

# The Blueberry Award



## Welcome

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# The Blueberry Award



The Blueberry Award celebrates children's books that inspire a love of nature and action for planet Earth for children between the ages of 3-10.



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- Proffers excellence in children's literature in writing, art, and design
- Shares nature, nature intersections, or climate peril with kids in developmentally appropriate, truthful ways
- Reflects the diversity of people in our world
- Delivers content grounded in real science
- Incites kids to action that would make a real difference
- *Bonus: Topics that coincide with the City of Evanston's Climate Action and Resilience Plan (CARP) goals!*



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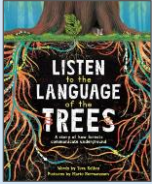
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## The Blueberry Award Winner 2022



The Blueberry Award Winner is:  
*Listen to the Language of the Trees:  
A Story of How Forest Communicate  
Underground*

by Tera Kelley  
illustrated by Marie Hermansson

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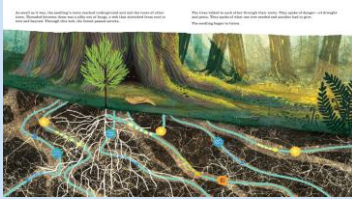
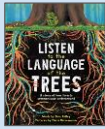
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## Blueberry Award Booktalks: Nonfiction Picture Books 2022



Age Range: 4 - 8 Years

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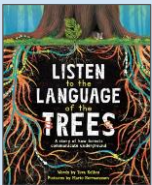
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## The Blueberry Award Winner 2022



I am so honored that *Listen to the Language of the Trees* has won first place in the Blueberry Awards! I hope my book helps children keep marveling at and connecting to forests—where cooperation is just as common as competition, where individual trees recognize their kin and send them extra resources, and fungi and trees negotiate an unruly partnership. Thank you so much for selecting my book! Thank you Blueberry Awards for supporting books that connect children with nature!

Tera Kelley (author)

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The Blueberry Award 2022 - Illustrators Speak

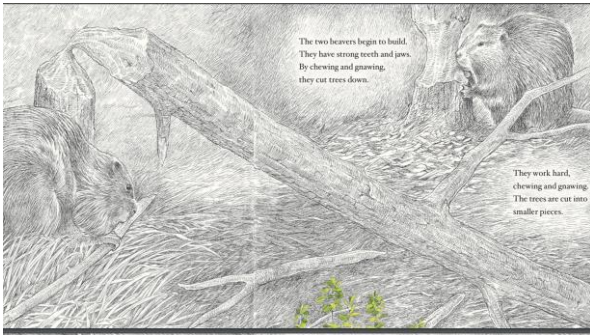


This is great news! Thank you very much for sharing it with me. What an honor.

Henry Cole (author)

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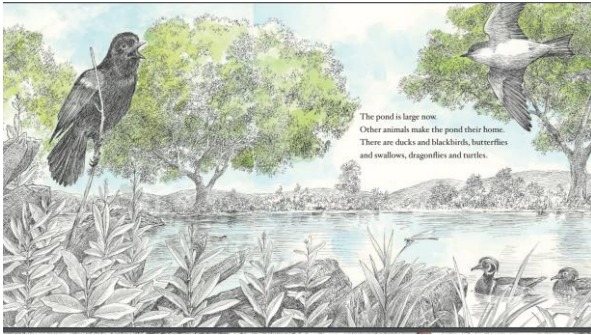
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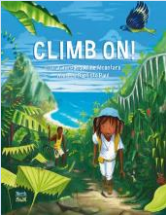
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### Blueberry Award Booktalks: Honor Picture Books 2022



What's a kid do when your dad wants to watch TV on a beautiful day? Get ready to climb the highest mountain and to scale the steepest paths. A hiking book with a view to remember.

by Baptiste Paul  
illustrated by Agee Botte

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Morning, Dad!  
Mornin', it's a great day for watching Futbol!

Hi, Dad!  
It's a great day for hiking. Summer!  
To the top! Dad!

Daddy, it's called the summit!

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**Blueberry Award  
Booktalks:  
Honor Board Books 2022**



Meet nature's oddballs in this charming and beautifully illustrated board book about some of the most unique birds in the world.

by Laura Gehl  
illustrated by Gareth Lucas  
Age Range: 2 -4 years

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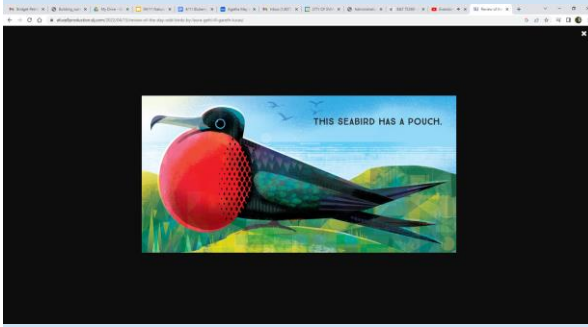
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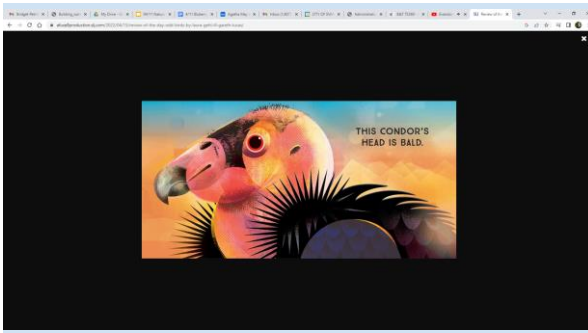
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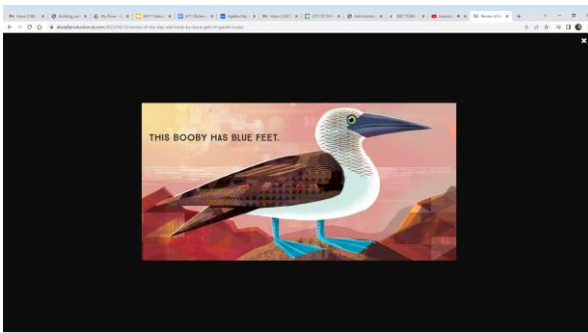
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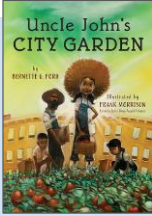
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### The Blueberry Award 2022 - Authors Speak



Hip hip hooray!!

Thanks so much, John means a lot to me. I grew up with a garden. My grandmother, brother and I would tend to it during the summer months. I'd get in trouble sometimes for making the rows zigzag. I guess that was the artist in me. Well that is the clean version my grandma wasn't poetic... What amazed me was Grandma would not be scared of the bugs. Pardon me, the big ole bugs. I was, then one day I wasn't. Life is funny that way.

Frank Morrison (author)

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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### Blueberry Award Booktalks: Honor Nonfiction Picture Books 2022



From brilliant green eggs to pink sweat and blue blood, the natural world loves a hidden surprise. Check out these creatures and critters, captured on film, and perfect for read alouds.

by Jane Park

Age Range: 5-8 years

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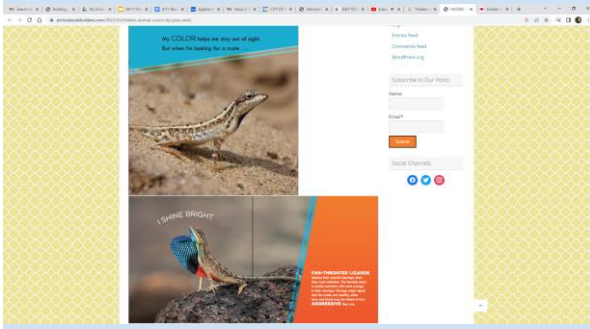
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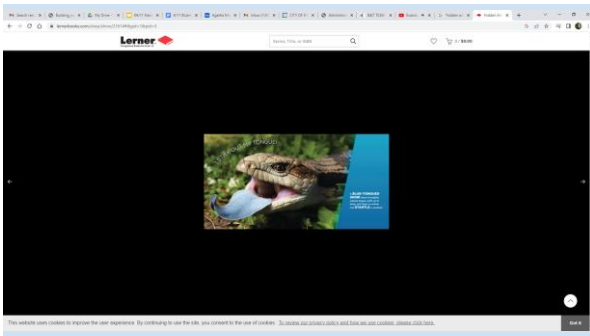
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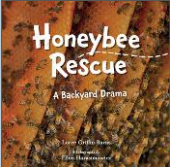
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### Blueberry Award Booktalks:

## Honor Nonfiction Picture Books 2022



Follow honeybee rescuer Mr. Nelson as he expertly removes a colony of bees from Mr. Connery's barn (with a vacuum!) and helps it relocate back to a hive. Nature lovers and scientists-to-be will be abuzz as they learn all the ways to keep honeybees (and our ecosystem) safe.

**by Loree Griffin Burns**  
**photography by Ellen Harasimowicz**  
**Age Range: 5 - 8 years**

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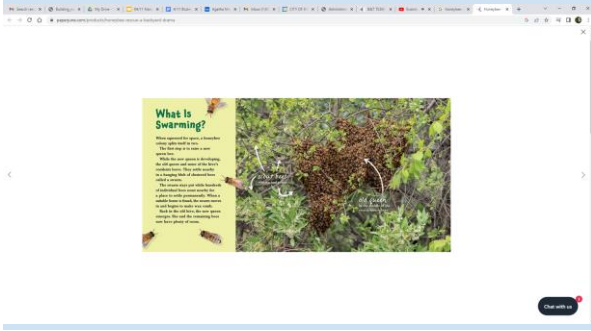
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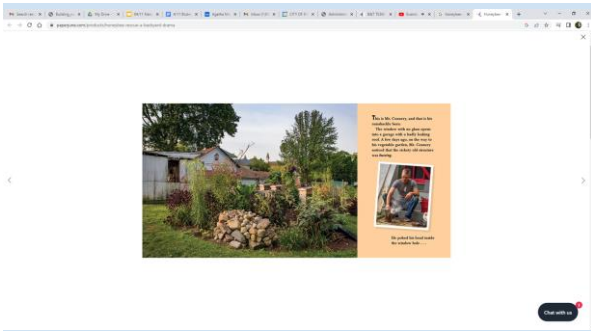
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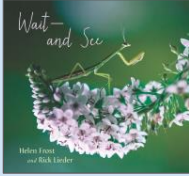
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### Blueberry Award Booktalks: Honor Poetry Books 2022



If a quick small movement takes you by surprise/ stop and look - move nothing but your eyes." Jaw-dropping photography accompanies a delicate poem following the life of an ever patient praying mantis.

by Helen Frost  
photography by Rick Lieder  
Age Range: 3 - 7 years (and up!)

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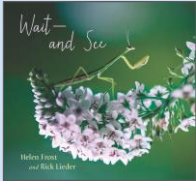
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### The Blueberry Award 2022 - Authors Speak



What wonderful news! Thank you so much for letting us know. I can think of many places to share this list, and I look forward to being a part of your great network. Yay!

Helen Frost (author)

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This book urges kids to slow down and wait, just like the praying mantis, in order to enjoy all that nature has to offer.



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### Blueberry Award Booktalks: Honor Picture Books 2022



When a daydream-prone student is allowed to research her favorite creature, the anglerfish, she dazzles her classmates and teacher with her report!

by Nora Morrison and Jessie Ann Foley  
illustrated by Mika Song  
Age Range: 5 - 8 years

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Another girl nearby would steal her chair seat.  
Oh, Mrs. Shuster was simply the worst!

So she went to call attention while girls pushed their laptops  
crossed arms, crossed feet, and to inspect.  
The narwhal was chosen, the walrus and whale,  
agony, wondrous, sharks of all sizes.

The Sandtrax snatched from the waters of Yonah,  
the Dunderberg crab that swims so good with lemon.  
Next were the dolphins, with all its charms,  
and both the octopus, with all its arms.



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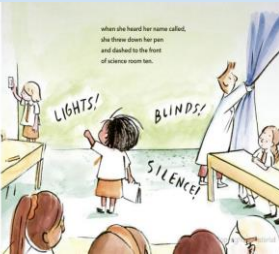
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Each student was ready  
to present that Monday  
though perhaps none so ready  
as Agatha May.



when she heard her name called,  
she threw down her pen  
and dashed to the front  
of science room ten.

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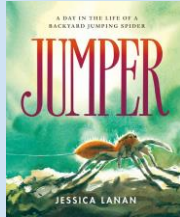
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### The Blueberry 2023 Books we love

A bold nonfiction story following a day in the life of a backyard jumping spider—meticulously researched and utterly charming

Age Range: 4- 8 years



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### The Blueberry 2023 Books we love



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### The Blueberry 2023 Books we love



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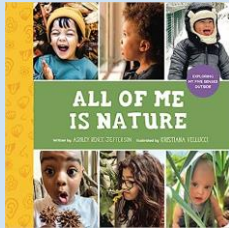
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### The Blueberry 2023 Books we love

There is no better way to learn about our five senses than stepping outside! Follow kids of all colors, genders, and ability levels, as they explore nature with their fingers, toes, noses, ears, and taste buds. Written as a sweet poem that will become an anthem for all nature explorations, these beautiful full-color photographs show how we can sense and experience nature everywhere.

Age Range: 2 - 6 years



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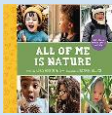
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### The Blueberry 2023 Books we love



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### The Blueberry 2023 Books we love

One Tiny Treefrog A Countdown to Survival by Tony Piedra and Mackenzie Joy An fun counting book giving kids a taste of how predation works.

Age Range: 4-8 years



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**The Blueberry 2023 Books we love**



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**The Blueberry 2023 Books we love**



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**The Baby Blueberry: A List JUST for this Webinar!**

We compiled a list of the best nature board books of the last 2 years as recommended by Betsy Bird in her national column in School Library Journal, plus some additions:

<https://www.epl.org/booklist/best-nature-books-for-babies-toddlers-preschoolers-baby-blueberry/>

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**The Baby Blueberry: A List JUST for this Webinar!**



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**The Baby Blueberry: A List JUST for this Webinar!**

For the teenies!  
(0-6 months)



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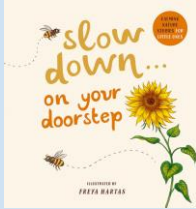


### The Baby Blueberry: A List JUST for this Webinar!

Slow Down...On your Doorstep: Calming Nature Stories for Little Ones by Rachel Williams

Discover a magical world of nature on your doorstep. Charming rhyming verse presents six mindful moments—including a squirrel burying a nut and a rainbow forming on a rainy day—to the youngest readers.

Age Range: 1 - 3 years



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### The Baby Blueberry: A List JUST for this Webinar!



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### How can I use these lists?

The Blueberry List & the Nature Board Book List are great for:

- Inspiring your storytimes
- Starting a STEM activity: planting a seed, looking for bugs or birds, taking a nature walk, visiting a local garden or wetland, sorting seeds or creating designs with seeds, sticks, rocks & more!
- Selecting a weekly theme: Backyard Bugs, Gardening Week
- Sharing with your students' parents to guide them to the best books for their children
- Using for Earth Day - hand out, storytime, sharing with partners
- Collaborating with the local library or parks department on an outdoor book walk or outdoor storytime!

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## The Blueberry Award 2022

How to get the Blueberry list, the Blueberry flyer and even Blueberry Spine labels?

[www.epl.org/blueberry-award-info/](http://www.epl.org/blueberry-award-info/)

How to get just the Nature Board Book List:

[www.epl.org/booklist/best-nature-books-for-babies-toddlers-preschoolers-baby-blueberry/](http://www.epl.org/booklist/best-nature-books-for-babies-toddlers-preschoolers-baby-blueberry/)

Join this simple climate action! Spread the word!

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