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Hackmatack Announces the Winners of the 2017 Awards

The winners of the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award 2017 were announced at a ceremony on Friday, May 5 at the Central Library in Halifax, Nova Scotia. **Vivien Gorham**, the author of ***Touch of Gold***, was the winner in the English fiction category. **Joel A. Sutherland** received the English non-fiction award for his book ***Haunted Canada 5: Terrifying True Stories***. The winner of the French fiction category was Maxim Cyr for ***Victor et Igor : Robotique 101***. **Sylvie Roberge** received the award in French non-fiction for her book ***Le vol TS-236***.

Touch of Gold is the story of a shy 13-year-old girl named Jamie who moves with her mom to rural Nova Scotia after her parents' divorce. She forms a bond with a neglected horse, and gets drawn into the exciting world of competitive horseback riding. *Touch of Gold* is Vivien Gorham's first novel.

Haunted Canada 5: Terrifying True Stories contains more than 25 terrifying new tales of ghostly encounters and mysterious phenomena that are guaranteed to keep kids across the country awake and screaming. His book *Haunted Canada 4: More True Tales of Terror* won the Hackmatack English non-fiction award last year.

Victor et Igor : Robotique 101 is a graphic novel. The characters, Victor and Igor, are the result of experimentation led by inventors specialized in genetic manipulation and robotics. Failed experiments, quirky and preposterous situations multiply for everyone's pleasure.

Le vol TS-236 is a true story in the form of a graphic novel. At the helm of an Air Bus A-330 flying to Lisbon, the commander Robert Piché has to face an engine failure and land in distress in the Azores. During the whole flight, that will mark his life forever, Robert Piché flashes back to his childhood memories.

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 in grades 4 to 6 participated this year by reading the 40 nominated books.

To see the new nominated books for the 2017/2018 Hackmatack Award and to get more information about the award program, check out our website at hackmatack.ca

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