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Alma Fullerton & Beena Mistry  
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Zain Bandali & Jani Balakumar  
Annick Press

**The Nguyen Kids 3: The Mystery of the  
Painted Fan**

Linda Trinh & Clayton Nguyen  
Annick Press

★ **Rock? Plant? Animal? How Nature Keeps** ★  
**Us Guessing**

Etta Kaner & Brittany Lane  
Owlkids Books

**Salma Writes a Book**

Danny Ramadan & Anna Bron  
Annick Press

**The Secret Pocket**

Penny Janicki & Carrielyn Victor  
Orca Book Publishers

**The Skull: A Tyrolean Folktale**

Jon Klassen  
Candlewick

**Tadpoles**

Matt James  
Neal Porter Books

# 2023

## **Alina in a Pinch**

Shenaaz Nanji & Beena Mistry  
Second Story Press

## ★ **Bear in the Family** ★

Eric Walters & Olga Barinova  
Orca Book Publishers

## **Crimson Twill: Witch in the City**

Kallie George & Birgitta Sif  
Candlewick

## **Flipping Forward and Twisting Backward**

Alma Fullerton & Sarah Mensinga  
Peachtree

## **Kaleidoscope of Dinosaurs and Prehistoric Life: Their Colors and Patterns Explained**

Greer Stothers  
Wide Eyed Editions

## **Pink, Blue, and You! Questions for Kids about Gender Stereotypes**

Elise Gravel & Mykaell Blais  
Random House Children's Books, Anne Schwartz Books

## **The Strangest Thing in the Sea: And Other Curious Creatures of the Deep**

Rachel Poliquin & Byron Eggenschwiler  
Kids Can Press

## **Tâpwê and the Magic Hat**

Buffy Sainte-Marie & Michelle Alyn Clement  
Greystone Kids

## **This is What I've Been Told: Mii yi gaa-bi-wiindmaagooyaan**

Juliana Armstrong  
Medicine Wheel Education

## **Who's Looking? How Animals See the World**

Carol Matas & Cornelia Li  
Orca Book Publishers

# 2022

## **Duck Days**

Sarah Leach & Rebecca Bender  
Pajama Press Inc.

## **Hockey Night in Kenya**

Danson Mutinda, Eric Walters & Claudia Dávila  
Orca Book Publishers

## **How I Survived: Four Nights on the Ice**

Serapio Ittusardjuat & Matthew K. Hoddy  
★ **Mellybean and the Giant Monster** ★  
Inhabit Media  
Mike White  
Razorbill

## **Race with Me!**

Andre De Grasse, Robert Budd & Joseph Osei Bonsu  
Scholastic Canada Ltd.

## **Raymond the Buffalo**

Lou Beauchesne & Kate Chappell  
Translated by Susan Ouriou & Christelle Morelli  
Orca Book Publishers

## **Snooze-O-Rama: The Strange Ways That Animals Sleep**

Maria Birmingham & Kyle Reed  
Owlkids Books

## **That's No Dino!: Or Is It? What Makes a Dinosaur a Dinosaur**

Helaine Becker & Marie-Ève Tremblay  
Kids Can Press

## **Walking for Water: How One Boy Stood Up For Gender Equality**

Susan Hughes & Nicole Miles  
Kids Can Press

## **Wednesday Wilson Gets Down to Business**

Bree Galbraith & Morgan Goble  
Kids Can Press

# 2021

## **Cells: An Owner's Handbook**

Carolyn Fisher  
Beach Lane Books

## **Genius Jolene**

Sara Cassidy & Charlene Chua  
Orca Book Publishers

## **Ghost's Journey: A Refugee Story**

Robin Stevenson & Rainer Oktovianus  
Rebel Mountain Press

## **The Grizzly Mother**

Hetxw'ms Gyetxw (Brett D. Huson) & Natasha  
Donovan  
HighWater Press

## **A Last Goodbye**

Elin Kelsey & Soyeon Kim  
Owlkids Books Inc.

## ★ **Peter and Ernesto: Sloths in the Night** ★

Graham Annable  
First Second, Distributed by Raincoast Books

## **The Phone Booth in Mr. Hirota's Garden**

Heather Smith & Rachel Wada  
Orca Book Publishers

## **Planet Hockey: First Star of the Game**

J. Torres & Tim Levins  
Scholastic Canada Ltd.

## **Terry Fox and Me**

Mary Beth Leatherdale & Milan Pavlović  
Tundra

## **The Train**

Jodie Callaghan & Georgia Lesley  
Second Story Press

# 2020

## **Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Saved Apollo 13**

Helaine Becker  
Dow Phumiruk  
Henry Holt & Company/Raincoast

## **Dragons in a Bag**

Zetta Elliott & Geneva B  
Yearling

## **Earthrise: Apollo 8 and the Photo That Changed the World**

James Gladstone & Christy Lundy  
Owlkids Books

## **Go Show the World: A Celebration of Indigenous Heroes**

Wab Kinew & Joe Morse  
Tundra Books

## **Light a Candle: Tumaini pasipo na Tumaini**

Godfrey Nkongolo & Eric Walters & Eva Campbell  
Orca Book Publishers

## **Mary Who Wrote Frankenstein**

Linda Bailey & Júlia Sardà  
Tundra Books

## **Meet Tom Longboat: Scholastic Canada Biography**

Elizabeth MacLeod & Mike Deas  
Scholastic Canada Ltd.

## ★ **Megabat** ★

Anna Humphrey & Kass Reich  
Tundra Books

## **The Mushroom Fan Club**

Elise Gravel  
Drawn & Quarterly/Raincoast

## **Wicked Nix**

Lena Coakley & Jaime Zollars  
HarperCollins Canada

# 2019

## **A Bear's Life**

Nicholas Read & Ian McAllister  
Orca Book Publishers

## **Bloom: A Story of Fashion Designer Elsa Schiaparelli**

Kyo Maclear & Julie Morstad  
Tundra Books

## **The Elephant Keeper: Caring For Orphaned Elephants in Zambia**

Margriet Ruurs & Pedro Covo  
Kids Can Press

## **Heartwood Hotel 02 The Greatest Gift**

Kallie George & Stephanie Graegin  
HarperCollins Publishers

## **The Hollow Under the Tree**

Cary Fagan  
Groundwood Books

## ★**Meet Viola Desmond**★

Elizabeth MacLeod & Mike Deas  
Scholastic Canada Ltd.

## **Tank & Fizz: The Case of Firebane's Folly**

Liam O'Donnell & Mike Deas  
Orca Book Publishers

## **The Theory of Hummingbirds**

Michelle Kadarusman  
Pajama Press

## **What Makes a Monster: Discovering the World's Scariest Creatures**

Jess Keating & David DeGrand  
Alfred A. Knopf

## **Where's Burgess?**

Laurie Elmquist & David Parkins  
Orca Book Publishers

# 2018

## **The Banana-Leaf Ball: How Play Can Change the World**

Katie Smith Milway & Shane W. Evans  
Kids Can Press

## **Big Blue Forever: The Story of the Largest Blue Whale Skeleton**

Anita Miettunen  
Red Deer Press

## **A Boy Named Queen**

Sara Cassidy  
Groundwood Books

## **Heartwood Hotel 01: A True Home**

Kallie George  
HarperCollins Publishers Ltd.

## **I Am Not a Number**

Jenny Kay Dupuis & Kathy Kacer & Gillian Newland  
Second Story Press

## **Pablo Finds a Treasure**

Andrée Poulin & Isabelle Malenfant  
Annick Press

## ★**Smiley: A Journey of Love**★

Joanne George  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside & Limited

## **Tank & Fizz: The Case of the Missing Mage**

Liam O'Donnell & Mike Deas  
Orca Book Publishers

## **The Vimy Oaks: A Journey to Peace**

Linda Granfield & Brian Deines  
Scholastic Canada Ltd.

## **Wolf Island**

Nicholas Read & Ian McAllister  
Orca Book Publishers

# 2017

## **Be a Pond Detective: Solving the Mysteries of Lakes, Swamps and Pools**

Peggy Kochanoff  
Nimbus Publishing

## ★ **The Biggest Poutine in the World** ★

Andrée Poulin & translated from French by Brigitte Waisberg  
Annick Press

## **Elephant Journey: The True Story of Three Zoo Elephants and their Rescue from Captivity**

Rob Laidlaw & Brian Deines  
Pajama Press

## **Elliott's Guide to Dinosaurs**

Elliott Seah  
Greystone Books

## **The Enchanted Egg**

Kallie George & Alexandra Boiger  
HarperCollins Publishers Ltd.

## **Myles and the Monster Outside**

Philippa Dowding & Shawna Daigle  
Dundurn

## **Pink is for Blobfish: Discovering the World's Perfectly Pink Animals**

Jess Keating & David DeGrand  
A.A. Knopf Books for Young Readers

## **Tank & Fizz: The Case of the Battling Bots**

Liam O'Donnell & Mike Deas  
Orca Book Publishers

## **West Coast Wild: A Nature Alphabet**

Deborah Hodge & Karen Reczuch  
Groundwood Books

## **Wild Eggs: A Tale of Arctic Egg Hunting**

Suzie Napayok-Short & Jonathan Wright  
Inhabit Media

# 2016

## ★ **The End of the Line** ★

Sharon E. McKay  
Annick Press

## **Hope Springs**

Eric Walters & Eugenie Fernandes  
Tundra Books

## **If: A Mind-Bending New Way of Looking at Big Ideas and Numbers**

David J. Smith & Steve Adams  
Kids Can Press

## **Jack, the King of Ashes**

Andy Jones & Darka Erdelji  
Running the Goat Books & BroadSides

## **The Magical Animal Adoption Agency 01: Clover's Luck**

Kallie George & Alexandra Boiger  
Harper Trophy

## **Melvis and Elvis**

Dennis Lee & Jeremy Tankard  
HarperCollins Canada

## **Our Heroes: How Kids Are Making a Difference**

Janet Wilson  
Second Story Press

## **Sport-O-Rama**

Benoit Tardif  
Kids Can Press

## **Tank and Fizz: The Case of the Slime Stampede**

Liam O'Donnell & Mike Deas  
Orca Book Publishers

## **Weird Frogs**

Chris Earley  
Firefly Press

# 2015

## **Be a Wilderness Detective**

Peggy Kochanoff  
Nimbus Publishing

## **Every Day is Malala Day**

Rosemary McCarney  
Second Story Press

## **The Fly**

Elise Gravel  
Tundra Books

## **From There To Here**

Laurel Croza & Matt James  
Groundwood Books

## **The Great Bike Rescue**

Hazel Hutchins  
Orca Book Publishers

## **How to Save a Species**

Jonathan Baillie & Marilyn Baillie  
Owlkids

## ★ **Kung Pow Chicken #1: Let's Get Cracking!** ★

Cyndi Marko  
Scholastic

## **My Name is Blessing**

Eric Walters & Eugenie Fernandes  
Tundra Books

## **Prove It, Josh**

Jenny Watson  
Sono Nis

## **Seconds**

Sylvia Taekema  
Orca Book Publishers

# 2014

## **And The Winner Is...Amazing Animal Athletes**

Etta Kaner & David Anderson  
Kids Can Press

## **Ava and the Little Folk**

Alan Neal & Neil Christopher & Jonathan Wright  
Inhabit Media

## **Buzz About Bees**

Kari-Lynn Winters  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

## **Cryptic Canada: Unsolved Mysteries From Coast To Coast**

Natalie Hyde & Matt Hammill  
Owlkids Books

## **Danny, Who Fell In A Hole**

Cary Fagan  
Groundwood Books

## **Jason's Why**

Beth Goobie  
Red Deer Press

## ★ **Secret of the Village Fool** ★

Rebecca Upjohn & Renné Benoit  
Second Story Press

## **The Gargoyle at the Gates**

Philippa Dowding  
Dundurn

## **The Stamp Collector**

Jennifer Lanthier & François Thisdale  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

## **When I Get Older: The Story Behind "Wavin' Flag"**

K'Naan with Sol Guy & Rudy Gutierrez  
Tundra Books

# 2013

## **Ankylosaur Attack: Tales of Prehistoric Life**

Daniel Loxton & Jim W.W. Smith  
Kids Can Press Ltd.

## **Dalen & Gole: Scandal in Port**

Angus Mike Deas  
Orca Book Publishers

## **Harry Houdini: The Legend of the World's Greatest Escape Artist**

Janice Weaver & Chris Lane  
Abrams Books for Young Readers/ABRAMS

## **In The Bag! Margaret Knight Wraps It Up**

Monica Kulling & David Parkins  
Tundra Books

## **I Owe You One**

Natalie Hyde  
Orca Book Publishers

## **Loon**

Susan Vande Griek & Karen Reczuch  
Groundwood Books/House of Anansi Press

## ★ **Margaret and the Moth Tree** ★

Brit Trogen & Kari Trogen  
Kids Can Press Ltd.

## **Matatu**

Eric Walters & Eva Campbell  
Orca Book Publishers

## **The Paper House**

Lois Peterson  
Orca Book Publishers

## **Who Needs a Swamp?**

Karen Patkau  
Tundra Books

# 2012

## **All Aboard! Elijah McCoy's Steam Engine**

Monica Kulling & Bill Slavin  
Tundra Books

## **Banjo of Destiny**

Cary Fagan & Selçuk Demirel  
Groundwood Books/House of Anansi Press

## **Canadian Railroad Trilogy**

Gordon Lightfoot & Ian Wallace  
Groundwood Books/House of Anansi Press

## **The Gargoyle Overhead**

Philippa Dowding  
Dundurn Press

## **The Last Loon**

Rebecca Upjohn  
Orca Book Publishers

## **Our Earth: How Kids are Saving the Planet**

Janet Wilson  
Second Story Press

## **Saving Arm Pit**

Natalie Hyde  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

## **The Time Time Stopped**

Don Gillmor  
Scholastic Canada

## **Uumajut: Learn About Arctic Wildlife!**

Simon Awa; Anna Ziegler; Stephanie McDonald; Leah  
Otak (Translator) & Romi Caron  
Inhabit Media

## ★ **When Apples Grew Noses and White Horses Flew: Tales of Ti-Jean** ★

Jan Andrews & Dušan Petričić  
Groundwood Books/House of Anansi Press



# 2011

## **100% Pure Fake: Gross Out Your Friends and Family with 25 Great Special Effects!**

Lyn Thomas with Cheryl Powers and Boris Zaytsev  
Kids Can Press

## **Adventures of Rabbit and Bear Paws: True Hearts**

Chad Solomon & Christopher Meyer  
Little Spirit Bear Productions

## **The Ballad of Knuckles McGraw**

Lois Peterson  
Orca Book Publishers

## ★ **Binky the Space Cat** ★

Ashley Spires  
Kids Can Press

## **A Coyote Solstice Tale**

Thomas King & Gary Clement  
Groundwood Books

## **A Different Game**

Sylvia Olsen  
Orca Book Publishers

## **It's A Snap! George Eastman's First Photograph**

Monica Kulling & Bill Slavin  
Tundra Books

## **Polar Bears**

Norbert Rosing  
Firefly Books

## **Thumb and the Bad Guys**

Ken Roberts  
Groundwood Books

## **Vanishing Habitats**

Robert Bateman  
Scholastic Canada & Ltd.

# 2010

## **Animal Aha! Thrilling Discoveries in Wildlife Science**

Diane Swanson  
Annick Press

## **A Bear in War**

Stephanie Innes, Harry Endrulat & Brian Deines  
Key Porter Books

## **Call Me Aram**

Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch & Muriel Wood  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

## ★ **Dear Toni** ★

Cyndi Sand-Eveland  
Tundra Books

## **The Delta is My Home**

Tom McLeod & Mindy Willett. Photography by Tessa Macintosh  
Fifth House Publishers

## **Focus on Flies**

Norma Dixon  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

## **Going Places**

Fran Hurcomb  
Orca Book Publishers

## **Meeting Miss 405**

Lois Peterson  
Orca Book Publishers

## **Shin-chi's Canoe**

Nicola I. Campbell & Kim LaFave  
Groundwood Books

## **Ten Lessons for Kaspar Snit**

Cary Fagan  
Tundra Books

# 2009

## **Addison Addley and the Things That Aren't There**

Melody DeFields McMillan  
Orca Book Publishers

## **Boy in Motion: Rick Hansen Story**

Ainslie Manson  
Greystone Books

## **Breakout Dinosaurs**

Hugh Brewster  
Whitfield Editions

## **Bugs Up Close**

Diane Swanson  
Kids Can Press

## ★ **Dear Sylvia** ★

Alan Cumyn  
Groundwood Books

## **Feather Brain**

Maureen Bush  
Orca Book Publishers

## **Old Man with the Otter Medicine**

John Blondin  
Theytus Books

## **One Hen: How One Small Loan Made A Big Difference**

Katie Smith Milway  
Kids Can Press

## **TJ and the Quiz Kids**

Hazel Hutchins  
Orca Book Publishers

## **Tuk and the Whale**

Raquel Rivera  
Groundwood Books

# 2008

## **Baby Sea Turtle**

Aubrey Lang & Wayne Lynch  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

## **The Big Snapper**

Katherine Holubitsky  
Orca Book Publishers

## **The Birdman**

Veronika M. Charles, Annouchka Gravel Galouchko  
& Stephan Daigle  
Tundra Books

## **Danger at Mason's Island: An Angela and Emmie Adventure**

Tom Schwarzkopf  
Nimbus Publishing

## **Fire! A Renewal of a Forest**

Celia Godkin  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

## **Lucky's Mountain**

Dianne Maycock  
Orca Book Publishers

## **Tale of a Great White Fish: A Sturgeon Story**

Maggie de Vries & Renné Benoit  
Greystone Books

## ★ **Things are Looking Grimm, Jill** ★

Dan Bar-el  
Orca Book Publishers

## **Yetsa's Sweater**

Sylvia Olsen & Joan Larson  
Sono Nis Press

## **Yossi's Goal**

Ellen Schwartz  
Orca Book Publishers

# 2007

## ★ Any Pet Will Do ★

Nancy Shouse  
Orca Books

### **Aram's Choice**

Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch & Muriel Wood  
Fitzhenry and Whiteside

### **Casey Little, Yo-Yo Queen**

Nancy Belgue & Samia Drisdelle  
Orca Books

### **Peggy's Letters**

Jacqueline Halsey & Susan Reilly  
Orca Books

### **Thumb on a Diamond**

Ken Roberts & Leanne Franson  
Groundwood Books

## **TJ and the Sports Fanatic**

Hazel Hutchins  
Orca Books

### **If I Had a Million Onions**

Sheree Fitch & Yayo  
Tradewind Books

### **Skunks**

Adrienne Mason & Nancy Gray Ogle  
Kids Can Press

### **The Story Behind the Story: The Paper Bag Princess 25th Anniversary Edition**

Robert Munsch & Michael Martchenko  
Annick Press

### **Well Schooled Fish and Feathered Bandits**

Peter Christie  
Annick Press