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**THE SOCIETY OF CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS ANNOUNCES THE  
WINNERS AND HONOREES OF THE 2007 GOLDEN KITE AWARDS**

*The Golden Kite Award is the only award presented to children's book authors and artists by their peers.*

**Golden Kite Award Winners:**

**Fiction:**

**HOME OF THE BRAVE**

by Katherine Applegate  
Feiwel and Friends

**Nonfiction:**

**MUCKRAKERS**

by Ann Bausum  
National Geographic Society

**Picture Book Text:**

**PIERRE IN LOVE**

by Sara Pennypacker, illustrated by Petra Mathers  
Orchard Books

**Picture Book Illustration:**

**LITTLE NIGHT**

Illustrated and written by Yuyi Morales  
Roaring Brook Press

**Golden Kite Honor Recipients:**

**Fiction:**

**EMMA-JEAN LAZARUS FELL OUT OF A TREE**

by Lauren Tarshis  
Dial Books for Young Readers

**Nonfiction:**

**1607: A NEW LOOK AT JAMESTOWN**

by Karen Lange  
National Geographic Society

**Picture Book Text:**

**THE END**

by David LaRochelle, illustrated by Richard Egielski  
Arthur A. Levine Books, an imprint of Scholastic Inc.

**Picture Book Illustration:**

**WHO PUT THE B IN BALLYHOO?**

Illustrated and written by Carlyn Beccia  
Houghton Mifflin Company

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The **Golden Kite Awards**, given annually to recognize excellence in children's literature, grant cash prizes of \$2,500 to author and illustrator winners in four categories: Fiction, Nonfiction, Picture Book Text, and Picture Book Illustration. Authors and illustrators will receive an expense-paid trip to Los Angeles to attend the award ceremony at the Golden Kite Luncheon at SCBWI's Annual Summer Conference in August.

The SCBWI recognizes the work of editors and art directors who play pivotal roles in shaping the Golden Kite-winning books. Editors of winning books will receive \$1,000, and for the winning book in the Picture Book Illustration category, an additional \$1,000 will be given to the book's art director.

The Golden Kite Awards are given each year to the most outstanding children's books published during the previous year, and written or illustrated by members of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. Four panels of three judges each (one panel for each category, consisting of author or illustrator members of SCBWI whose own works are that of the category being judged), award the titles they feel exhibit excellence in writing or illustration, and that genuinely appeal to the interests and concerns of children. An Honor Book plaque is awarded in each category as well. A certificate of acknowledgment is presented to the author of the picture book illustration award book and the illustrator of the picture book text award book.

#### **About the 2007 Golden Kite Award Recipients**

*Home of the Brave* author Katherine Applegate has also written the bestselling science fiction series *Animorphs*, *Everworld* and *Remnants*. Ann Bausum, who writes U.S. history for young people, is the author of the Golden Kite Nonfiction-winning *Muckrakers*. 2006 Sid Fleischman Award-winner for *Clementine*, Sara Pennypacker is the author of this year's Picture Book Text-winner *Pierre in Love*. Yuyi Morales, author and illustrator of *Little Night* also illustrated *Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez*.

#### **About the 2007 Golden Kite Honor Recipients**

Lauran Tarshis is the editor of Scholastic's *Storyworks* magazine; *Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree* is her first novel. Karen Lange's first children's book, *1607: A New Look at Jamestown*, is this year's Golden Kite Nonfiction Honor Award recipient. David LaRochelle, author of *The End*, won the 2005 Sid Fleischman Humor Award for *Absolutely Positively Not*. Carlyn Beccia, illustrator and author of *Who Put the B in Ballyhoo?* receives the Picture Book Illustration honor award.

#### **General Information**

Founded in 1971, the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators is one of the largest existing writers' and illustrators' organizations, with over 20,000 members worldwide. It is the only organization specifically for those working in the fields of children's literature, magazines, film, television, and multimedia. The organization was founded by Stephen Mooser (President) and Lin Oliver (Executive Director), both of whom are well-published children's book authors and leaders in the world of children's literature. Several of the most prestigious children's literature professionals sit on the SCBWI Board of Directors.

The Golden Kite Awards will be presented to the winners on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Golden Kite Luncheon. This luncheon is part of the SCBWI's 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Writing and Illustrating for Children, taking place at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel August 1-4, 2008.

A list of previous Golden Kite Award winners and honor books is available on the SCBWI's website: [www.scbwi.org](http://www.scbwi.org).

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