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THE JOHN BURROUGHS LIST OF NATURE BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS FOR 2008

The John Burroughs Association, founded and headquartered at the American Museum of Natural history, announces the results of its twentieth annual competition for outstanding natural history books for young readers. The 2008 list will be formally recognized at the Association's literary award ceremony on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 12 Noon at the Museum.

Four books on the 2008 list contain rewarding observations that come to naturalists, authors and illustrators after patient hours of personal observation.

Books added to the list this year:

Finding Home, Sandra Markle, author, Alan Marks, illustrator, Charlesbridge, (2008).

How We Know What We Know About Our Changing Climate, Lynne Cherry, and Gary Braasch, authors. Dawn Publications, (2008).

Ice Bears, Brenda Z. Guiberson, author and Ilya Spirin, illustrator, Henry Holt & Company/Macmillan, (2008).

Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa, Jeanette Winter author and illustrator, Harcourt, Inc, (2008).

Winter Trees, Carole Gerber, author and Leslie Evans, illustrator, Charlesbridge, (2008).

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The John Burroughs List of Nature Books for Young Readers, established in 1988, is named in honor of the Hudson river naturalist and essayist. A pioneer of nature study, John Burroughs (1837-1921) was one of America's most widely read authors. A hundred years ago, his nature essays for children were published in special school editions and caused nature study to blossom in classrooms all over America. In recognizing his efforts to awaken interest in young naturalists, the Association has selected books that present perceptive and artistic accounts of direct experiences in the world of nature.

The award is bestowed at the annual meeting of the Burroughs Association at a luncheon that will be held at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.

The John Burroughs Association, a membership organization of conservation and environmental literary professionals and stewards dedicated to preserving the environment, gives the award that encourages writing in the Burroughs tradition and maintains sites associated with the famous naturalist John Burroughs.

The Association publishes the newsletter ***Wake-Robin***. For reservations and more information, and/or a complete list of the John Burroughs List of Nature books for Young Readers, write the John Burroughs Association, 15 West 77th Street, New York, NY 10024, or visit our website at <http://research.amnh.org/burroughs/>. For further information about the John Burroughs List of Nature Books for Young Readers Award, please contact Lisa Breslof at 212-769-5169.

