jon Scieszka.

**Just One More Book** (a podcast 3 x week)

<http://www.justonemorebook.com/>

A Canadian site that is jam-packed with children's books & author-related material.

**Reading Rockets**

<http://readingrockets.org>

A much-loved teacher site. From teaching strategies to booklists.



**School Library Journal**

<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/>

"The world's largest reviewer of books, multimedia and technology for children and teens" – and a site that fortunately for us provides loads of free access to the content, too. A definite favourite.



## ► Favourite Children's Book E-Newsletters

**Curriculum Connections**

<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/eNewsletterArchive/3792.html>

From School Library Journal. Great material for teachers here.



**Reading Rockets** <http://readingrocket.org>

Many newsletters to choose from, including daily or weekly "Rocket Blasts", LD Onine, and a newsletter about teaching English Language Learners.

## ► + 1 TOP Favourite Web Site for Language Arts Teachers

<http://thinkfinity.org>

THE must-know about web site for teachers. American teacher organizations

share high quality classroom resources ready for you to adapt and use in your classrooms. Highly recommended.

**Thinkfinity**  
brought to you by the Verizon Foundation

FREE lesson plans and educational resources

## ► Sources for Children's Book Reviews (Canada)

**Canadian Children's Book News** <http://www.bookcentre.ca/>

Published by the Canadian Children's Book Centre and free to members. Issues feature columns by authors, teachers and librarians, and each issue includes reviews of recommended titles.

**CM Magazine: Canadian Review of Materials** <http://www.umanitoba.ca/cm/>

Published by the Manitoba Library Association, CM provides Canadian teachers with rich and curriculum-aware reviews of Canadian materials. Issued biweekly.

**Quill & Quire** <http://www.quillandquire.com/>

The absolute best source for finding out what is being published in Canada -- and it has a very good "Books for Young People" review section in each issue. April and October issues include a list of every children's book that is to be published for the next half of the year -- so this is an easy way to see who has new books out.

**Resource Links** <http://www.resourcelinks.ca/index.html>

Canada's version of the glossier Book Links -- and a reviewing journal that is directed to teachers. Each review indicates suggested Grade levels and possible curriculum connections. Published out of Pouch Cove, NL!

**Teacher Librarian** <http://www.teacherlibrarian.com>

Serves both American and Canadian teachers. I love this magazine for its lists, short, practical articles, posters and peppiness. You'll always feel as if you have a hundred things to do and read after you browse through this one! See the April issues for the Best of the Best lists!

## ► Sources for Children's Book Reviews (United States)

**Book Links** <http://www.ala.org/> -- Products & Publications – Periodicals – Book Links

This reviewing journal has a K to 8 focus. The journal is produced by the American Library Association's Young Adult Library Services Association

**Booklist** <http://booklistonline.com/>

An American Library Association publication that offers short reviews of titles available in the U.S., from picture books to adult titles, and including videos and audiobooks. This is a resource that your school librarian or teacher resource centre librarian may have – so ask to share it! The website offers great free features.

**Language Arts** <http://www.ncte.org/>

The NCTE journal for Primary -Elementary English teachers. Exceptional.

**The Horn Book Guide** <http://www.hornbookguide.com/>

Aims to include short, critical annotations of all hardcover trade children's and YA books published in the United States within a six-month period.

**The Horn Book Magazine** <http://www.hbook.com>

Articles and reviews from picture books to YA literature. Often columns by authors.

**School Library Journal** <http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/>

A fabulous site for keeping up with teen lit even if you don't subscribe. The site is updated daily and spills over with links to materials that teachers will love. Sign up for blogs, newsletter, rss feeds, & enjoy the free content.

**Voices from the Middle** <http://www.ncte.org/>

The NCTE journal for middle school English teachers. Exceptional.