

# CLA BOOK OF THE YEAR FOR CHILDREN

## *Redwork*

**Michael Bedard**

**TEEN PAPERBACK Bed**

Certain that the apartment he and his mother have rented is haunted, Cass discovers that Mr. Magnus, the landlord, who is the object of much fear in the neighborhood, is hiding a dark evil secret.

## *Last Chance*

**Anne Laurel Carter**

**CHILD PAPERBACK Car**

Set in Cape Breton in the early stages of the Second World War, this is a story of a young girl who dreams of flying.

## *Boy O'Boy*

**Brian Doyle**

**CHILD FICTION Doy**

Brave, loving, and resourceful, Martin O'Boy is one of Brian Doyle's most wonderful creations.

## *Easy Avenue*

**Brian Doyle**

**CHILD FICTION Doy**

Hubbo's first year of high school is off to a bad start. Between avoiding his guardian aunt who works as a cleaning lady at the school and working for a very rich Miss Collar-Cuff, life is confusing enough. Hubbo must decide if he wants to hang out with the lovely but poor Fleurette, or the exclusive Hi-Y clique.

## *Uncle Ronald*

**Brian Doyle**

**CHILD PAPERBACK Doy**

Fleeing his abusive father, Mickey winds up at his uncle's farm outside a small Quebec town, where, due to some kindness, he loses his intense fear and penchant for bedwetting. Later his mother appears too with his father hard on her heels. She and Ronald drive him off, but in his rush to get away he falls beneath a passing train.

## *Wild Girl and Gran*

**Nan Gregory**

**CHILD PICTURE Gre**

The reader experiences life, love and death. When Gran is old, she comes to live with her daughter and Wild Girl. At first, Wild Girl resents her grandmother's intrusion, but Gran finds a way to win her love.

## *Hana's Suitcase*

**Karen Levine**

**CHILD 921 Bra**

A biography of a Czech girl who died in the Holocaust, told in alternating chapters with an account of how the curator of a Japanese Holocaust center learned about her life after Hana's suitcase was sent to her.

## *Orphan at my Door: The Home Child Diary of Victoria Cope, Guelph, Ontario 1897 (Dear Canada Series)*

**Jean Little**

**CHILD FICTION Lit**

At the turn of the century Dr. Thomas Barnardo, an English philanthropist, sought to give orphaned and abandoned children a second chance in the New World. These children, "Home Children" as they were called, came to work in Canada as farm labourers and domestic servants. Victoria Cope's family takes in a Home Child, a sad and quiet girl named Mary Anna. Victoria soon discovers the reason for Mary Anna's silence – she was separated from her younger brother. Victoria vows to help Mary Anna find her brother.

## *Ticket to Curlew*

**Celia Barker Lotteridge**

**CHILD FICTION Lot**

**CHILD PAPERBACK Lot**

It is 1915. Endless stretches of grassland against a boundless sky are all Sam Ferrier sees when he and his father arrive in Curlew, Alberta to build a new house for their family. He wonders why his restless father would move them to this lonely, barren place. After the house is built and the family joins them, Sam gradually discovers that there is much more to the flat prairie than he realized.

***Shadow in Hawthorn Bay***

**Janet Lunn**

**TEEN PAPERBACK Lunn**

When fifteen-year old Mary journeys from Scotland to Canada in search of her cousin, she makes a tragic discovery and alienates the town-folk who fear her psychic powers.

***Silverwing***

**Kenneth Oppel**

**CHILD PAPERBACK Opp**

Shade is the runt of his Silverwing bat colony, determined to prove himself on the perilous migration to Hibernaculum. During a fierce storm, he loses the others and soon faces the most incredible journey of his short life.

***Sunwing***

**Kenneth Oppel**

**CHILD PAPERBACK Opp**

In this sequel to Silverwing, Shade, a silverwing bat, and Marina, a brightwing, continue their search for Shade's father. They are drawn to and enter a pseudo forest built by humans and, although bats there call it "Paradise", Shade soon realizes it is a prison for animals.

***The Sky is Falling***

**Kit Pearson**

**CHILD FICTION Pea**

**CHILD PAPERBACK Pea**

It's the summer of 1940 and a stifled England breathlessly awaits an invasion by Hitler's army. Spirited Norah Stoakes and her friends eagerly collect bullets and army boots, enjoying the still remote excitement of the war. Then to Norah's horror, her parents decide that she and her younger brother must sail to Canada – and safety.

***Summer of the Mad Monk***

**Cora Taylor**

**CHILD PAPERBACK Tay**

Set in the drought and depression of southern Alberta during the 1930's this is the story of Pip, an avid reader, who imagines that the new Russian blacksmith Raspinsky, is actually the mad monk Rasputin. When Pip discovers that Raspinsky is hiding an injured man, he concludes that this person is Tsarevich Alexei who escaped execution with the Russian royal family.

***Some of the Kinder Planets***

**Tim Wynne-Jones**

**CHILD PAPERBACK Wyn**

This collection of nine short stories offers offbeat vignettes of contemporary life as well as tales of ghosts, aliens and historical figures.

***Stephen Fair***

**Tim Wynne-Jones**

**CHILD PAPERBACK Wyn**

In this ethereal novel, fifteen year old Stephen has haunting recurrent nightmares and a strong feeling that his mother is hiding something



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