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Literary Classics

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Literary Classics Announces Youth Media Top Book Winners

SOUTH DAKOTA - Literary Classics announced its 2012 selection of top books for children and young adults today. Award recipients were selected from entries received throughout the world. The Literary Classics selection committee is proud to recognize the following titles in children's and young adult literature which exemplify the criteria set forth by the Literary Classics Awards committee.

A list of the 2012 recipients follows:

- Best First Picture Book, PreSchool, *A Box Story* by Kenneth Kit Lamug
Best First Picture Book, Early Reader, *Terple Always Dream Bigger* by Richie Frieman
Best Illustrator, *Bella & Harry, Let's Visit Athens*, Illustrated by Kristine Lucco
Best Series, *The Bella & Harry Book Series* by Lisa Manzione
Best First Chapter Book, *Shelby & Shauna Kitt and the Dimensional Holes* by PHC Marchesi
Gold - Picture Book, Preschooler, *Fantastic Flight* by Barbara Bockman
Silver - Picture Book, Preschooler, *Sh Sh Sh Let the Baby Sleep* by Kathy Stemke
Gold - Picture Book, Early Reader, *Bella & Harry Let's Visit London* by Lisa Manzione, Illustrated by Kristine Lucco
Silver - Picture Book, Early Reader, *Bella & Harry Let's Visit Cairo* by Lisa Manzione, Illustrated by Kristine Lucco
Gold - Educational, Early Reader, *The Great Divide*, Suzanne Slade
Silver - Educational, Early Reader, *Animal Analogies* by Marianne Berkes
Gold - Environmental Issues, Early Reader, *Sea Turtle Summer* by Nancy Stewart
Silver - Environmental Issues, Early Reader, *One Pelican at a Time* by Nancy Stewart
Gold - Non Fiction Preteen, *Clara's Great War* by Evelyn Rothstein
Gold - General Preteen, *the Casting* by Joyce Shor Johnson
Silver - General Preteen, *Return to Finkleton* by KC Hilton
Gold - Fiction Preteen, *the Reinvention of Moxie Roosevelt* by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel
Silver - Fiction Preteen, *Walking Through Walls* by Karen Cioffi
Gold - Fantasy Preteen, *Shelby & Shauna Kitt and the Dimensional Holes* by PHC Marchesi
Silver - Fantasy Preteen, *Shield Maiden* by Richard Denning

Gold - Science Fiction Preteen, *Shelby & Shauna Kitt and the Dimensional Holes* by PHC Marchesi
Silver - Science Fiction - Preteen, *The Crystal Ship* by CJ Carter-Stephenson
Gold - Mystery Preteen, *the Stone Child* by Dan Poblocki

Gold - General Young Adult, *Runaway Twins* by Pete Palamountain
Silver - General Young Adult, *Young, Funny & Unbalanced* by David Smithyman
Gold - Fiction Young Adult, *Caves, Cannons & Crinolines* by Beverly Stowe McClure
Silver - Fiction Young Adult, *Young Knights of the Round Table The King's Ransom*
by Cheryl Carpinello
Gold - Non-Fiction Young Adult, *Black & White* by Larry Dane Brimner
Gold - Fantasy Fiction Young Adult, *Griffin Rising* by Darby Karchut
Silver - Fantasy Fiction Young Adult, *Drawn* by Marie Lamba
Gold - Science Fiction Young Adult, *the Limit* by Kristen Landon
Silver - Science Fiction Young Adult, *the Orphan Ship* by Sterling R. Walker
Gold - Mystery Young Adult, *Stalked* by Kristiana Gregory
Cultural Issues, *Clara's Great War* by Evelyn Rothstein
Holiday, *Santa & The Little Teddy Bear* by Peter John Lucking
Self Esteem, *Beautiful Wild Rose Girl* by B. Magnolia
Female Audience, *My Sister is my Best Friend* by Nicole Weaver
Mature Issues, *In Memory of Dad* by Maranda Russell

Literary Classics, an organization dedicated to furthering excellence in literature, takes great pride in its role to help promote classic literature which appeals to youth, while educating and encouraging positive values in the impressionable young minds of future generations. Judging is based upon the criteria set forth by Literary Classics' highly selective awards committee which honors books promoting character, vision, creativity and learning, through content which possesses key elements found in well-crafted literature.

The Literary Classics judging committee consists of experts with backgrounds in publishing, writing, editing, design, illustration, and book reviewing. To learn more about Literary Classics, visit their website at www.literaryclassicsawards.com.