

Children's Books

In the first prize winner, bold hand-silk-screened pictures in the Warli tradition of folk painting, and striking type printed in red or blue, are beautifully matched with each other and with the paper stock. Like the screening and printing, the paper originates in India; made of rice husk and cotton fibre, it adds texture and additional colour. All seem perfect for the folk-tale text. The second-prize winner looks as colourful and fast-paced as its subject, with action shots of a team of high-school learners treated the same as those of professional players. An identically designed pair of nature books share third prize for their clear, eye-catching layout which incorporates observation, experiment, and review in the text, along with large clear drawings of nature and the children who study it. Many children's books separate a block of text from the predominating illustration on a page, too often creating harsh clashes; honourable mention goes to an effective variant of the technique in which the illustration is faded behind the text block.

First Prize

The Very Hungry Lion, a Folktale; adapted by Gita Wolf; art by Indrapramit Roy.
Toronto: Annick Press, distributed by Firefly Books Ltd.
ISBN 1-55037-461-3 (24pp., hbk) \$24.95.
500 copies signed by the author and illustrator as a limited edition.
ISBN 1-55037-481-8, \$29.95.
Designer: Tara Publishing and Annick Press.
Printer: C.Arumugam, amm Screens, India.

Second Prize

Hockey the NHL Way: The Basics [by] Sean Rossiter; foreword by Pat Quinn.
Vancouver: Greystone Books,
Douglas & McIntyre.
ISBN 1-55054-499-3 (92pp., pbk) \$14.95.
Designer: Peter Cocking
Printer: Friesens

Third Prize (tie)

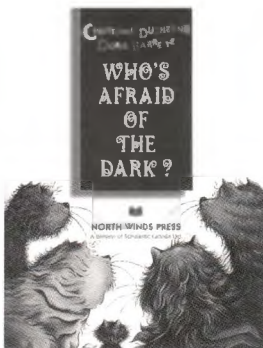
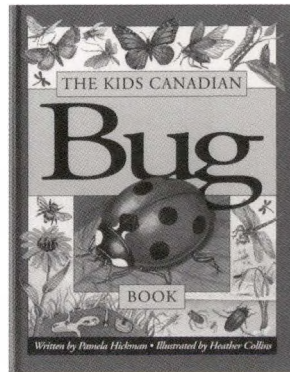
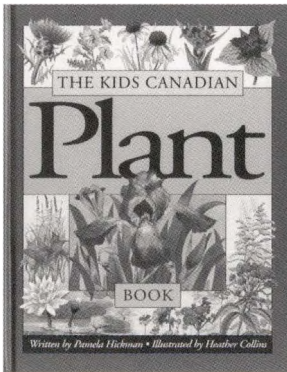
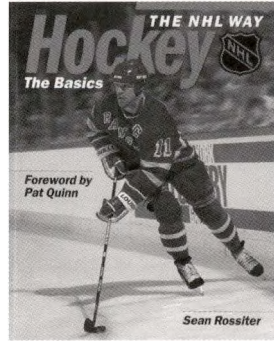
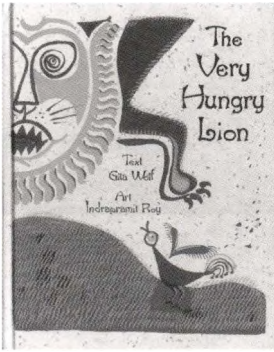
The Kids Canadian Bug Book; written by Pamela Hickman, illustrated by Heather Collins.
Toronto: Kids Can Press Ltd.
ISBN 1-55074-231-0 (32pp., hbk) \$14.95.
Also published in a French-language edition as: *Les insectes*
Richmond Hill: Éditions Scholastic
ISBN 0-590-16470-8 (pbk). \$8.99.
Designer: Blair Kerrigan/Glyphics.
Printer: Wing King Tong Co. Ltd., Hong Kong.

Third Prize (tie)

The Kids Canadian Plant Book; written by Pamela Hickman, illustrated by Heather Collins.
Toronto: Kids Can Press Ltd.
ISBN 1-55074-233-7 (32pp., hbk) \$14.95.
Designer: Blair Kerrigan/Glyphics.
Printer: Wing King Tong Co. Ltd., Hong Kong.

Honourable Mention

Who's Afraid of the Dark? [by] Christiane Duchesne [and] Doris Barrette.
Richmond Hill: North Winds Press, a division of Scholastic Canada Ltd.
ISBN 0-590-24448-5 (29pp., hbk) \$16.99.
Also published in a French-language edition as: *Qui a peur, la nuit?*
Richmond Hill: Éditions Scholastic.
ISBN 0-590-24449-3 (pbk) \$8.99
Designer: Yüksel Hassan
Printer: Friesens



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