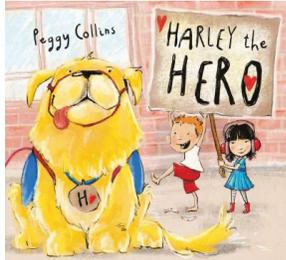


# 2022 Forest of Reading Winners!

## Blue Spruce Award™



### Harley the Hero

by Peggy Collins

Pajama Press

An exciting picture book inspired by a real-life classroom service dog with themes of friendship, neurodivergence, and courage Harley the service dog is on the job! He goes to school every day with Ms. Prichard to make sure she feels safe. Their students are a lot of fun, but Harley can't play with them while he's wearing his work vest. They write him lots of letters instead, and everything is perfect in the best, most quiet class in the whole school. Until the day the old stage curtains catch fire. As the fire alarm blares and chaos erupts, Harley remembers that Ms. Prichard isn't the only human in his class who gets upset by loud noises. Inspired by a true story, Harley the Hero celebrates the work of service animals and the normalization of neurodivergence. Author-illustrator Peggy Collins brings Harley and his class to charming life and concludes with an Author's Note about the real dog behind the fictional Harley.

## Silver Birch Express Award®



### Mellybean and the Giant Monster

by Mike White

Penguin Random House

Melly loves to play games. All her feline friends want to do, though, is take a nap. So when she doesn't leave them alone, the cats trick her into burying a shoe in the backyard. But the small prank turns into a big problem when Melly falls down the hole . . . and is magically transported her to another world! Melly lands smack-dab in the middle of a scuffle between a group of knights and a huge monster. But Melly soon befriends the grumpy giant, learning he isn't as scary as he seems. He's being hunted by a greedy king. One who has also been stealing from his people and locking them up in the dungeons. So although Melly is desperate to find a way back home to Mama and Papa (her human owners), she makes it her mission to help her new friend and the kingdom. But how could someone so tiny defeat such a powerful king? It may just take a game that only Melly can win.

## Silver Birch Fiction Award®



### Deadman's Castle

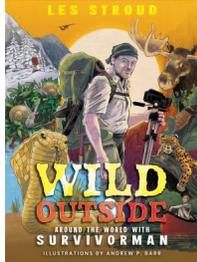
by Iain Lawrence

Margaret Ferguson Books

Ever since he was five years old and his father witnessed a terrible crime, Igor and his family have been on the run from the Lizard Man, a foreboding figure bent on revenge. They've lived in so many places, with so many identities, that Igor can't even remember his real name. But now he is twelve and longing for a normal life. When the people his dad calls the Protectors finds his family yet another new place to live, Igor's dad sets down the rules establishing how far Igor can go in any direction and where he can't go at all.

Boxed into the smallest area he has ever been allowed to explore on his own, Igor rebels. Much to his surprise, he's allowed to start school and for the first time since Kindergarten he begins to make friends. As the months go by, Igor begins to wonder if the Lizard Man exists only in his father's frightened mind. No one but his dad has ever seen him. But then Igor's little sister tells him she thinks she saw the Lizard Man lurking around the house, and Igor realizes that even if the Lizard Man is real, he would rather risk everything than abandon his friends and go back on the run.

## Yellow Cedar Award

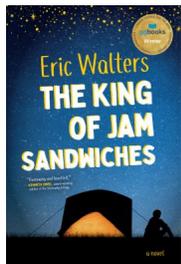


# Wild Outside: Around the World with Survivorman

by Les Stroud and Andrew P. Barr  
 Annick Press

Join TV's Survivorman on twelve edge-of-your-seat adventures as he proves anyone can be an outdoor explorer. From surviving a frigid night in northern Canada to munching on grubs in the Australian Outback, Les Stroud's passion for the outdoors has driven him to some of the planet's most remote and beautiful locations. In *Wild Outside*, he invites readers into his world of wilderness adventures with fast-paced stories, nature facts, and practical advice for spending time outside.

## Red Maple Award™

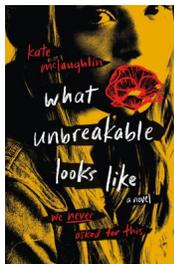


# The King of Jam Sandwiches

by Eric Walters  
 Orca Book Publishers

Thirteen-year-old Robbie leads a double life. It's just Robbie and his dad, but no one knows that his dad isn't like most parents. Sometimes he wakes Robbie up in the middle of the night to talk about dying. Sometimes he just leaves without telling Robbie where he's going. Once when Robbie was younger, he was gone for more than a week. Robbie was terrified of being left alone but even more scared of telling anyone in case he was put into foster care. No one can know. Until one day when Robbie has to show the tough new girl, Harmony, around school. Their first meeting ends horribly and she punches Robbie in the face. But eventually they come to realize that they have a lot more in common than they thought. Can Robbie's new friend be trusted to keep his secret?

## White Pine Award™



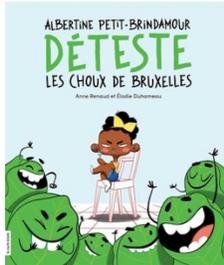
# What Unbreakable Looks Like

by Kate McLaughlin  
 St. Martin's Press

Lex was taken-trafficked-and now she's Poppy. Kept in a hotel with other girls, her old life is a distant memory. But when the girls are rescued, she doesn't quite know how to be Lex again. After she moves in with her aunt and uncle, for the first time in a long time, she knows what it is to feel truly safe. Except, she doesn't trust it. Doesn't trust her new home. Doesn't trust her new friend. Doesn't trust her new life. Instead she trusts what she shouldn't because that's what feels right. She doesn't deserve good things. But when

she is sexually assaulted by her so-called boyfriend and his friends, Lex is forced to reckon with what happened to her and that just because she is used to it, doesn't mean it is okay. She's thrust into the limelight and realizes she has the power to help others. But first she'll have to confront the monsters of her past with the help of her family, friends, and a new love.

## Le prix Peuplier



### Albertine Petit-Brindamour déteste les choux de Bruxelles

écrit par Anne Renaud, illustré par Élodie Duhambeau  
La courte échelle

Et si manger des choux de Bruxelles pouvaient vous donner un superpouvoir ? Albertine adore dresser les listes des choses qu'elle aime : ses mots favoris, ses aliments préférés, les superpouvoirs qu'elle rêve de posséder. Mais il y a une chose que vous ne trouverez sur aucune des listes d'Albertine: les horribles choux de Bruxelles! Albertine les DÉTESTE!!! Une seule chose pourrait la faire changer d'avis: qu'ils puissent lui donner un superpouvoir ! Un album plein d'humour mettant en vedette les choux de Bruxelles, ces petits légumes trop souvent mal aimés.

## Le prix Mélèze



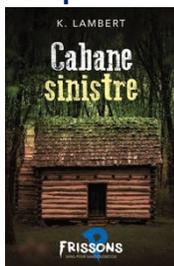
### Honey et Ketchup

écrit par Jonathan Bécotte, illustré par Sabrina Gendron

Éditions Québec Amérique

Papa a une nouvelle amoureuse et elle parle anglais. Son fils a mon âge, mais parle anglais lui aussi. Ils viennent de l'Australie. Papa est certain qu'on va bien s'entendre, mais allons-nous nous comprendre ?

## Le prix Tamarac



### Cabane Sinistre

écrit par Karine Lambert

Héritage jeunesse

Tom passe ses vacances dans un chalet au fond des bois. Une sinistre comptine circule à propos de l'ancienne propriétaire et on murmure même que son esprit hanterait encore les lieux. Quand la sœur du garçon décide de s'emparer de cette histoire pour des capsules Web, elle ne se doute pas que la vérité est plus terrifiante que la légende.