

2022 MYRCA Sundog Nominees

All titles have the interest level indicated.



Bloom by Kenneth Oppel

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Alfred A Knopf Books • ISBN: 9781524773007 • Grade 4 +

When a mysterious plant species shows up after a downpour, Anya, Petra and Seth, three teens from Salt Spring, do not think twice about it. But when the plant becomes invasive, taking over and feeding off the town, panic sets in. The teens, immune to the plant's effects, must figure out a way to not only save their town, but save the world as well.

ConQuest by Sam Maggs

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Imprint • ISBN: 97812503073 • Grade 4 +

12-year-old twins, Cat and Alex, are pumped about the Comic-Con, and more importantly, competing in an epic scavenger hunt. But the last thing 14-year-old Fi wants to do is baby-sit her nerdy siblings at this nerdy convention while their parents are working. Cat and Alex need to work together to slip away from Fi and win the hunt, while Fi must hunt them down, before her parents find out they're missing.

Me and Banksy by Tanya Lloyd Kyi

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Puffin • ISBN: 9780735266919 • Grade 4 +

Dominica and her friends attend a private school with security cameras in every corner. Students no longer feel safe and protected by the cameras when someone starts hacking them and posting embarrassing pictures on the student forum. The viral videos cause so much misery. When the adults cause roadblocks instead of finding solutions, Dominica turns to art to help solve the mystery. Can graffiti save the day?

Music for Tigers by Michelle Kadarusman

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Pajama Press • ISBN: 97817727805437 • Grade 4 +

When Louisa is sent to stay at her family's Tasmania rainforest camp, she isn't impressed. She needs to spend the summer practicing her violin to prepare for her audition with the youth symphony. In spite of herself, Louisa is fascinated by tales of her grandmother's work to save the now extinct Tasmanian tiger. Could the rumours of tiger sightings be true and, if they are, can Louisa find a way to carry on her grandmother's mission?

Planet Hockey by J. Torres

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Scholastic • ISBN: 9781443128896 • Grade 4 +

A mix-up of galactic proportions finds Isaac and Lily, two human kids, playing hockey for (literally) the worst team in the galaxy. Isaac has not played hockey since breaking his arm in the big game (and costing his team the victory), preferring to limit his playing to online hockey, where he is a star. Lily, a superstar goalie, helps Isaac return to the ice, and in doing so, they both help their new team rise in the ranks of the Galaxian Hockey League.

The Barren Grounds by David Robertson

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Penguin Random House Canada • ISBN: 9780735266100 • Grade 4 +

Morgan doesn't want to start over with another foster home. But then she and her new foster brother, Eli, find a portal in the attic to another world. They discover Aski, a frozen land where people and animals can still communicate and Ochek, a fisher who can teach them the traditional ways of their people. Can the kids help Ochek save his community and drive back the endless winter that threatens to freeze them all?

The Body Under the Piano by Marthe Jocelyn

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Tundra Books • ISBN: 9780735265462 • Grade 4 +

Aggie Morton is an adventurous and imaginative girl, yet shy, but when she befriends 12-year-old Belgian immigrant Hector Perot, her life greatly changes. After they discover a dead body on the floor of the Mermaid Dance Room, Aggie and Hector take it upon themselves to solve the mystery and find the culprit before her favourite dance instructor is charged with a crime Aggie is sure she did not commit.

The Language of Ghosts by Heather Fawcett

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Balzer and Bray • ISBN: 9780062854544 • Grade 4 +

Noa Marchena used to be a princess before she was forced into exile. Now she has to look after her younger sister Mite as well the sea monster that guards their moving island home. On top of all that, Noa must keep her brother Julian's magical powers in check and reclaim her family's throne. Will Noa's discovery that she can speak a magical language be enough to save her family?

The Lost Scroll of the Physician by Alisha Sevigny

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Dundurn • ISBN: 9781459744295 • Grade 6 +

After losing their home and their parents in a suspicious fire, Sesha and Ky flee the Pharaoh's palace. When they are captured and brought to the palace, Pharaoh demands Sesha find an ancient scroll her father was transcribing. Pharaoh needs the rare medical scroll for his army, Sesha hopes it will save Ky's life. Danger closes in as the young scribe gets closer to the scroll and she is forced to gamble on whom she can trust.

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2022 MYRCA Northern Lights Nominees

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Barry Squires, Full Tilt by Heather Smith

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Penguin Teen • ISBN: 9780735267466 • Grade 7 +

Barry Squires is a teenage boy full of energy and somewhat lacking in social skills. In a busy home in St. John's NL he welcomes a new baby brother with all the love that an older brother can give. As Barry deals with a busy family, a port wine facial birthmark, bullies at school, and Irish Clog Dancing you will come to love his infectious nature and empathize with his pain.

Clan by Sigmund Brouwer

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Tundra • ISBN: 9781101918494 • Grade 7 +

In this prehistoric adventure Atlatl struggles to find his place in the clan and earn the respect of his father. Not everyone accepts his friendship with a sabre tooth tiger cub, or the new weapon he created.

I Hope You're Listening by Tom Ryan

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Aw Teen • ISBN: 9780807535080 • Grade 8 +

Ten years ago, Dee was almost abducted. She managed to escape but her friend Sibby did not. Now, Dee hosts a true crime podcast anonymously as "The Seeker" and asks her listeners to help her solve mysteries. When another little girl goes missing and the signs point to similarities with Sibby's disappearance, will Dee finally find out what really happened?

Rogue Princess by B. R. Myers

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Swoon Reads • ISBN: 9781250303431 • Grade 7 +

Being a princess means having to put your personal feelings aside for duty. Tradition demands that Delia get married to form an alliance, but she rebels and follows her own path. Things start to go wrong when she discovers Aidan, a stow-away on her stolen spaceship. Aidan accuses her of kidnapping him and tensions flare. When the mismatched duo discovers a secret plot to destroy their home, they must work together to save everything that they love.

Sara and the Search for Normal by Wesley King

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Simon Schuster • ISBN: 9781534421134 • Grade 7 +

Desperate to be normal, Sara has an extensive checklist she uses to try to fit in. We see her struggle to make friends and adapt to new situations while getting to understand how she lives with mental illness. Her new friend, Erin, helps to bring Sara out of her shell, though Sara will have to deal with difficult situations when she starts to notice something off, and things get tough at home.

Surviving the City - From the Roots Up by Tasha Spillett

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HighWater Press • ISBN: 9781553798989 • Grade 7 +

After the death of her Kokum, Dez finds herself living in a group home. She and her best friend, Miikwan, are navigating new relationships with

other people, and Dez is discovering her identity as a Two-Spirit person. While attending a cultural after-school program, Dez challenges some of the traditions and teachings of her ancestors in order to find a place where she can truly be herself.

The Rise and Fall of Derek Cowell by Valerie Sherrard

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Dancing Cat Books • ISBN: 9781770865747 • Grade 7 +

Derek Cowell was just a regular middle school kid, until an accidental photo bomb skyrocketed him to instant internet celebrity. Now everyone is waiting for what hilarious thing he will do next. But the sudden rise to popularity isn't all it's cracked up to be. Will his meteoric rise to fame be followed by a catastrophic fall?

The Witch's Hand by Nathan Page

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Alfred A Knopf Books • ISBN: 9780525646778 • Grade 7 +

After a strange storm, three girls go missing. Mystery loving twins Pete and Alistair Montague decide it is time to find out what happened, and it turns out the answer is more thrilling than they had thought! Their ordinary lives are not so ordinary and that there are magical forces at work they never dreamed of. Will Pete and Alistair finally discover the secrets that their guardian David has been keeping hidden all their lives?

Trapped in Hitler's Web by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch

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Scholastic • ISBN: 9781338672589 • Grade 7 +

11-year-old Maria is faced with an impossible choice – stay with her family and possibly survive the Nazi occupation of her town, which puts her Jewish friend Nathan in grave danger, or go further into the Third Reich and try to hide in plain sight. But what will happen when she and Nathan are separated? Can they survive being trapped in Hitler's web?

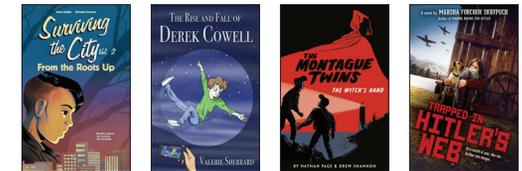
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