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No Fixed Address

Winner of the 2019 IODE Violet Downey Book Award
for children's literature

Susin Nielsen, author of ***No Fixed Address***, has been awarded The National Chapter of Canada IODE Violet Downey Book Award for 2019. The \$5,000 prize was presented at the time of the 119th National Annual Meeting of IODE Canada on Friday, 31 May 2019 at the Delta Brunswick Hotel, Saint John, NB. Published by Penguin Random House, this book is suitable for children over 10.

It's never easy for a kid to start at a new school. It's especially difficult for Felix, the 12-year-old protagonist of *No Fixed Address*. Felix has a place in the prestigious French immersion program at Blenheim Public School in Vancouver's tony Kitsilano neighbourhood. On the first day of school he runs into Dylan Brinkerhoff, his "old best friend" from a previous school. And he's just met the high-octane Winnie, who quickly forms the third element in this tween triumvirate. Felix has got a head for trivia, and when a junior edition of the show *Who, What, Where, When* – is announced – complete with a cash prize – he sees his chance to change his life, save his mother, and pay back all the places she has stolen from (he maintains a ledger of her thefts). All he has to do is keep their living situation a secret, dodge the Ministry of Children and Family Development and win the game.



The National Chapter of Canada IODE Violet Downey Book Award, valued at \$5,000, has been selected from submitted books published in Canada in 2018. 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

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