

HACKMATAACK SHORTLIST 2026-27

ENGLISH FICTION

Black Boy Black Boy †*

by Angela Bowden,
illustrated by Ibeabuchi Ananaba
Nimbus Publishing, 2025
9781774713617 \$24.95 (hc, 36 pages)
School age picture book

Butter Tart Island †

by Hope Dalvay
Acorn Press, 2025
9781773661742 \$17.95 (pb, 320 pages)
Middle grade novel

The City of Lost Cats

by Tanya Lloyd Kyi
Tundra, 2025
9781774882122 \$12.99 (pb, 276 pages)
Middle grade novel

Death by Whoopee Cushion †

by Vicki Grant
Tundra, 2025
9781774884683 \$17.99 (pb 250 pages)
Middle grade novel

No Purchase Necessary *

by Maria Marianayagam
HarperCollins Canada, 2025
9781443472616 \$17.99 (pb, 237 pages)
Middle grade novel

One Beaded Earring *

by Pat Lamondin Skene,
illustrated by Natalie Laurin
Orca Book Publishers, 2025
9781459841598 \$8.95 (pb, 89 pages)
First chapter book

Queenie Jean is in Trouble Again

by Christine Read
Heritage House, 2025
9781772034790 \$14.95 (pb, 210 pages)
Middle grade novel

Ra! Ta! Ma! Cue! *

by Howie Shia
Annick Press, 2025
9781773219905 \$24.99 (pb, 72 pages)
School-age picture book

A Storm Unleashed

by Carol Matas
Scholastic Canada, 2025
9781039701779 \$12.99 (pb, 236 pages)

Touching Grass *

by Kristy Jackson, illustrated by Rhael McGregor
HarperCollins Canada, 2025
9781443472234 \$21.99 (hc, 319 pages)

ENGLISH NONFICTION

Burst Your Bubble!

by Joyce Grant, illustrated by Jan Dolby
Owlkids, 2025
9781771477123 \$22.99 (hc, 48 pages)

The Buzz on Wild Bees

by Kira Vermond, Illustrated by June Steube
Owlkids, 2025
9781771476171 \$22.95 (hc, 40 pages)

Cracking the Code: The Human Quest to Uncover Secrets

by Rachel Kehoe, illustrated by Meegan Lim
Orca Book Publishers, 2025
9781459839595 \$29.95 (hc, 96 pages)

Feeling Your Feelings

by Tanya Lloyd Kyi, illustrated by Phil Nicholls
Kids Can Press, 2025
9781525311277 \$19.99 (hc, 48 pages)

I Am Wind

by Rachel Poliquin, illustrated by
Rachel Wada
Tundra, 2025
9780735272187 \$26.99 (hc, 80 pages)

Meet Fredrick Banting

by Elizabeth Macleod, illustrated by Mike Deas
Scholastic Canada, 2025
9781039707856 \$18.99 (hc, 32 pages)

Octopus Ocean

by Mark Leiren-Young
Orca Book Publishers, 2025
9781459838956 \$24.95 (hc, 104 pages)

Plant Attack! : The Fascinating Ways Flora Defends Itself

by Erin Silver, illustrated by Julie McLaughlin
Orca Book Publishers, 2025
9781459837973 \$21.95 (hc, 32 pages)

Star Sailor: The Story of Words

by Sara Cassidy, illustrated by
Julie McLaughlin
Orca Book Publishers, 2025
9781459836631 \$21.95 (hc, 40 pages)

The True Story of Vanilla

by Ann Richards, illustrated by Arden Taylor
Orca Book Publishers, 2025
9781459838444 \$24.95 (hc, 104 pages)

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