

The IODE Jean Throop Book Award



In January 1975, Mrs. Jean Throop urged the IODE Toronto Municipal Education Committee to take action to encourage the publishing of more and better children's Canadian books. Mrs. Throop informed the meeting that a bequest of \$4,000 from the Estate of the late Walter Wilberforce Weeks was forthcoming. The bequest, of would be receiving \$460 per year, was to be assigned to an education project. In a recommendation at the General Meeting, Education Officer, Jean Throop, recommended that an award be established in co-operation with the Toronto Public Library

Board to be awarded annually to an author and or illustrator of a children's book that has been written or illustrated by a Canadian citizen residing in Toronto or the surrounding area. The first award of \$500 was presented at the 05 March 1975 annual meeting of the Municipal Chapter of Toronto IODE.

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Book Award, in 2005 IODE Toronto renamed the Award to the Municipal Chapter of Toronto IODE Jean Throop Book Award. Since 2013, as a result of the disbandment of IODE Toronto, the Award is now called the **IODE Jean Throop Book Award**. Funding for the Book Award now comes from the IODE Toronto Legacy Fund, which is administered by IODE Ontario. The Selection Committee for the Award is comprised of members from the Toronto IODE Primary Chapters and members from the IODE Ontario Executive.

The IODE Jean Throop Book Award Short List

2025-2026

Home for Margaret, Davy, Denise; Illustrator (not eligible) Delaporte, Béregère; Publisher Groundwood Books, House of Anansi Press

T is for Terry: An ABC of Courage, Dias, Denise; Illustrator (not eligible) Landry, Noémie Gionet; Publisher North Winds Press, Imprint of Scholastic Canada Ltd.

How to be Brave Like a Snail, Hrab, Naseem; Illustrator Collier, Kelly; Publisher Owlkids Books Inc.

Memory Stones, Kacer, Kathy; Illustrator Lowe, Hayley; Publisher Second Story Press

I Drove My Bed to Grandma's House, Mills, Carolyn Huizinga; Illustrator Dolby, Jan; Publisher DCB Young Readers, Imprint of Cormorant Books Inc.

2024-2025

Do You Wonder? - Author and Illustrator: Wallace Edwards (Publisher: North Winds Press)

I Love You More - Author: Emil Sher; Illustrator: Barbara Reid (Publisher: North Winds Press)

Professor Goose Debunks Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Author: Paulette Bourgeois; Illustrator: Alex G. Griffiths (Publisher: Tundra)

Rodney Was a Tortoise - Author: Nan Forler; Illustrator: Yong Ling Kang (Publisher: Tundra)

That's Not My Name! - Author and Illustrator: Anoosha Syed (Publisher: Viking Press)

2023 -2024

Eleanor's Moon – written and illustrated by Maggie Knaus, (Publisher: Owlkids)

No Horses in the House – Mireille Messier, illustrated by Anna Bron, (Publisher: Orca)

Odd Couples – Maria Birmingham, illustrated by Raz Lati, (Publisher: Owlkids)

Sometimes I feel like A River – written by Danielle Daniel, illustrated by Josee Bisailon,
(Publisher: UTP)

We Belong Here – written by Frieda Wishinsky, illustrated by Ruth Ohi, (Publisher: North Wind Press)

2021-2022

A Heart Full of Cash - Author: Steve McGrail; Illustrated by classmates of Cash; Amazon.ca

Birds on Wishbone Street - Author and Illustrator: Suzanne Del Rizzo; Pajama Press

Hello, Dark - Author: Wai Mei Wong; Illustrator: Tamara Campeau; Pajama Press

I Can Fix It! – Author: Robert Munsch; Illustrator: Michael Martchenko; North Winds Press

Wingmaker – Author: Dave Cameron; Illustrator: David Huyck; Kids Can Press

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