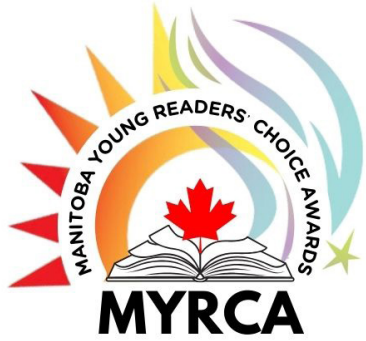


MYRCA 2025



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Atana and the Firebird by Vivian Zhou
HarperAlley/HarperCollins, 2023 • ISBN: 9780063075917

Atana's island may be quiet and peaceful, but mostly, it's lonely. With the outside world full of magic hunters who would stop at nothing to capture a mermaid like her, Atana has never been brave enough to swim far from her island's shores and seek the answers to her mysterious past—until a firebird named Ren unexpectedly crashes into her life.

The Bellwoods Game by Celia Krampien
First Second Books/MacMillan Publishers, 2023 • ISBN: 9781665912501

Everyone knows Fall Hollow is haunted. It has been ever since Abigail Snook went into the woods many years ago, never to be seen again. Since then, it's tradition for the sixth graders at Beckett Elementary to play the Bellwoods Game on Halloween night. Three kids are chosen to go into the woods. Whoever rings the bell there wins the game and saves the town for another year, but if Abigail's ghost captures the players first, the spirit is let loose to wreak havoc on Fall Hollow—or so the story goes.

The Big Sting by Rachele Delaney
Tundra Books/Penguin Random House, 2023 • ISBN: 9780735269309

Eleven-year-old Leo is an "armchair adventurer." This, according to Dad, means he'd choose adventures in books or video games over real-life experiences. Unlike his little sister Lizzie, Leo is not a risk-taker. So when Leo, Lizzie, Mom and Dad leave the city to visit Grandpa on Heron Island, Leo finds all kinds of dangers to avoid — from the deep, dark ocean to an old barn on the verge of collapse. But nothing on the island is more fearsome than Grandpa himself.

The Cricket War by Thọ Phạm, Sandra McTavish
Kids Can Press, 2023. • ISBN: 9781525306556

It's 1980, and 12-year-old Thọ Phạm lives with his family in South Vietnam. His parents are worried, and Thọ knows the Communist army will soon knock on their door to make his brother, and then him, join them. Still, it shocks him when his father says that arrangements have been made for him to leave Vietnam by boat, immediately. Thọ tries to be brave as he sets out on a harrowing journey toward the unknown.

Gnome is Where Your Heart Is by Casey Lyall
Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins, 2023 • ISBN: 9780063239821

Lemon Peabody loves spending time with Grandpa Walt. Even though he has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's and moved to an assisted living facility, he's still the same funny, loving grandpa he's always been. One of Grandpa's claims to fame is his story about meeting an alien years ago—and that it looked like a garden gnome. Ever since, it's been something of a town-wide joke, and the cause of a rift between Grandpa and Lemon's dad. Lemon is determined to find those extraterrestrial gnomes and vindicate Grandpa Walt—while Grandpa can still remember it.

The Islands of Elsewhere by Heather Fawcett
Rocky Pond Books/Penguin Random House, 2023 • ISBN: 9780593530528

Not many kids have an island in their backyard, but suddenly, the Snolly sisters have three. They're staying at Granddaddy's seaside property for the summer, which includes the mysterious Fairy Islands: Fairy, Little Fairy, and Ghost. The people in Misty Cove call them "in-between places," and say they're full of magic—a magic that gets inside you.

Nish: North and South by Isabelle Picard and Kateri Aubin Dubois (Tr.)
Scholastic, 2023. • ISBN: 9781443197236

While Leon spends all his free time playing hockey, and wondering how he can prove he has the talent to make it big in a place with no competition, Eloise works on a school project that opens her mind to the history of her people — their victories and their battles lost. But when their father gets sick and needs treatment almost 1000 km from home, and someone from their village mysteriously disappears, the twins learn lessons about the fragility of humanity and the dangers of the land they call home.

No Place Like Home by Linh S. Nguyen
Inkyard Press/HarperCollins Canada, 2023 • ISBN: 9781443466202

Plunged into the magical world of Silva, Lan realizes she has much to offer protagonist Annabelle and Marlow. Once a homesick reader and bystander rooting for the very characters that now stand before her, Lan is a budding witch who suddenly has the power to help their quest. Somewhere inside her lies the ability to not only save Annabelle and Marlow's home, but also to shape a familiar tale into something new.

Squire & Knight by Scott Chantler
First Second Books/Macmillan Publishers, 2023 • ISBN: 9781250249340

Squire is brainy, bookish, and terribly under-appreciated by the brawny, inept knight Sir Kelton, who somehow always gets all the glory. So when the two mismatched heroes find themselves in a cursed village plagued by a fearsome dragon, Kelton rides off to slay it and Squire stays behind to catch up on some reading. But Squire starts to notice that something isn't quite right about this town . . . Can he uncover its strange secrets?

Up for Grabs by Michelle Mulder
Dancing Cat Books/Cormorant, 2023 • ISBN: 9781770866942.

Frida and her brother, Zac, have lived in seven countries in ten years. In fact, they've been travelling for so long that Frida has never considered herself from anywhere — until they inherit their grandmother's house in Victoria, British Columbia. Zac, always looking for money-making opportunities to fund their travels, is determined to sell everything in the house and expects Frida to help. Now they're up to their ears in family heirlooms, paintings of dead relatives, vintage paperclips, and ceramic animals.

