

THE NATIONAL CHAPTER OF CANADA IODE VIOLET DOWNEY BOOK AWARD

The 2009 National Chapter of Canada IODE Violet Downey Book Award was awarded to Budge Wilson for *Before Green Gables*.

In *Before Green Gables*, award-winning author Budge Wilson, from Halifax, brings young Anne - with an e - vibrantly to life in this highly anticipated and fully authorized prequel to the much-loved Lucy Maud Montgomery 1908 classic, *Anne of Green Gables*. The story begins when, orphaned as a baby, Anne is sent from one foster-home to the next, caring for other people's children though but a child herself. She escapes from her dark reality through the power of her vivid imagination. Curious, inventive and outspoken, even at a young age, Anne battles to make a life for herself by searching out kindred spirits, finding solace in her books and dreaming of the day she has a family of her own.

The reader follows Anne through a string of foster families and then her stay at a Nova Scotia orphanage in the years before her momentous appearance as an 11-year-old adoptee at Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert's farm in turn-of-the-century Avalon.

The Winner		
<i>Before Green Gables</i>	Budge Wilson	Age 12+ \$25.00

Runners-Up		
Afrika, by Colleen Craig.	Colleen Craig	Age 12+ \$11.99
Death in the Air	Shane Peacock	Age 12+ \$21.99
Leaving Fletchville	Rene Schmidt	Age 8+ \$9.95
Star Climber	Kenneth Oppel	Age 12+ \$21.99
Voyageur	Eric Walters	Age 8+ \$12.99
War Brothers	Sharon McKay	Age 12+ \$20.00

Recommended List (not ranked)		
Title	Author	Age and Price
Yeny and the Children for Peace	Michelle Mulder	Age 9+ \$14.95
Making Change: Tips from an underage Overachiever	Bilal Rajan	Age 9+ \$12.95
The Schooner's Revenge	Robert Sutherland	Age 9+ \$14.99
Blood of the Donnelly's	David McRae	Age 12+ \$11.99
Nobel's Women of Peace	Michelle Benjamin and Maggie Mooney	Reference \$10.95
Fantastic Female Filmmakers	Suzanne Simoni	Reference \$10.95
The Beginner's Guide to Canadian Honours	Christopher McCreery	Reference \$19.99

Polar Worlds	Robert Bateman	Age 8+ \$19.99
The Drum Calls Softly	David Bouchard and Shelley Willier	Age 8+ \$24.95 Note: Bilingual Cree and English, with audio CD
A Native American Thought of It	Rocky Landon	Reference \$9.95
Day of the Flying Fox	Steve Pitt	\$19.99
To Stand and Fight Together	Steve Pitt	\$19.99
When Elephants Fight	Eric Walters and Adrian Bradbury	Age 10+ \$19.95
One Peace	Janet Wilson	\$19.95
A Bear in War	Stephanie Innes & Harry Endrulat	Children 6+ \$19.95
Passchendaele	Norman Leach	Reference \$19.95
The Unknown Soldier	Linda Granfield	Reference \$19.99