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The Canadian Library Association Announces 2015 Book of the Year for Children Award Shortlist

(Ottawa, March 6, 2015) –The Canadian Library Association / Association canadienne des bibliothèques proudly presents the shortlist for the 2015 Book of the Year for Children Award.

This respected award honours a book published in Canada in 2014 by a Canadian author that appeals to readers aged 12 and younger. On behalf of the children of Canada, we salute the efforts and accomplishments of these writers, and thank them and their publishers for providing our children with an inspired collection of new titles. The award is generously sponsored by Library Services Centre.

We are lucky to celebrate the wealth of extraordinary children's writers in Canada with this award, and were provided with 190 titles to consider this year. After thorough reading and review, 50 were long-listed, and today we announce the 10 finalists for the 2015 CLA Book of the Year for Children Award, in alphabetical order by author:

- **Boundless** by Kenneth Oppel (HarperCollins Canada)
- **The Night Gardner** by Jonathan Auxier (Penguin Canada)
- **Walking Home** by Eric Walters (Doubleday Canada)
- **Swallow: A Ghost Story** by Charis Cotter (Tundra)
- **The End of the Line** by Sharon McKay (Annick)
- **Lord and Lady Bunny Almost Royalty** by Polly Horvath (Groundwood)
- **Circus Dogs of Prague** by Rachelle Delaney (Penguin)
- **It's Catching: The Infectious World of Germs and Microbes** by Jennifer Gardey (OWL)
- **The Elevator Ghost** by Glen Huser (Groundwood)
- **Rain Shadow** by Valerie Sherrard (Fitzhenry & Whiteside)

The winner of the award will be announced during the week of April 20th. The award will be presented during the CLA National Conference and Trade Show at the Shaw Centre, Ottawa on June 4th, 2015 at the Book Awards reception generously sponsored by TD Bank Group and Library Services Centre.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the 2013-2014 CLA Book of the Year for Children Award Jury:

- Rachel Seigel, Sales & Selection Strategist, EduCan Media, Toronto, ON
- Jaclyn McLean, Librarian, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK
- Marilyn Willis, Retired Library Coordinator, Georgetown, ON
- Reta Pyke, Librarian, Port Moody Public Library, Vancouver, BC
- Lynn Amann- Children's Librarian, Rossland Library

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