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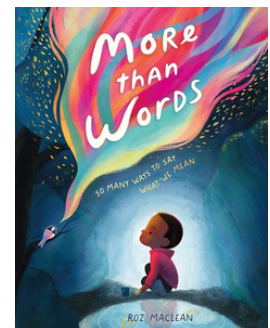
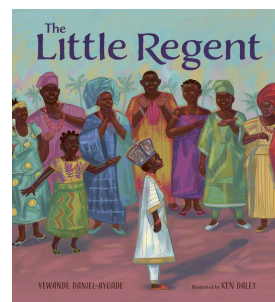
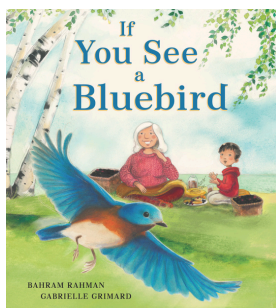
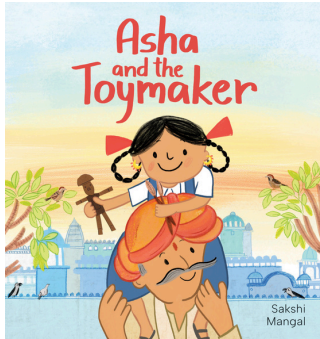




The Blue Spruce Award™

ages 4-7, JK-Grade 2 | English, picture books

The Blue Spruce Award™ program brings recently published Canadian children's picture books to children between the ages of 4 and 7 (Junior Kindergarten to Grade 2). For many children, this is their first introduction to the world of books. This program promotes reading for enjoyment and begins to develop a child's skill in evaluating a picture book based on story, text and pictures.

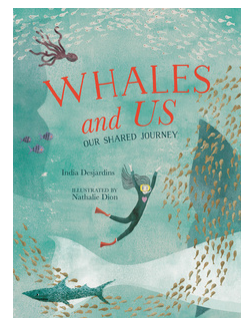
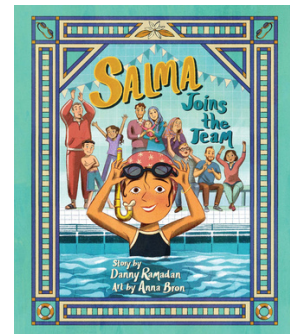
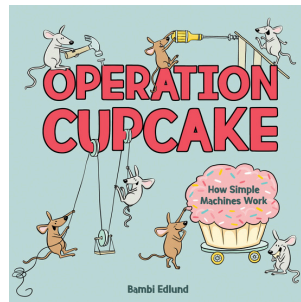
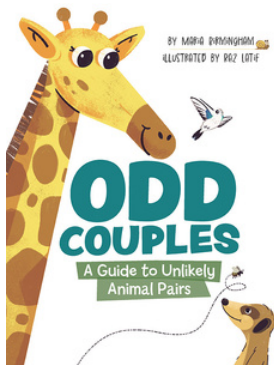
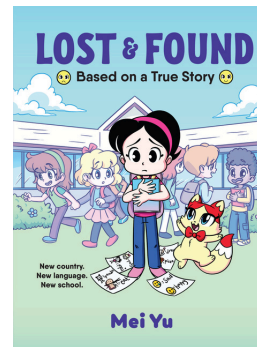
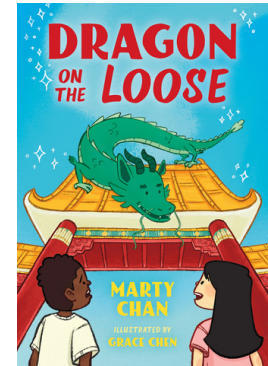
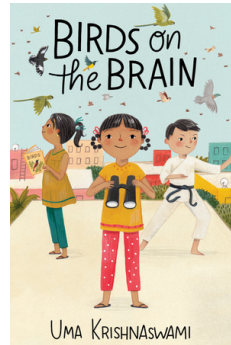
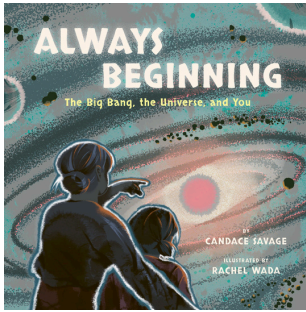




The Silver Birch Express Award®

ages 8-10, Grades 3-4 |
English, fiction / non-fiction

The Silver Birch Express Award is unique in providing a mix of fiction and non-fiction titles for readers at different reading levels, especially for those young people in Grades 3 to 4, or the reluctant reader. This program is sure to get them excited about reading!

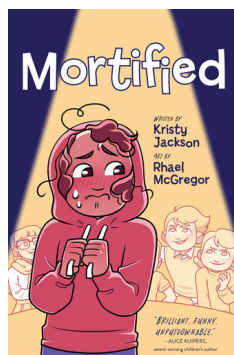
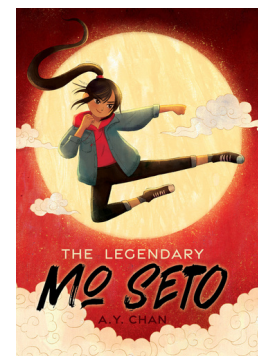
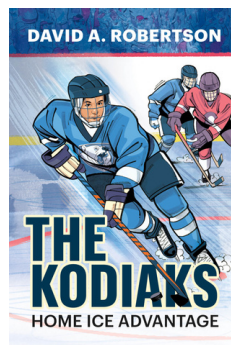
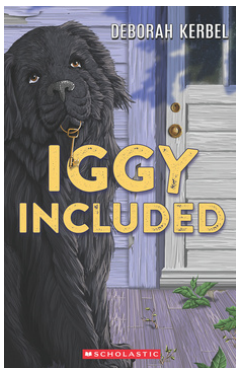
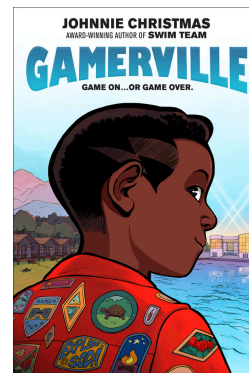




The Silver Birch Fiction Award®

ages 8–12, Grades 3–6 | English, fiction

The Silver Birch Fiction Award® is meant for readers aged 8 to 12, (Grades 3–6). One of the Forest of Reading’s most popular award programs, this is the one that started it all! Geared towards those in Grades 5 and 6, from fantastical, fun titles to serious, life-learning tales, this program provides a variety of stories for readers to enjoy.

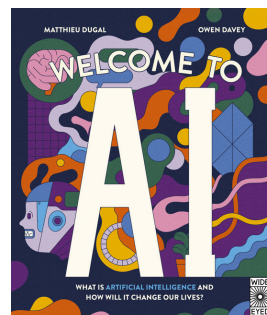
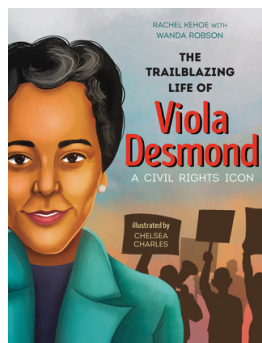
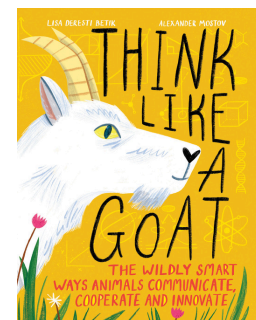
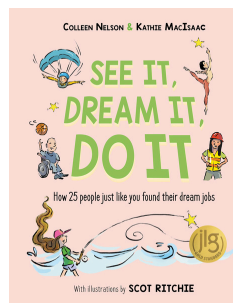
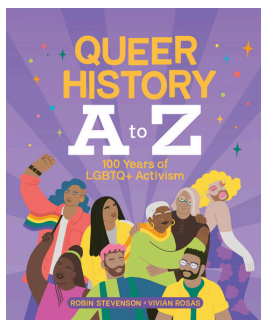
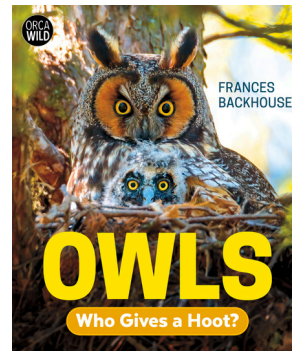
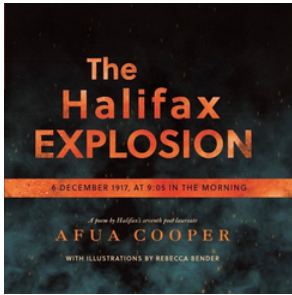




The Yellow Cedar Award

ages 9-14, Grades 4-8 | English, non-fiction

The Yellow Cedar Award program is the only Forest of Reading list that is composed of non-fiction books geared to readers from Grades 5-8. Readers will learn about real-life stories and facts – these books are definitely conversation starters!

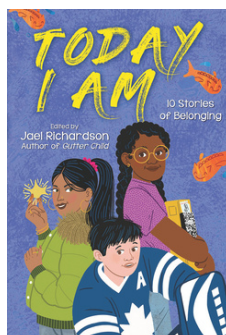
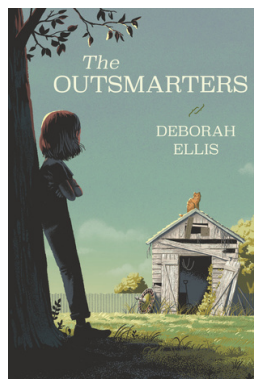
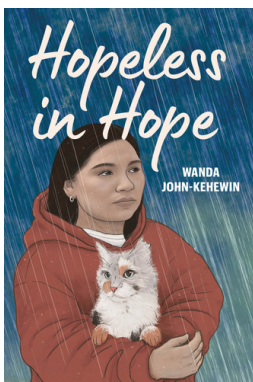
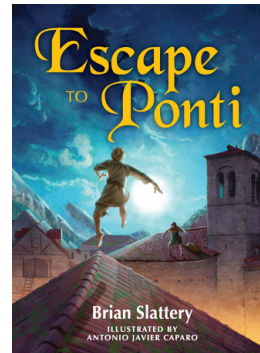
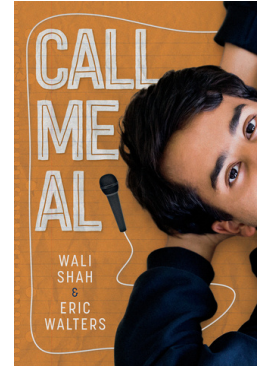
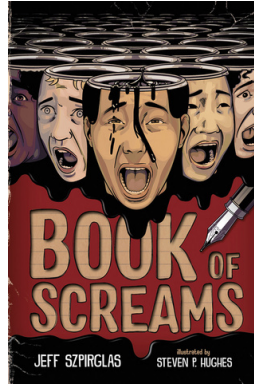
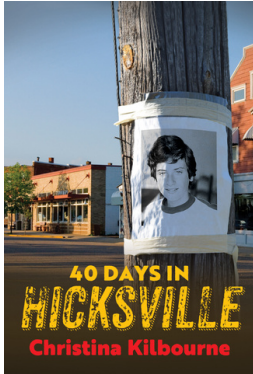




The Red Maple Award™

ages 12–14, Grades 7–8 | English, fiction

The Red Maple Award™ reading program is offered for the enjoyment of students ages 12 to 13, in Grades 7 and 8. This program includes a fiction list every year. This program aims to get readers engaging in conversation around the books and encourages them to use critical thinking while reading.

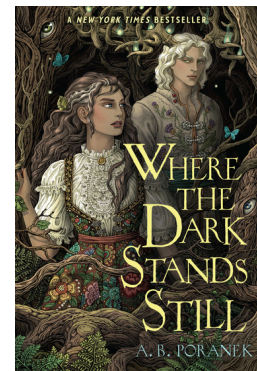
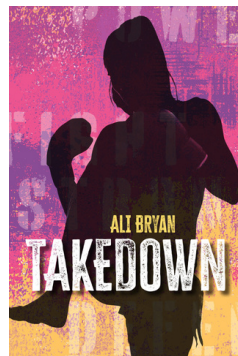
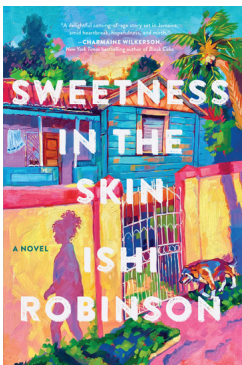
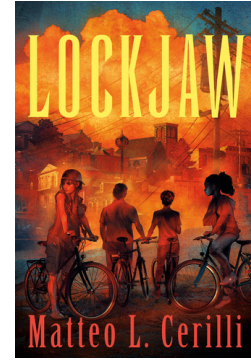
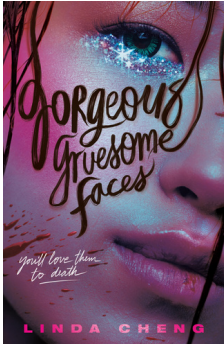




The White Pine Award™

high school, Grades 9–12 | English, fiction

The White Pine Award™ reading program offers teens of all ages the opportunity to read the best of Canada's recent young adult fiction titles. This program promotes reading for enjoyment and familiarizes teenagers with great Canadian books.



Getting involved in the Forest of Reading is as easy as 1, 2, 3...4.

The Forest of Reading is Canada's largest recreational reading program where readers select the winners! The program offers ten reading programs to encourage a love of reading in people of all ages. The Forest helps celebrate Canadian books, publishers, authors and illustrators. More than 270,000 readers participate annually through their local public library, school, or individually.

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Anyone can be part of the Forest. Programs are run in schools, public libraries, literacy centres, by homeschoolers, or at home. Register at **forestofreading.com**. The low, one-time annual fee allows you to run all ten programs with as many readers as you want!

Visit and become familiar with our website **forestofreading.com** to view the current nominated lists. If you have readers with print disabilities, please visit the About section of the Forest of Reading website.

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