



2016 Purple Dragonfly Book Award Winners

Grand Prize Winner: *Fabulous Me, Piper Lee and the Peanut Butter Itch* by Tolya L. Thompson, illustrated by Terence Gaylor

\$100 Drawing Winner: *Luella Agnes Owen: Going Where No Lady Had Gone Before* by Billie Holladay Skelley, illustrated by Rachel Bowman

Activity Books

1st Place: *A Mommy's Promise* by Connie Cabrina

2nd Place: *An Awesome Afternoon at Apple Avenue* by Cathy A. Carroll

Honorable Mention: *Doodles: Sea Life Coloring Fun* by Setria James

Animals/Pets

1st Place: *Cody, The Teeny, Tiny Alpaca* by Amber Isaac

2nd Place: *A Home for Abigail* by S. Marriott Cook

Honorable Mention:

Sashi Adopts a Brother by Linda Greiner, illustrated by Morgan Spicer

The Rabbit Rescuers by Cindy Howard, illustrated by Nancy Lane

Hoofprints on the Moon by Patricia Duncan, illustrated by Wes Lowe

Howling Yowling Growling With The Lost River Wolf Pack by Joanna Dymond

The Magic of Esmerelda (Tuesday) ebook by Khristin Wierman, illustrated by Page Collins

White Butterfly and Her Wings of Many Colors by Susan Andra Lion

I Wish Raisins Could Float by Gerald Walker, illustrated by Jesse Bergin

Wild Ones: Observing City Critters by Carol L. Malnor, illustrated by Cathy Morrison

Gifts of Spirit: Animals and Their Natural Gifts by Kimberly Heil

Winston the Duck and His Big Orange Bill by Kristina Wolf Dreisbach, illustrated by Austin Lee and Foreman/Kristina Wolf Dreisbach

Nurtured and Nuzzled (Criados y Acariciados) by Mike Speiser

Best Cover Design

1st Place (tie): *The Day Dad Blew Up the Cowshed* by Jennifer Somervell, illustrated by Margery Fern

1st Place (tie): *The Grumpy Unicorn* by Jennifer Hodge

2nd Place: *Daddy's Heart, My Heart, The Purple Heart* by Angela Kohout, Madeline Murillo, and Elizabeth Sagi, illustrated by Michael Ryan

Honorable Mention:

Dinosaurs Living in My Hair by Jayne M. Rose-Vallee, illustrated by Anni Matsick

Once Upon A Zombie Book One: The Color of Fear by Billy Phillips and Jenny Nissenson

Hungry Tummysaurus by Thomas Bartholomew, illustrated by Christopher Akins

Best Illustrations

1st Place: *Fabulous Me, Piper Lee and the Peanut Butter Itch* by Tolya L. Thompson, illustrated by Terence Gaylor

2nd Place (tie): *Dinosaurs Living in My Hair* by Jayne M. Rose-Vallee, illustrated by Anni Matsick

2nd Place (tie): *Wakanda Whooper - The Curious Cinnamon Crane* by Sandia Kosmo, illustrated by Lisa Kosmo

Honorable Mention:

Asthma is Not Stopping Me, Featuring Fabulous Me, Piper Lee! by Tolya L. Thompson, illustrated by Terence Gaylor

Hungry Tummysaurus by Thomas Bartholomew, illustrated by Christopher Akins

The Magic of Esmerelda (Monday) by Khristin Wierman, illustrated by Page Collins

The Magic of Esmerelda (Tuesday) ebook by Khristin Wierman, illustrated by Page Collins
Cat + Girl by Rebecca Ashe

The Day Dad Blew Up the Cowshed by Jennifer Somervell, illustrated by Margery Fern

What a Bragger! by Lee Ann Mancini, illustrated by Dan Sharp

The Grumpy Unicorn by Jennifer Hodge

Beasties by Pat Hall, illustrated by Emmeline Hall Forrestal

Best Interior Design

Honorable Mention: *The Day Dad Blew Up the Cowshed* by Jennifer Somervell, illustrated by Margery Fern

Honorable Mention: *Dinosaurs Living in My Hair* by Jayne M. Rose-Vallee, illustrated by Anni Matsick

Best Photography

1st Place: *Daddy's Heart, My Heart, The Purple Heart* by Angela Kohout, Madeline Murillo, and Elizabeth Sagi, illustrated by Michael Ryan

Biography

1st Place: *Luella Agnes Owen: Going Where No Lady Had Gone Before* by Billie Holladay Skelley, illustrated by Rachel Bowman

Book Series

1st Place (tie): *Star Sapphire and the Land of Gems* by Anthony Pardoe

1st Place (tie): *Liv on Life* series by Elizabeth Gorcey, illustrated by Kajiah Jacobs

Book Trailer

1st Place: *Don't Play With Your Food: Fu-Fu's Bistro* by Giddy Gragert, illustrated by Christina Mattison Ebert

Chapter Books

1st Place: *Sammie Street Adventures: Stormy Saturday* by Jennifer Blyth, illustrated by Kathy Kerber

2nd Place: *The Flightless Adventures of Princess and Pearl* by Michelle Seelye Drucker, illustrated by Caroline O'Neal

Honorable Mention:

Ballerina Detective and the Missing Jeweled Tiara by Karen Rita Rautenberg

It's a Buggy Summer Break! by Patricia Ralphs

Wakanda Whooper - The Curious Cinnamon Crane by Sandia Kosmo, illustrated by Lisa Kosmo

Charity/Making a Difference

1st Place (tie): *The Rabbit Rescuers* by Cindy Howard, illustrated by Nancy Lane

1st Place (tie): *Why Can't You Just Like Me?* by Cathy A. Carroll

2nd Place: *Daddy's Heart, My Heart, The Purple Heart* by Angela Kohout, Madeline Murillo, and Elizabeth Sagi, illustrated by Michael Ryan

Honorable Mention: *The Magic of Esmerelda (Monday)* by Kristin Wierman, illustrated by Page Collins

Children's Nonfiction

1st Place (tie): *If You Love Honey* by Martha Sullivan, illustrated by Cathy Morrison

1st Place (tie): *Mighty Mole and Super Soil* by Mary Quattlebaum, illustrated by Chad Wallace

1st Place (tie): *One Minute Mysteries: 65 Short Mysteries You Solve With Math!* by Eric Yoder and Natalie Yoder

2nd Place: *The Old Man and the Tree* by Richard Schlatter

Cultural Diversity

1st Place (tie): *The Legend of the Colombian Mermaid* by Janet Balletta, illustrated by Estella Mejia

1st Place (tie): *Where is My Grandma?* by Niyati Desai-Kadokia, illustrated by Deepa Shah-Chordia

2nd Place: *Mystery of the Giant Masks of Sanxingdui* by Icy Smith, illustrated by Gayle Garner Roski

Honorable Mention:

There is Roti in My Lunchbox! by Niyati Desai-Kadakia, illustrated by Shaunak Samvatsar
Nana Luna's Bedtime Stories to Dream by Nora Girón-Dolce, illustrated by Paloma Mayorga
Monster Slayer/Exterminadora De Monstruos by Gladys Elizabeth Barbieri, illustrated by Lina Safar

Educational/Instructional

1st Place: *One Minute Mysteries: 65 Short Mysteries You Solve With Science!* by Eric Yoder and Natalie Yoder

2nd Place: *Should, Could, and Would* by Kel Thompson, Casey Thompson, and Charlotte Thompson, illustrated by Rebecca A. Lowe

Honorable Mention: *Ten Zany Birds* by Sherry Ellis, illustrated by Charu Jain

Family Matters

1st Place (tie): *"Why Did Grandma Put Her Underwear in the Refrigerator?" An Explanation of Alzheimer's Disease for Children* by Max Wallack and Carolyn Given

2nd Place: *Daddy's Heart, My Heart, The Purple Heart* by Angela Kohout, Madeline Murillo, and Elizabeth Sagi, illustrated by Michael Ryan

Honorable Mention:

Monster Slayer/Exterminadora De Monstruos by Gladys Elizabeth Barbieri, illustrated by Lina Safar

B at Home: Emma Moves Again by Valérie Besanceney, illustrated by Agnes Loonstra

Emma's Dilemma by Molly McCluskey-Shipman, illustrated by Valerie Bouthyette

Fiction: Collection of Short Stories

1st Place: *Tales for Your Monkey's Mind* by Steve Michael Reedy, illustrated by Tom Fee

General

1st Place: *Bee in the Sea* by Adam Reed, illustrated by Izzy Bean

2nd Place: *The Grumpy Unicorn* by Jennifer Hodge

Honorable Mention:

Misha Learns About Money by Namrata Agarwal, illustrated by Emily Zieroth

My Imagination: Lukas by Cathy A. Carroll

Skyla's Hat Adventures: The Magic of Discovery by Skyla Spencer, illustrated by Bonnie Beckeman

Green Books/Environmental

1st Place: *Green is Good* by Elizabeth Gorcey, illustrated by Kajiah Jacobs

2nd Place: *Cry of the Sea* by D.G. Driver

Honorable Mention: *Wakanda Whooper - The Curious Cinnamon Crane* by Sandia Kosmo, illustrated by Lisa Kosmo

Growing Pains

1st Place: *Grandma's Garden* by Julie Ann Dolle', illustrated by Gaston Hauviller

Health

1st Place: *Fabulous Me, Piper Lee and the Peanut Butter Itch* by Tolya L. Thompson, illustrated by Terence Gaylor

2nd Place: *Asthma is Not Stopping Me, Featuring Fabulous Me, Piper Lee!* by Tolya L. Thompson, illustrated by Terence Gaylor

Honorable Mention: "Why Did Grandma Put Her Underwear in the Refrigerator?" An Explanation of Alzheimer's Disease for Children by Max Wallack and Carolyn Given

Historical Fiction

1st Place (tie): *The Day Dad Blew Up the Cowshed* by Jennifer Somervell, illustrated by Margery Fern

1st Place (tie): *Tucks and Me: Crispus Attucks and America 1766-1773* by Katherine V. Stevens

1st Place (tie): *Wakanda Whooper - The Curious Cinnamon Crane* by Sandia Kosmo, illustrated by Lisa Kosmo

2nd Place: *Chicken Charlie's Year* by Susan Manzke

Honorable Mention: *Castle in Danger* by Karen Rita Rautenberg

Historical Nonfiction

1st Place: *Luella Agnes Owen: Going Where No Lady Had Gone Before* by Billie Holladay Skelley, illustrated by Rachel Bowman

Middle Grade Fiction

1st Place (tie): *Cole's Perfect Puppy - Perfect Puppies Book One* by Frances Crossno

1st Place (tie): *Star Sapphire and the Land of Gems Book Two: The Raging Torrent* by Anthony Pardoe

1st Place (tie): *The Rain of Blood* by S.P. Kumar

2nd Place: *Magora: The Gallery of Wonders (Book 1)* by Marc Remus

Honorable Mention:

Cave of Mystic Dreams by S.P. Kumar

Cosmic Chaos by CM Shelton

I Wish Raisins Could Float by Gerald Walker, illustrated by Jesse Bergin

Chicken Charlie's Year by Susan Manzke

Warrior Kids: A Tale of New Camelot by Michael J. Bowler

Hoofprints on the Moon by Patricia Duncan, illustrated by Wes Lowe
The Bigfoot Paradox (ebook) by Rebecca Coyte
Castle in Danger by Karen Rita Rautenberg
Scream Vacation by Dr. I. Seymour Youngblood

Outdoor Recreation

1st Place: *Goodnight, Campsite* by Loretta Sponsler, illustrated by Olga Shevchenko

Picture Books 5 & Younger

1st Place (tie): *Going to the Park* by Elizabeth Gorcey, illustrated by Kajiah Jacobs

1st Place (tie): *Max and Bear* by Pam Saxelby, illustrated by Stephen Adams

1st Place (tie): *Narla and the Hidden Treasure* by Lisa Domeny

2nd Place (tie): *Dinosaurs Living in My Hair* by Jayne M. Rose-Vallee, illustrated by Anni Matsick

2nd Place (tie): *My Imagination: Lukas* by Cathy A. Carroll

Honorable Mention:

Dee and Deb Off They Go: Kindergarten First Day Jitters by Donna M. McDine, illustrated by Jack Foster

Too Much Broccoli by Barbara Beard

Why Can't You Just Like Me? by Cathy A. Carroll

Let's Change That! If Animals Can, We Can, Too! by Dr. Bashar Salame, illustrated by Rainer M. Osinger

Sleep Sweet by Julianne DiBlasi Black

Sashi Adopts a Brother by Linda Greiner, illustrated by Morgan Spicer

The Magic Straw Hat by Karen Jonice Bricker, illustrated by Valerie Bouthyette

Nola the Nurse Remembers Hurricane Katrina by Dr. Scharmaine L. Baker, NP, illustrated by Marvin Alonso

The Grumpy Unicorn by Jennifer Hodge

An Awesome Afternoon at Apple Avenue by Cathy A. Carroll

Hungry Tummysaurus by Thomas Bartholomew, illustrated by Christopher Akins

Escape into the Mall by Donna LeBlanc, illustrated by Anton Servetnik

Bee in the Sea by Adam Reed, illustrated by Izzy Bean

Friends Here ... There ... Everywhere!!! by Rosella Calauti, illustrated by Irene Olds

Picture Books 6 & Older

1st Place (tie): *Beasties* by Pat Hall, illustrated by Emmeline Hall Forrestal

1st Place (tie): *Escape into the Mall* by Donna LeBlanc, illustrated by Anton Servetnik

1st Place (tie): *My Forgotten Self: A Story About a Girl, A Powerful Encounter, and a Universal Message* by Lynyetta G. Willis, Ph.D

1st Place (tie): *Mystery of the Giant Masks of Sanxingdui* by Icy Smith, illustrated by Gayle Garner Roski

1st Place (tie): *Somebody Cares: A Guide for Kids Who Have Experienced Neglect* by Susan Farber Straus, PhD, illustrated by Claire Keay

1st Place (tie): *The Day Dad Blew Up the Cowshed* by Jennifer Somervell, illustrated by Margery Fern

1st Place (tie): *What a Bragger!* by Lee Ann Mancini, illustrated by Dan Sharp

2nd Place (tie): *A Home for Abigail* by S. Marriott Cook

2nd Place (tie): *Maxx Airborne and the Legends of Rucker Park* by Scot Barnett, illustrated by Kimberly Root

2nd Place (tie): *Ouch Moments: When Words are Used in Hurtful Ways* by Michael Genhart, PhD, illustrated by Viviana Garofoli

2nd Place (tie): *White Butterfly and Her Wings of Many Colors* by Susan Andra Lion

Honorable Mention:

Atalanta (ebook) by Simon Spence, illustrated by Colm Lawton

Destination Adventure by Karen Jonice Bricker, illustrated by Sally McCarthy

Dinosaurs Living in My Hair by Jayne M. Rose-Vallee, illustrated by Anni Matsick

Fearne Fairy and the Dandelion Clocks by Sarah Hill, illustrated by Sarah Mauchline

Move Your Mood! by Brenda S. Miles, PhD and Colleen A. Patterson, MA, illustrated by Holly Clifton-Brown

Everything is Different by Ann Morris, illustrated by Melissa Wright

The Grumpy Unicorn by Jennifer Hodge

Green Bean! Green Bean! by Patricia Thomas, illustrated by Trina L. Hunner

An Awesome Afternoon at Apple Avenue by Cathy A. Carroll

Explorations of Commander Josh Book Two: "In Tahiti" (ebook) by Donna LeBlanc, illustrated by Anton Servetnik

Lonnie the Loon Flies South for the Winter by Barbara Renner, illustrated by Davina Kinney

Over on the Farm by Marianne Berkes, illustrated by Cathy Morrison

The Magic of Esmerelda (Tuesday) ebook by Khristin Wierman, illustrated by Page Collins

Dexter's Wonderful Day by Madge H. Gressley

Explorations of Commander Josh Book Two: "In Tahiti" by Donna LeBlanc, illustrated by Anton Servetnik

Sashi Adopts a Brother by Linda Greiner, illustrated by Morgan Spicer

Emberlina Sprite-a-Light: The Fairy Who Lights Up the Night! by Rita Campbell

My Imagination: Lukas by Cathy A. Carroll

Pumpus Has a Glowing Idea! by Praba Soundararajan, illustrated by Jack Spellman

Why Can't You Just Like Me? by Cathy A. Carroll

The Magic of Esmerelda (Monday) by Khristin Wierman, illustrated by Page Collins

Sammie Street Adventures: Stormy Saturday by Jennifer Blyth, illustrated by Kathy Kerber

Xalien the Purple Alien by Michelle Path, illustrated by Charlotte Robers

Don't Play With Your Food: Fu-Fu's Bistro by Giddy Gragert, illustrated by Christina Mattison Ebert

Rose and Her Amazing Nose by Andrew Fairchild, illustrated by George A. Raggett

It's Snowing Gold by Kimberly Brown, illustrated by Gaston Hauviller

Poetry

1st Place: *Dinosaurs Living in My Hair* by Jayne M. Rose-Vallee, illustrated by Anni Matsick

2nd Place: *The Dark Mister Snark* by Lori L. Lopez

School Issues

1st Place (tie): *Ms. Abrams' Everything Garden* by Lisa and Samantha Colodny, illustrated by Ashley Scott

1st Place (tie): *The Alien Logs of Super Jewels* by BK Bradshaw, illustrated by Travis Hanson

2nd Place (tie): *Daddy's Heart, My Heart, The Purple Heart* by Angela Kohout, Madeline Murillo, and Elizabeth Sagi, illustrated by Michael Ryan

2nd Place (tie): *Rose and Her Amazing Nose* by Andrew Fairchild, illustrated by George A. Raggett

2nd Place (tie): *The Magic of Esmerelda (Monday)* by Khristin Wierman, illustrated by Page Collins

Honorable Mention:

Why Can't You Just Like Me? by Cathy A. Carroll

A Cat Named Mouse by Patti Tingen, illustrated by Mary Erikson Washam

Not Everyone Likes Peas by Diana Lee Sherman, illustrated by Rebecca Michael Zeissler

Jordy the Jaguar: A Bully's Tale by Meryl D. Day, illustrated by J.A. Enoy

The Grumpy Unicorn by Jennifer Hodge

Science Fiction/Fantasy/Paranormal

1st Place: *Inside the Palisade* by K.C. Maguire

2nd Place: *Escaped the Night* by Jennifer Blyth, illustrated by Greg Percy

Honorable Mention: *The Bigfoot Paradox (ebook)* by Rebecca Coyte

Social Issues

1st Place: *Let's Change That! If Animals Can, We Can, Too!* by Dr. Bashar Salame, illustrated by Rainer M. Osinger

Spiritual/Religious

Honorable Mention: *My Forgotten Self: A Story About a Girl, A Powerful Encounter, and a Universal Message* by Lynyetta G. Willis, Ph.D

Honorable Mention: *The Book of Carmichael* by Denise Dewald

Unpublished Manuscript

Honorable Mention: *Believe* by Sue Nykanen Martin

Young Adult Fiction

1st Place (tie): *Once Upon A Zombie Book One: The Color of Fear* by Billy Phillips and Jenny Nissenson

1st Place (tie): *The Phantom of Faerie Mountain* by E.M. McIntyre

2nd Place: *Doll* by Miracle Austin

Honorable Mention:

Escaped the Night by Jennifer Blyth, illustrated by Greg Percy

Hoofprints on the Moon by Patricia Duncan, illustrated by Wes Lowe

Warrior Kids: A Tale of New Camelot by Michael J. Bowler

Youth Author Fiction

1st Place: *Daddy's Heart, My Heart, The Purple Heart* by Angela Kohout, Madeline Murillo, and Elizabeth Sagi, illustrated by Michael Ryan

2nd Place: *The Rain of Blood* by S.P. Kumar

Honorable Mention:

EJ's Exciting Road Trip by Edwin Bonilla, Jr. and Suze Guillaume, illustrated by Abira Das

Cave of Mystic Dreams by S.P. Kumar