

## 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)

### **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 Vermont, 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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