



GREEN EARTH BOOK AWARD – 2025 FINAL LIST

PICTURE BOOK – PRIMARY READERS

Books for young readers in which the visual and verbal narratives together tell the story

WINNER

Walking Trees, by Marie-Louise Gay, illustrated by Marie-Louise Gay (Groundwood Books Ltd.)

HONORS

Gifts from the Garbage Truck, by Andrew Larsen, illustrated by Oriol Vidal (Sourcebooks)

Inside the Compost Bin, by Melody Sumaoang Plan, illustrated by Vinh Nguyen & Rong Pham (Tilbury House Publishers)

Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest, by Ranger Hamza, illustrated by Kate Kronreif (The Quarto Group)

RECOMMENDED READING

Art & Oakie Ask: Do You Speak Bee?, by Josh Oaktree, illustrated by Josiane Vlitos (Oak Tree Comics)

Beauty and the Beaker, by Sue Fliess, illustrated by Petros Bouloubasis (Albert Whitman & Company)

Dino-Earth Day, by Lisa Wheeler, illustrated by Barry Gott (Lerner Publishing Group)

Loop de Loop: Circular Solutions for a Waste-Free World, by Andrea Curtis, illustrated by Roozeboos (Groundwood Books Ltd.)

Outdoor Farm, Indoor Farm, by Lindsay H. Metcalf, illustrated by Xin Li (Astra Young Readers/Astra Books for Young Readers)

The Wild, by Yuval Zommer, illustrated by Yuval Zommer (Random House Children's Books)

Whalesong: The True Story of the Musician Who Talked to Orcas, by Zachariah Ohora, illustrated by Zachariah Ohora (Tundra Book Group)

PICTURE BOOK – INTERMEDIATE READERS

Books for young readers in which the visual and verbal narratives together tell the story

WINNER

Change is in the Air, by Debbie Levy, illustrated by Alex Boersma (Bloomsbury Publishing)

HONORS

Cactus Queen Minerva Hoyt Establishes Joshua Tree National Park, by Lori Alexander, illustrated by Jenn Ely (Calkins Creek/Astra Books for Young Readers)

The Ocean Gardener, by Clara Anganuzzi, illustrated by Clara Anganuzzi (Tiger Tales)

Water: Discovering the Precious Resource All Around Us, by Olga Fadeev, illustrated by Olga Fadeeva (Eerdmans)

RECOMMENDED READING

Frogs on the Mountain: The Mountain Yellow-Legged Frogs in Yosemite, by Adalgisa Nico and David Nico, illustrated by Andy Atkins (Mummert House Enterprises, dba Butterfly Garden Preschool)

Milkweed for Monarchs, by Christine Van Zandt, illustrated by Alejandra Barajas (Beaming Books)

Sea Without a Shore: Life in the Sargasso, by Barb Rosenstock, illustrated by Katherine Roy (Norton Young Readers)

Secret Gardeners: Growing a Community and Healing the Earth, by Lina Laurent, illustrated by Maija Hurme (Pajama Press)

The Girl Who Planted Trees, by Caryl Hart, illustrated by Anastasia Suvorova (Nosy Crow)

The Last Zookeeper, by Aaron Becker, illustrated by Aaron Becker (Candlewick)

The Miracle Forest, by Ellen Dee Davidson, illustrated by Carolan Raleigh-Halsing (Willows Press)

Viewfinder, by Christine D.U. Chung and Salwa Majoka, illustrated by Christine D.U. Chung and Salwa Majoka (Tundra Book Group)

Wild at Heart: The Story of Olaus and Mardy Murie, Defenders of Nature, by Evan Griffith, illustrated by Anna Bron (Sleeping Bear Press)

CHILDREN'S FICTION

Novels for young readers up to age 12

WINNER

The Strange Wonders of Roots, by Evan Griffith (Quill Tree, an imprint of Harper)

HONORS

Gracie Under the Waves, by Linda Sue Park (Allida)

The Owl Prowl Mystery, by Diana Renn (Fitzroy Books/Regal House)

The Secret Language of Birds, by Lynne Kelly (Random House Children's Books, Delacorte Press)

RECOMMENDED READING

Emily Posts, by Tanya Lloyd Kyi (Tundra Book Group)

Legend Keepers: The Promise, by Bruce Smith, illustrated by Diana Smith (Hidden Shelf Publishing House)

No Time To Waste, by Carolyn Armstrong (Carolyn Armstrong Books)

Sylvia Doe and the 100-Year Flood, by Robert Beatty, illustrated by Jennifer Beatty (Disney Hyperion)

CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION

Non-fiction books for young readers up to age 12

WINNER

In It to Win It: Sports and the Climate Crisis, by Erin Silver, illustrated by Pui Yan Fong (Orca Book Publishers)

HONORS

All Consuming: Shop Smarter for the Planet, by Erin Silver, illustrated by Suharu Ogawa (Orca Book Publishers)

Let's Get Creative: Art for a Healthy Planet, by Jessica Rose, illustrated by Jarett Sitter (Orca Book Publishers)

RECOMMENDED READING

Galápagos Islands: The World's Living Laboratory, by Karen Romano Young, illustrated by Amy Grimes (What on Earth!)

Kids Fight Extinction, by Martin Dorey, illustrated by Tim Wesson (Candlewick)

Rewild the World at Bedtime, by Emily Hawkins, illustrated by Ella Beech (The Quarto Group)

Taking Care of Where We Live: Restoring Ecosystems, by Merrie-Ellen Wilcox, illustrated by Amanda Key (Orca Book Publishers)

Whales and Us: Our Shared Journey, by India Desjardins, by Nathalie Dion (Orca Book Publishers)

What Do We Eat?: How Humans Find, Grow and Share Food, by Megan Clendenan, illustrated by Meegan Lim (Orca Book Publishers)

What Poo Can Do: How Animals Are Fighting the Climate Crisis, by Yolanda Ridge (Orca Book Publishers)

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Novels for readers from age 13 to 21

WINNER

Force of Nature: A Novel of Rachel Carson, by Ann E. Burg, illustrated by Sophie Blackall (Scholastic Press, an imprint of Scholastic Inc.)

HONORS

Make a Little Wave, by Kerry O'Malley Cerra (Lerner Publishing Group)

Save Our Forest, by Nora Dasnes (Hippo Park/Astra Books for Young Readers)

What the Seahorse Told Me, by Mary Knight (Middleton Books)

RECOMMENDED READING

Knights Unite, by Laurel Colless, illustrated by Jessica Lai (Peter Blue Press)

YOUNG ADULT NON-FICTION

Non-fiction books for readers from age 13 to 21

WINNER

Wildfire: The Culture, Science, and Future of Fire, by Ferin Davis Anderson and Stephanie Sammartino McPherson (Lerner Publishing Group)

HONORS

Living Light: Conserving Bioluminescent Plants and Animals, by Stephen Aitken (Orca Book Publishers)

Owls: Who Gives a Hoot?, by Frances Backhouse (Orca Book Publishers)

Save Our Seeds: Protecting Plants for the Future, by Sheryl Normandeau (Orca Book Publishers)

RECOMMENDED READING

Call the Bee Doctor!: How Science Is Saving Honey Bees, by Sandra Markle (Lerner Publishing Group)

Keystone Species: Meet the Animals Key to Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity with Hands-On Science Activities for Kids, by Laura Perdew, illustrated by Micah Rauch (Nomad Press)

The Science of Seeds, Why We Eat Maize, Wheat, Rice, and Potatoes, by Carla Mooney, illustrated by Micah Rauch (Nomad Press)

Sustainable Structures, by Kate McMillan, illustrated by Kate McMillan (Holiday House)

The Monarch Effect: Surviving Poison, Predators, and People, by Dana L. Church (Scholastic Focus, an imprint of Scholastic Inc.)

When Forests Burn, by Albert Marrin (Knopf Books for Young Readers)