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Colorado Book Awards Children's Literature Finalists Read

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO

The Colorado Book Awards Children's Literature finalists will read in-person Friday, April 29, 2022 at 4 p.m. MT at The Bookies Bookstore in Denver.

Attendees can pose questions and talk with the finalists, and finalist books will be available for purchase at The Bookies Bookstore.

Register for this free event and view the full finalists reading schedule at coloradohumanities.org/programs/colorado-book-awards/

Children's Literature Finalists

The Beak Book

Birds around the world have so many amazing kinds of beaks. Discover how beaks of different shapes and sizes are adapted to help birds sip nectar, make nests, battle for mates, and more. Robin Page has written and illustrated several picture books, including the 2003 Caldecott Honor recipient *What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?* that she created with her husband Steve Jenkins, and *A Chicken Followed Me Home*. Robin and Steve live in Boulder, Colorado.

Read Island

A rhyming celebration of nature, books, and the importance of stories, *Read Island* invites you to experience the diversity and wonder of a hidden and wild place. Nicole Magistro owned The Bookworm bookstore in Edwards, Colorado for 15 years, wrote thousands of book reviews, and is a mentor, journalist, consultant, and community leader. Alice Feagan is a children's book creator known for her distinct cut-paper collage style in *The Collectors and School Days Around the World*. She creates playful illustrations for children's books, magazines, apps, educational products, and games. Alice and Nicole both live in Edwards, CO.

Hugsby

When Shelly adopts her pet monster Hugsby she loves everything about him. It doesn't matter that he can't do fancy tricks, or whistle, or blow bubbles. He gives the best hugs ever. Dow Phumiruk is a clinically retired pediatrician and the author/illustrator of 10 books with six more on the way. Her debut book, *Mela and the Elephant*, was a Colorado Book Awards finalist in 2019, and her book with author Helaine Becker, *Counting on Katherine*, is a Cook Prize winner. She also contributed to *New York*

Times' bestselling author Kelly Yang's forthcoming picture book, *Yes We Will: Asian Americans Who Shaped Our Country*. Dow lives in Lone Tree, CO.

With thanks to our partners, BookBar and The Bookies Bookstore, our sponsor United for Literacy, and our media sponsor The Colorado Sun, finalists will be celebrated and winners announced on June 25, 2022 (location TBD).

Colorado Humanities joins with hundreds of program partners statewide to design and provide education resources and programs in history, reading, and writing, as well as offering opportunities for conversations about challenging questions.

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