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Short List of Five Canadian Books for the 2023 IODE Violet Downey Book Award

Through the generosity of IODE member, the late Mrs. Violet Downey, IODE established The National Chapter of Canada IODE Violet Downey Book Award in 1984. The first award was presented in 1985. This Award is offered annually for the best English language book, written by a Canadian, containing at least 500 words of text (preferably with Canadian content) in a category suitable for children aged 13 and under. A thirteen-member panel of judges, including IODE members and specialists in the field of children's literature, annually select the award-winning book.

The short list for The National Chapter of Canada IODE Violet Downey Book Award, valued at \$5,000, has been selected from among the 153 submitted books published or distributed in Canada in 2022. The winner will be announced at IODE Canada's 123rd National Annual Business Meeting, being held on Friday 26 May 2023.



TREMENDOUS THINGS

**Winner of the 2022 IODE Violet Downey Book Award
for children literature
Written by Susin Nielsen
Published by Penguin Random House**

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Apartment 713

Written by Kevin Sylvester

Published by Harper Collins Canada Ltd

Secret ballrooms, hidden artwork and unlikely friends welcome to the Regency, where even time moves in surprising ways!

Jake Simmons hates his new home. The Regency is nothing more than floor after floor of peeling wallpaper and faded glory. Jake misses his old life. He misses the time when his mother was employed. He misses living in a house where the wind doesn't make the windows whistle.

Slowly, the building reveals its mysteries and Jake with his new friend searches for clues to help him save the Regency.



Butt Sandwich & Tree

Written by Wesley King

Published by Simon and Schuster

Eleven-year-old Green loves his devoted older brother, Cedar, a popular basketball star, but that doesn't mean he wants to follow in his footsteps. He doesn't really care about sports or making friends. Still, Green caves to pressure to try out for the basketball team. He may be tall like Cedar, but he's nowhere near as skilled. After a confrontation with the coach and a missing necklace, the brothers team up and learn to appreciate their differences, and the things that bring them together.



Ghostlight

Written by Kenneth Oppel

Published by Penguin Random House

One teen's summer job scaring tourists with ghost stories takes a terrifying turn when he accidentally summons the spirit of a dead girl and she has demands. The novel is set around the Gibraltar Point lighthouse on the Toronto islands.

Gabe and his friends, both living and dead, must find a way to stop malevolent spirits like Viker, before they all become lost souls.





Step
Written by Deborah Ellis
Published by Greenwood Publishing

In this powerful collection of short stories, children around the world turn eleven and take a step into their futures. Each one is changed in ways both big and small. Regardless of settings and conditions, each child uncovers inner strength, or gains a new understanding of their world, on that pivotal day. Ellis creates 10 sympathetic characters in a range of difficult situations and once again, shows the importance of empathy for others.

Weird Rules to Follow
Written by Kim Spencer
Published by Orca Book Publishers

“Readers will be left with a rich image of Mia’s world and the family and people that surround her as well as a strong sense of how culture and class impact people’s experiences. A touching exploration of identity and culture.”

They both live in the same cul-de-sac, Mia’s life is very different from her non-Indigenous, middle-class neighbor. Even though their differences never seemed to matter to the two friends, Mia begins to notice how adults treat her differently, deciding who she is without getting to know her, just because she is Indigenous.



**Five Canadian books on the short list,
for the 2023 IODE Violet Downey Book Award
in alphabetical order by title, not ranked.**