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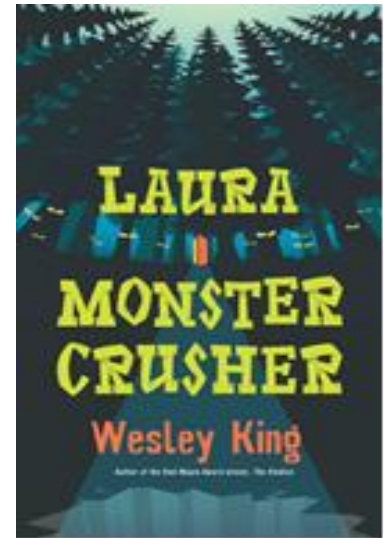
## *Laura Monster Crusher*

Winner of the 2018 IODE Violet Downey Book Award  
for children's literature

Wesley King, author of ***Laura Monster Crusher***, has been awarded The National Chapter of Canada IODE Violet Downey Book Award for 2018. The \$5,000 prize was presented at the time of the 118<sup>th</sup> National Annual Meeting of IODE Canada on Saturday, 02 June 2018 at the Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre, London, ON. Published by Penguin Random House, this book is suitable for children over eight.

Laura Ledwick is... well... large. The kids at school don't let her forget it, and call her by various names: Laura Large bottom, Laura Lardo, Lots of Laura--you get the idea. When Laura's family moves to the next town over before eighth grade, she expects more of the same. What she doesn't expect are the snake-like yellow eyes watching her from the forest. Or the mysterious rattling in her closet. Or finally making real friends for the first time. Or handsome uber-nerd Liam R. Kelp, who might just be the cutest boy to ever wear a Science Is Cool T-shirt. But when Laura finally discovers the source of the rattling, things take on a whole new level of weird. It turns out Laura has just been given the most important job in the world: Monster Crusher. Her role is simple: protect the earth from the horrors beneath their feet. Eighth grade is about to get a lot more interesting.

Members were delighted to meet Wesley King, the 2018 winner of The National Chapter of Canada IODE Violet Downey Book Award at the author signing.



The National Chapter of Canada IODE Violet Downey Book Award, valued at \$5,000, has been selected from among submitted books published in Canada in 2017. The Award is offered annually since 1985 for the best young children's English language book containing at least 500 words of text.

For a complete list of past winners of the IODE Violet Downey Book Award, visit [www.IODE.ca](http://www.IODE.ca)

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