



2015 Purple Dragonfly Book Award Winners

Grand Prize Winner: *Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina* by Michaela and Elaine DePrince

\$100 Drawing Winner: *Sugar: A Princess Pit Bull Finds Her Family* by Barbara Freeman, illustrated by Caitlin Welsh

Activity Books

1st Place: *My Very Own Bucket Filling from A to Z Coloring Book* by Carol McCloud and Caryn Butzke; illustrated by Glenn Zimmer

Activity Kit

1st Place: *Nickerbacher, The Funniest Dragon* by Terry John Barto, illustrated by Kim Sponaugle

Animals/Pets

1st Place: *CougaMongaMingaMan Meets Maggie* by Nancy Scalabroni, illustrated by Terri Kelleher

2nd Place: *The Crumbles Chronicles: Battle of the Paper Bags (Book 1)* by Laura Scott Schaefer

Honorable Mentions:

Sashi: The Scared Little Sheltie by Linda Greiner. Illustrated by Morgan Spicer

Josephine: A Tale of Hope and Happy Endings by Roni McFadden & Bunny McLeod, illustrated by Sierra Gaston

Pigs & Peacocks by Jenni Garrick, illustrated by Joshua Allen

Buttermilk by Fat Hendrick, illustrated by Jamil Adler

Super Smart Sugar by Barbara Freeman, illustrated by Caitlin Welsh

Arts/Music

1st Place: *When the Sun Goes Down* by Nannette Nocon, illustrated by John Kastner

2nd Place: *Gollywood Here I Come!* by Terry John Barto, illustrated by Mattia Cerato

Best Cover Design

1st Place (tie): *Gollywood Here I Come!* by Terry John Barto, illustrated by Mattia Cerato

1st Place (tie): *The Eel Hunt* by Jennifer Somervell, illustrated by Margery Fern

2nd Place: *Muddy Madeleine Meets an Arach-A-Doo* by Amanda Stone Norton, illustrated by Veronica V. Jones

Best Illustrations

1st Place (tie): *A Colorful Journey Through the Land of Talking Letters* by Mary Jo Nyssen, illustrated by Mike Motz

1st Place (tie): *Nickerbacher, The Funniest Dragon* by Terry John Barto, illustrated by Kim Sponaugle

2nd Place: *A Girl Like Me* by Deborah K. Moore & Gbolu Mulbah-Bondo, illustrated by Michelle Guthrie

Honorable Mentions:

When the Sun Goes Down by Nannette Nocon, illustrated by John Kastner

Angels, Angels, Everywhere by Michelle Beber, illustrated by Susan Shorter

The Eel Hunt by Jennifer Somervell, illustrated by Margery Fern

It's a Piece of Cake by Laurie Lunsford, illustrated by Brittani Gothard

Buttermilk by Fat Hendrick, illustrated by Jamil Adler

Bye-Bye Butterflies: Seven Ways to Breathe Out Worry by Lilita Matison, illustrated by Tija Kinens

Gollywood Here I Come! by Terry John Barto, illustrated by Mattia Cerato

The Great Danbury State Fair by Theresa Buzaid, illustrated by Steve Dasgupta

Best Interior Design

1st Place: *The Eel Hunt* by Jennifer Somervell, illustrated by Margery Fern

Board Books

1st Place: *The Lucky Chipmunk* by Sirui Li, illustrated by YingMing Zhao

2nd Place: *Hey, Baby, Look!* by Kate Shannon, illustrated by Morgan Owens

Chapter Books

1st Place: *Muddy Madeleine Meets an Arach-A-Doo* by Amanda Stone Norton, illustrated by Veronica V. Jones

2nd Place: *The Ghost of the Frozen North* by Roberta Hoffer, illustrated by Madison Gaines

Honorable Mentions:

The Life and Times of Birdie Mae Hayes by Jeri-Anne Agee

William of Arlington by Christopher Wiederkehr

Sir Princess Petra's Talent by Diane Mae Robinson, illustrated by Samantha Kickingbird

Parents for Sale by Dr. Nicole Audet

Charity/Making a Difference

1st Place: *Wilson & Bella's Christmas Wish!* by Susan Castriota

2nd Place: *It All Starts With You!* by K.W. Wilson, illustrated Josh Flanigan

Honorable Mention: *Mark My Footsteps: The Good King at Christmas* by Frederick L. Schuszler, illustrated by Gaye Frances Willard

Children's Nonfiction

1st Place: *Hey, Baby, Look!* by Kate Shannon, illustrated by Morgan Owens

2nd Place: *The Adventures of Paka The Lion Cub* by Mary N. Keown, illustrated by Yvonne L. Martin

Cultural Diversity

1st Place: *The Eel Hunt* by Jennifer Somervell, illustrated by Margery Fern

2nd Place (tie): *Angels, Angels, Everywhere* by Michelle Beber, illustrated by Susan Shorter

2nd Place (tie): *Gabrielle's Gift* by Lerone Landis, illustrated by Bill Young

Educational/Instructional

1st Place: *Super Smart Sugar* by Barbara Freeman, illustrated by Caitlin Welsh

2nd Place: *The Adventures of Paka The Lion Cub* by Mary N. Keown, illustrated by Yvonne L. Martin

Honorable Mentions:

Queen Vernita Visits Gator Country by Dawn Menge, illustrated by Pamela Snyder

The Paci Fairy by Melissa Burnett, illustrated by Chrisann Zaubi

Family Matters

1st Place (tie): *It's This Monkey's Business* by Debra Mares, illustrated by Taylor Christensen

1st Place (tie): *Just Because* by Chiquita Camille Payne, illustrated by Jerry Craft

1st Place (tie): *Sugar: A Princess Pit Bull Finds Her Family* by Barbara Freeman, illustrated by Caitlin Welsh

1st Place (tie): *That Mama is a Grouch* by Sherry Ellis, illustrated by Don Berry

2nd Place: *A Brand New Day: A Banana Split Story* by A.S. Chung, illustrated by Paula Bossio

Fiction: Collection of Short Stories

Honorable Mention: *Paisley or Plaid ... being your very best you!* by Jennifer Kuhns, illustrated by MiCK

General

1st Place: *CougaMongaMingaMan Meets Maggie* by Nancy Scalabroni, illustrated by Terri Kelleher

2nd Place: *Floppy Lop-Ears Tries to Get "Off the Spectrum"* by Rochelle Caruso Flynn, illustrated by Joshua Allen

Green Books/Environmental

1st Place: *The Rain Forest Dance* by Sandra Fernandez-Achenbach

2nd Place: *Sara to the Rescue* by Susana Sanchez

Growing Pains

1st Place: *Your Awesome Brain* by Edwin Lee, M.D., F.A.C.E and Jim Huth, illustrated by Bryan Burright

Health

1st Place: *Your Awesome Brain* by Edwin Lee, M.D., F.A.C.E and Jim Huth, illustrated by Bryan Burright

Historical Fiction

1st Place: *Powder Monkey* by Donna M. McDine, illustrated by K.C. Snider

2nd Place: *The Eel Hunt* by Jennifer Somervell, illustrated by Margery Fern

Middle Grade Fiction

1st Place (tie): *A Place to Call Home: Toby's Tale* by G.A. Whitmore

1st Place (tie): *The Gift of Sunderland* by J.E. Rogers, illustrated by Guy Atherfold

1st Place (tie): *The Gift of Sunderland* (ebook) by J.E. Rogers, illustrated by Guy Atherfold

2nd Place: *The Sorrow of a Crescent Moon* by J. Wagoner, illustrated by Mar Fandos

Honorable Mention: *The Big House* by Paul Ellis

Outdoor Recreation

Honorable Mention: *How Perfectly You! (And Peabody Too!)* by Beth McCarthy Marks, illustrated by Pamela Cinnamon

Picture Books 5 & Younger

1st Place (tie): *Eden and Her Happy* by Tracy Schlepphorst

1st Place (tie): *If I Could Reach the Sky* by Abbe Reichman, illustrated by Charles Berton

1st Place (tie): *It's a Piece of Cake* by Laurie Lunsford, illustrated by Brittani Gothard

1st Place (tie): *Noisy Bird Sing-Along* by John Himmelman

1st Place (tie): *The Adventures of Paka The Lion Cub* by Mary N. Keown, illustrated by Yvonne L. Martin

2nd Place: *Hey, Baby, Look!* by Kate Shannon, illustrated by Morgan Owens

Honorable Mentions:

Over on a Mountain by Marianne Berkes, illustrated by Jill Dubin

Hurry Harry! Hurry! by Lilly Waters, illustrated by Valerie Quinn

Pigs & Peacocks by Jenni Garrick, illustrated by Joshua Allen

Luna Luna by Sam Ryan, illustrated by Hazel Mitchell

Can You Buy Me the Wind? by Steven Schoenfeld, illustrated by Chuck Gonzales

Explorations of Commander Josh Book One: In Space by Donna LeBlanc, illustrated by Anton Servetnik

The Lonely Loon by Margaret Ball Ottman

Angels, Angels, Everywhere by Michelle Beber, illustrated by Susan Shorter

Sashi: The Scared Little Sheltie by Linda Greiner, illustrated by Morgan Spicer

Buttermilk by Fat Hendrick, illustrated by Jamil Adler

Night to Day by Leah C. Fabian

Gollywood Here I Come! by Terry John Barto, illustrated by Mattia Cerato

When the Sun Goes Down by Nannette Nocon, illustrated by John Kastner

Lonnie the Loon Learns to Call by Barbara Renner, illustrated by Davina Kinney

The Great Danbury State Fair by Theresa Buzaid, illustrated by Steve Dasgupta

Picture Books 6 & Older

1st Place (tie): *An Amazing Circus of Phonograms: Act 1* by Mary Jo Nyssen, illustrated by Mike Motz

1st Place (tie): *Explorations of Commander Josh Book One: In Space* by Donna LeBlanc, illustrated by Anton Servetnik

1st Place (tie): *Gollywood Here I Come!* by Terry John Barto, illustrated by Mattia Cerato

1st Place (tie): *Queen Vernita Visits Baja Quail* by Dawn Menge, illustrated by Pamela Snyder

1st Place (tie): *Sashi: The Scared Little Sheltie* by Linda Greiner, illustrated by Morgan Spicer

1st Place (tie): *The Dandelion Seed's Big Dream* by Joseph Anthony, illustrated by Chris Arbo

1st Place (tie): *The Great Danbury State Fair* by Theresa Buzaid, illustrated by Steve Dasgupta

2nd Place (tie): *The Adventures of Paka The Lion Cub* by Mary N. Keown, illustrated by Yvonne L. Martin

2nd Place (tie): *Mi Abuela is Sick* by Jennifer Bisignano, illustrated by Gaston Hauviller

Honorable Mentions:

Angels, Angels, Everywhere by Michelle Beber, illustrated by Susan Shorter

Can You Buy Me the Wind? by Steven Schoenfeld, illustrated by Chuck Gonzales

Hockey Agony by Donna M. McDine, illustrated by Julie Hammond

Charming Chirp by Marlene Bischoff, illustrated by Ron Wheeler

Wilbur's Birthday House by Andy Nicholaw, illustrated by E. Crowley

Apple Annie: Small is Special by T.W. Krueger, illustrated by Lisa Bohart

The Fancy Shirt Finds Friendship by Abbe Reichman, illustrated by Charles Berton

Hurry Harry! Hurry! by Lilly Waters, illustrated by Valerie Quinn

Daddy is a Conundrum! by Dr. N. Tran-Davies, illustrated by Stephanie Parker

Jesse True's First Day of School by Jodi Healy, illustrated by Beck Goguen

Just Because by Chiquita Camille Payne, illustrated by Jerry Craft

The Eel Hunt by Jennifer Somervell, illustrated by Margery Fern

The Lucky Chipmunk by Sirui Li, illustrated by YingMing Zhao

A Girl Like Me by Deborah K. Moore & Gbolu Mulbah-Bondo, illustrated by Michelle Guthrie

Nickerbacher, The Funniest Dragon by Terry John Barto, illustrated by Kim Sponaugle

The Wiggles All Started With Me by Julia Randall, illustrated by Addie Storm

When the Sun Goes Down by Nannette Nocon, illustrated by John Kastner

The Lonely Loon by Margaret Ball Ottman

Poetry

1st Place: *Angels, Angels, Everywhere* by Michelle Beber, illustrated by Susan Shorter

2nd Place: *When the Sun Goes Down* by Nannette Nocon, illustrated by John Kastner

School Issues

1st Place: *The Lonely Loon* by Margaret Ball Ottman

2nd Place: *Great Things To Be* by Kenin O'Connor

Honorable Mentions:

Boy Zorro and the Bully (El Nino Zorro y el Peleon) by Kat Aragon, illustrated by Noel III

Floppy Lop-Ears Tries to Get "Off the Spectrum" by Rochelle Caruso Flynn, illustrated by Joshua Allen

Science Fiction/Fantasy/Paranormal

1st Place: *The Visitor's Choice* by Alexander Davidson

2nd Place: *The Adventures of Biker Frog and Lady White Bear* by C. Kindler

Spiritual/Religious

1st Place (tie): *If Jesus Lived Inside My Heart* by Jill Roman Lord, illustrated by Amy Wummer

1st Place (tie): *Pancakes with Papa: Five Ways to Remember* by Dena Albergo Jayson, illustrated by Rainer M. Osinger

2nd Place (tie): *Angels, Angels, Everywhere* by Michelle Beber, illustrated by Susan Shorter

2nd Place (tie): *Mark My Footsteps: The Good King at Christmas* by Frederick L. Schuszler, illustrated by Gaye Frances Willard

Honorable Mentions:

Josephine: A Tale of Hope and Happy Endings by Roni McFadden & Bunny McLeod, illustrated by Sierra Gaston

A Girl Like Me by Deborah K. Moore & Gbolu Mulbah-Bondo, illustrated by Michelle Guthrie
The Dream Doctor by Kathryn Andries, illustrated by Kathleen Beening

Unpublished Manuscript

Honorable Mention: *The Adventures of Jay & Max "The Garden"* by Melissa Burnett, illustrated by Chrisann Zaubi

Honorable Mention: *Patch the Paci Pirate* by Melissa Burnett, illustrated by Chrisann Zaubi

Young Adult Fiction

1st Place: *A Place to Call Home: Toby's Tale* by G.A. Whitmore

2nd Place: *The Visitor's Choice* by Alexander Davidson

Young Adult Nonfiction

Honorable Mention: *Tails of Sweetbrier* by Deanie Humphrys-Dunne, illustrated by Holly Humphrys-Bajaj