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Hackmatack Announces the Winners of the 2016 Awards

The winners of the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award 2016 were announced at a ceremony on Friday, April 29 the Capitol Theatre in Moncton, New Brunswick. **Sharon E. McKay**, the author of *The End of the Line*, was the winner in the English fiction category. **Joel A. Sutherland**, received the English non-fiction award for his book *Haunted Canada 4: More True Tales of Terror*. The winner of the French fiction category was **Yvon Brochu** for *À nous deux !*. **Marc Trudel** received the award in French non-fiction for his book *Albert le curieux : La science*.

The End of the Line tells the story of Beatrix, a five-year-old Jewish girl who is taken in by strangers after her mother is dragged off an Amsterdam train by a Nazi official. Award-winning author Sharon McKay combines history and fiction to tell a gripping but age-appropriate Holocaust story.

Haunted Canada 4: More True Tales of Terror is full of more than 25 sinister, unsettling, and absolutely true ghost stories from across Canada. The book's author, Joel Sutherland, describes himself as a ghost hunter, a barbarian librarian and a bibliophile. His book *Haunted Canada 5: Terrifying True Stories* is nominated for Hackmatack 2016-17.

À nous deux ! tells the story of a hockey trio with a new member named Li-Na. Li-Na's arrival cause some friction, both on and off the ice. Author Yvon Brochu deals with some troubling issues, but his light, humourous touch makes this a great read for both boys and girls ages 8 to 12.

Albert le curieux : La science is a book that makes science fun. The author explains very simple but interesting scientific experiments. With the inspiration of scientific principles, readers will learn, among other things, to levitate a ball, hypnotize arms and even build a bridge.

The Hackmatack Award ceremony was the culmination of this year's award week, during which 16 of the nominated Canadian authors visited participating schools and libraries in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and the Prince Edward Island. Thousands of children from grades four to six, participated this year by reading the forty nominated books.

To see the new nominated books for the 2016/2017 Hackmatack Award and to get more information about the award program, check out our website at www.hackmatack.ca

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