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## The Society Of Children's Book Writers And Illustrators Announces The Winners Of The First Annual Crystal Kite Member Choice Awards

**Monday, May 3, 2011, LOS ANGELES**—The SCBWI is pleased to announce the winners of the inaugural 2011 Crystal Kite Member Choice Awards:

### Africa

- **Maja Sereda** - *A Kite's Flight* (Jacana Media)

### Australia

- **Claire M. Saxby** - *There Was an Old Sailor* (Walker Books Australia)

### California/Hawaii

- **Deborah Underwood** - *The Quiet Book* (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children)

### Florida/Georgia/South Carolina/North Carolina/Alabama/Mississippi

- **Jo S. Kittinger** - *Rosa's Bus: The Ride to Civil Rights* (Boyd's Mills Press)

### Kansas/Louisiana/Arkansas/Tennessee/Kentucky/Missouri

- **Kristin O'Donnell Tubb** - *Selling Hope* (Feiwel and Friends)

### Middle East/India/Asia

- **Monika Schröder** *Saraswati's Way* (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, Inc.)

### Minnesota/Iowa/Nebraska/Wisconsin/Illinois/Michigan/Indiana/Ohio

- **Ann M. Angel** - *Janis Joplin Rise Up Singing* (Amulet Books)

### Nevada/Arizona/Utah/Colorado/Wyoming/New Mexico

- **Sydney Salter Husseman** - *Swoon At Your Own Risk* (Harcourt Children's Books)

### New England (Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island)

- **Brian Lies** - *Bats at the Ballgame* (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children)

### New York

- **Kate Messner** - *Sugar and Ice* (Walker Books)

### Pennsylvania/Delaware/New Jersey/Wash DC/Virginia/West Virginia/Maryland

- **Kathryn D. Erskine** - *Mockingbird* (Philomel Books - Penguin Young Readers Group)

### Texas/Oklahoma

- **Tammi Sauer** - *Mostly Monsterly* (Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing)

### The Americas (Canada/Mexico/Central & South America)

- **Marsha Skrypuch** - *Stolen Child* (Scholastic Canada)

### UK/Europe

- **Candy Gourlay** - *Tall Story* (Random House Children's Books)

### Washington/Oregon/Alaska/Idaho/Montana/North Dakota/South Dakota

- **Bonny J. Becker** - *A Bedtime for Bear* (Candlewick Press)

**About the Crystal Kite Awards**

The Crystal Kite Awards are given by the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators to recognize great books from the 70 SCBWI regions around the world. Along with the SCBWI Golden Kite Awards, the Crystal Kite Awards are chosen by other children's book writers and illustrators, making them the only peer-given awards in publishing for young readers.

Lin Oliver, SCBWI Executive Director says of the awards, "We are so pleased to be able to offer an award that helps to promote regional diversity in the field of children's books," she continued, "It is our goal to help each of our published members find ways to promote and market their work through a variety of programs, resources and awards."

SCBWI President Stephen Mooser added, "In a time when marketing budgets are being scaled back by publishers these awards were established to create a way for more of our members to receive national recognition for their books."

**About SCBWI**

Founded in 1971, the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators is one of the largest existing writers' and illustrators' organizations, with over 22,000 members worldwide. It is the only organization specifically for those working in the fields of children's literature, magazines, film, television, and multimedia. The organization was founded by Stephen Mooser (President) and Lin Oliver (Executive Director), both of whom are well-published children's book authors and leaders in the world of children's literature. For more information about the Crystal Kite Award, please visit [www.scbwi.org](http://www.scbwi.org), and click "Awards & Grants."

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