

2023 Forest of Reading® Winners Announced at Annual Forest of Reading Awards

Readers across the country voted for favourite Canadian titles in readers' choice award program

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TORONTO, ON (May 18, 2023) – The Ontario Library Association (OLA) and the Forest of Reading are excited to announce the winners of the 2023 Forest of Reading Awards, presented at the Forest of Reading Award ceremonies, a three-day, combined in-person and digital event, hosted by Ainara Alleyne and Ali Hassan.

The 2023 Forest of Reading Award Winners are:

- Silver Birch Express Award® Winner: ***Bear in the Family*** by Eric Walters (Orca Book Publishers)
- Silver Birch Fiction Award® Winner: ***The Undercover Book List*** by Colleen Nelson (Pajama Press)
- Blue Spruce Award™ Winner: ***Are You a Cheeseburger?*** by Monica Arnaldo (Katherine Tegen Books)
- Red Maple Award™ Winner: ***Children of the Fox: Thieves of Shadow, Book One*** by Kevin Sands (Puffin Canada)
- White Pine Award™ Winner: ***Daughter*** by Kate McLaughlin (St. Martin's Press / Macmillan)
- Yellow Cedar Award Winner: ***Fred & Marjorie: A Doctor, a Dog, and the Discovery of Insulin*** by Deborah Kerbel (Owlkids Books)
- Le prix Peuplier : ***Drôles de zèbres*** par Mathilde Perrault-Archambault (Bayard Canada)
- Le prix Mélèze : ***La ligue des (pas si) champions 1 Basile*** par Jocelyn Boisvert (Les éditions les Malins)
- Le prix Tamarac : ***Seuls*** par Paul Tom (La courte echelle)

Since October, over 154,000 children have read nominated books, which include Canadian fiction and non-fiction books by English and French-language authors. Almost 125,000 kids voted this year across 9 programs.

The Forest of Reading consists of ten programs distinguished by age group and reading level, each with ten nominated titles. The English school-aged programs are Blue Spruce, Silver Birch Express, Silver Birch Fiction, Yellow Cedar, Red Maple, and White Pine. French literature is celebrated through the Peuplier, Mélèze, and Tamarac programs. The adult program, Evergreen, celebrates excellence in Canadian literature. There are 100 nominated titles with ten books in each program.

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