



Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators

The international professional organization for writers and illustrators of children's literature

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THE SOCIETY OF CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF THE ANNUAL CRYSTAL KITE MEMBER CHOICE AWARDS

The SCBWI is excited to announce the winners of the 2014 Crystal Kite Member Choice Awards for our fifteen regional divisions:

Australia/New Zealand

- **AJ Betts** - *Zac and Mia* (Text Publishing Company)

California/Hawaii

- **Alexis O'Neill and Terry Widener** - *The Kite that Bridged Two Nations: Homan Walsh and the First Niagara Suspension Bridge* (Boyd Mills Press)

Canada

- **Helene Boudreau** - *I Dare You Not to Yawn* (Illustrated by Sergio Bloch) (Candlewick Press)

- **Lisa Dalrymple and Suzanne del Rizzo** - *Skink on the Brink* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside)

Southeast (Florida/Georgia/South Carolina/North Carolina/Alabama)

- **Shannon Hitchcock** - *The Ballad of Jessie Pearl* (Namelos)

Mid-South

(Kansas/Louisiana/Arkansas/Tennessee/Kentucky/Missouri/Mississippi)

- **Kristin Tubb** - *The Thirteenth Sign* (Feiwel & Friends)

Middle East/India/Asia

- **Natasha Sharma** - *Bonkers!* (Duckbill Books)

Midwest (Minnesota/Iowa/Nebraska/Wisconsin/Illinois/Michigan/Indiana/Ohio)

- **Pat Zietlow Miller** – *Sophie's Squash* (Illustrated by Anne Wilsdorf) (Schwartz and Wade)

Southwest (Nevada/Arizona/Utah/Colorado/Wyoming/New Mexico)

- **Molly Idle** - *Tea Rex* (Viking)

New England (Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island)

- **Deborah Freedman** – *The Story of Fish and Snail* (Viking)

New York

- **Samantha Berger and Dan Santat** - *Crankenstein* (Little, Brown BFYR)

Atlantic (Pennsylvania/Delaware/New Jersey/Wash DC/Virginia/West Virginia/Maryland)

- **Kit Grindstaff** - *The Flame in the Mist* (Random House Children's Books)

Texas/Oklahoma

- **Doris Fisher and Julie Buckner** – *Army Camels: Ships of the Texas Desert* (Pelican Publishing)

International Other

- **Lenore Appelhans and Daniel Jennewein** – *Chickosaurus Rex* (Simon and Schuster)

UK/Europe

- **Candy Gourlay** - *Shine* (David Fickling Books)

West (Washington/Oregon/Alaska/Idaho/Montana/North Dakota/South Dakota) • **Nina Laden and Renata Liwska** - *Once Upon a Memory* (Little, Brown BFYR)

The SCBWI would also like to thank Christopher Cheng, the International Awards Coordinator for all his help and hard work with the Crystal Kite Awards.

About the Crystal Kite Awards

The Crystal Kite Awards are given by the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators to recognize great books from the seventy SCBWI regions around the world. Along with the SCBWI Golden Kite Awards, the Crystal Kite Awards are chosen by other children’s book writers and illustrators, making them the only peer-given awards in publishing for young readers.

About SCBWI

Founded in 1971, the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators is one of the largest existing writers’ and illustrators’ organizations, with over 22,000 members worldwide. It is the only organization specifically for those working in the fields of children’s literature, magazines, film, television, and multimedia. The organization was founded by Stephen Mooser (President) and Lin Oliver (Executive Director), both of whom are well-published children’s book authors and leaders in the world of children’s literature. For more information about the Crystal Kite Award, please visit

www.scbwi.org, and click “Awards & Grants.”

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