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Children's and Youth Books that Inspire Environmental Stewardship Win Green Earth Book Award

2010 National Green Earth Book Award Winners Announced

February 12, 2010 -- McLean, Va. – The 2010 Newton Marasco Foundation (NMF) Annual Green Earth Book Award winners reinforce the importance of environmental stewardship to our nation's youth at a time when the country is renewing its focus on climate change and other environmental issues.



Every year, NMF, a non-profit environmental charity, partners with Salisbury University in Maryland to honor and promote environmental books that inspire young readers to appreciate and care for the environment. The Green Earth Book Award is the nation's first environmental stewardship book award for children and young adult literature.

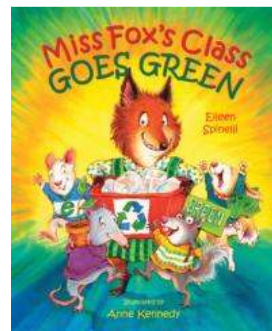
“One of the beauties of the Newton Marasco Green Earth Book Award is that it recognizes an author who's writing about a topic that is of vital importance to our Earth, yet it's an area that, until recently, received little attention,” said Pam Spencer Holley, past Green Earth Book Award judge and author of the American Library Association's *Quick and Popular Reads for Teens*.

The four winners to receive this year's 2010 Green Earth Book Awards:

Winner – Picture Book Category

Miss Fox's Class Goes Green, written by Eileen Spinelli and illustrated by Anne Kennedy
(published by Albert Whitman & Company)

Everyone in Miss Fox's class is working to keep the earth healthy.



Winner – Nonfiction Category



Earth in the Hot Seat: Bulletins from a Warming World, written by Marfe Ferguson Delano (published by National Geographic Children's Books)

A call-to-arms to help the Earth, this book explains the science of this global threat succinctly and visually.

Winner – Children’s Fiction Category

Operation Redwood, written by S. Terrell French (published by Abrams/Amulet Books)

A group of kids work together to stop plans to cut down a redwood tree forest.



Winner – Young Adult Fiction Category



The Carbon Diaries: 2015 written by Saci Lloyd (published by Holiday House)

A futuristic novel written in diary form about the challenges society faces while living on mandated carbon rations to counteract the ravages of global warming.

Over 110 books were nominated for the 2010 Green Earth Book Awards in four categories: Picture Book, for children from pre-school to age eight where the pictures and illustrations are as important as the text; Children’s Fiction, which encompasses novels for young readers up to age 12; Young Adult Fiction for readers from age 13 to 21; and Nonfiction for readers from infancy to age 21. Panels of literary and environmental professionals chose the winning books for their emphasis on environmental stewardship.

“The 2010 Green Earth Book Award goes to authors who have captured the essence of stewardship,” said Amy Marasco Newton, president and founder of the Newton Marasco Foundation. “Through their words and illustrations, these books not only raise awareness of environmental issues, but also instill a sense of responsibility for nurturing, protecting and defending the natural environment. I encourage educators, parents, grandparents,

and youth clubs to include these books in their programs to help spread the word of what the next generation of environmental stewards can accomplish!"

Each award includes \$2,000 to the winning author and illustrator, as well as the contribution of winning books to schools and youth organizations in the Greater Washington DC area.

In addition to the award winners, the **2010 Honor Books** are:

A Place for Birds, written by Melissa Stewart and illustrated by Higgins Bond (published by Peachtree Publishers)

A Summer of Silk Moths, written by Margaret Willey (published by Flux)

Heroes of the Environment, written by Harriet Rohmer and illustrated by Julie McLaughlin (published by Chronicle Books)

Mission: Save the Planet and *Mission: Planet Earth*, written by Sally Ride & Tom O'Shaughnessy (published by Roaring Brook, An Imprint of MacMillan Children's Publishing Group)

Recycle this Book: 100 Top Children's Authors Tell You How to Go Green, written by Dan Gutman (published by Random House Children's Books)

Redwoods, written and illustrated by Jason Chin (published by Roaring Brook Press, An Imprint of MacMillan Children's Publishing Group)

SCAT, written by Carl Hiaasen (published by Random House Children's Books)

The Curious Garden, written and illustrated by Peter Brown (published by Little Brown Books for Young Readers)

The Frog Scientist, written by Pamela S. Turner and photographed by Andy Comis (published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Children)

Since 2005, the Newton Marasco Foundation has honored 19 books with the Green Earth Book Award and recognized 39 Honor Books. The awards are part of the annual Children's and Young Adult Literature Festival at Salisbury University, located on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Awards will be presented to the winning authors on April 9, 2010 at Poplar Hill Mansion in Salisbury, Maryland. Authors are scheduled to make class presentations and book signings at local schools and bookstores.

The 2010 Green Earth Book Awards are supported by Salisbury University and NMF's Sustainable Corporate Partners, whose gifts have provided a substantial opportunity for the growth of Newton Marasco Foundation's mission. Through their philanthropic activities, these partners are making environmental stewardship and education accessible to youth across the country. The Foundation greatly appreciates our 2010 Sustainable Corporate Partner's to-date, Project Performance Corporation and Booz Allen Hamilton.

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