

## 2024 Forest of Reading® Winners Announced

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

### NEWS RELEASE

**TORONTO, ON** (May 22, 2024) – The Ontario Library Association (OLA) and the Forest of Reading are excited to announce the winners of the 2024 Forest of Reading Awards. The English-language awards were presented at the Forest of Reading Award ceremonies, a two-day, combined in-person and digital event, hosted by Ainara Alleyne and Ali Hassan on May 14-15. The French-language awards were presented on May 22 at the Fête de la Forêt de la lecture.

#### The 2024 Forest of Reading Award Winners are:

- Silver Birch Express Award® Winner: ***Rock? Plant? Animal? How Nature Keeps Us Guessing*** by Etta Kaner (Owlkids)
- Silver Birch Fiction Award® Winner: ***Apartment 713*** by Kevin Sylvester (HarperCollins Publishers Ltd.)
- Blue Spruce Award™ Winner: ***Benny the Bananasaurus Rex*** by Sarabeth Holden (Inhabit Media Inc.)
- Red Maple Award™ Winner: ***The Fort*** by Gordon Korman (Scholastic Canada Ltd.)
- White Pine Award™ Winner: ***Pieces of Me*** by Kate McLaughlin (St. Martin's Press/Macmillan)
- Yellow Cedar Award Winner: ***Animal Eyes: How Creatures See and How Their Eyes Have Adapted to Their World*** by Françoise Vulpé (Firefly Books)
- Le prix Peuplier : ***L'oiseau rouge*** par Élodie Duhamel (Les 400 coups)
- Le prix Mélèze : ***La chambre numéro 7*** par Martine Latulippe (La courte échelle)
- Le prix Tamarac : ***As-tu peur du loup?*** par Véronique Drouin (Bayard)

Since October, almost 154,000 children have read nominated books, which include Canadian fiction and non-fiction books by English and French-language authors. Over 127,000 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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