

Garden State Children's Book Awards New Jersey Library Association



GARDEN STATE CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARDS PRESS RELEASE 2015 AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The Children's Services Section of the New Jersey Library Association announces the following recipients of the 2015 Garden State Children's Book Award:

EASY-TO-READ BOOK

There's a Fly Guy in My Soup!

By Tedd Arnold

FICTION, GRADES 2 – 5

The One and Only Ivan

By Katherine Applegate

Illustrated by Patricia Castelao

FICTION SERIES BOOK

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel

By Jeff Kinney

NON-FICTION, GRADES 2 – 5

Nic Bishop Snakes

By Nic Bishop

The Garden State Children's Book Awards were established in 1977 in order to give recognition to books for elementary grade readers. The nominees are selected by a committee of the Children's Services Section of the New Jersey Library Association on the basis of literary merit; the winners are chosen by popularity with readers. A three-year lapse from the original publication date is allowed in order to determine popularity. The awards are given in four categories, with the option of one additional series category: a work specifically designated as "easy-to-read" by the publisher; a work of fiction for grades 2 – 5; a work of fiction in a series for grades 2 – 5, a work of non-fiction for grades 2 – 5. Awards, presented annually at the NJLA spring conference, are given to both the author and the illustrator. This year's conference will be held at Ocean Place in Long Branch, NJ with the awards presentation on Wednesday, April 22, 2014.

For further information, visit the NJLA website at www.njla.org, or contact Cassie Runkel, Chair, Garden State Children's Book Awards Committee, by phone at 732-896-5144 or email at gscbacom@gmail.com.

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