27th Annual
Zena Sutherland Awards
for Children’s Literature

University of Chicago
Laboratory Schools
April 28th, 2021 at 9:15 am
The 2021 Zena Sutherland Committee

Suna Choi-Hortaçsu, Lila Coyne, Juliana Daugherty, Lily Davidson, Bella Fuller, Alethia Ikem, Theo Lach, Dina Letko, Celia Lukas, Eva Neves, Caroline Skelly, Anna Umscheid, Austen Wu

This Year’s Nominees

The Blue House
by Phoebe Wahl

Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks
written by Suzanne Slade; illustrated by Cozbi A. Cabrera

I Talk Like a River
written by Jordan Scott; illustrated by Sydney Smith

Night Walk to the Sea: A Story about Rachel Carson, Earth’s Protector
written by Deborah Wiles; illustrated by Daniel Miyares

We Are Water Protectors
written by Carole Lindstrom; illustrated by Michaela Goade

Program of Events

Welcome: Anna Umscheid

Introduction of Ms. K-Fai Steele, Winner of Best Overall 2020: Theo Lach

Q & A with Ms. Steele: questions read by Caroline Skelly and Lily Davidson

Presentation of Award: Dina Letko

Introduction of the Sutherland Committee: Austen Wu and Alethia Ikem

Process of the Committee: Eva Neves and Suna Choi-Hortaçsu

Introduction of the Nominees: Juliana Daugherty and Bella Fuller

Presentation of the Envelope: Celia Lukas

Announcement of the 2020 Winners: Ms. K-Fai Steele

Thank You and Goodbye: Lila Coyne
Last year’s winners...

**BEST OVERALL**
*A Normal Pig*
by K-Fai Steele

**BEST TEXT**
*The Roots of Rap: 16 Bars on the 4 Pillars of Hip-Hop*
written by Carole Boston Weatherford; illustrated by Frank Morrison

**BEST ILLUSTRATION**
*Field Trip to the Moon*
by John Hare