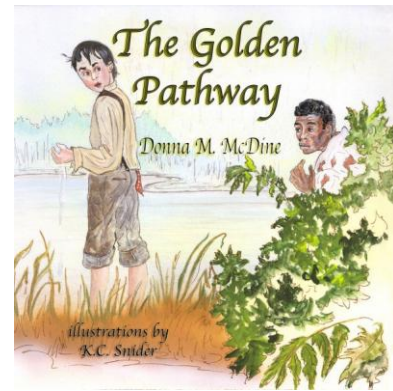


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Underground Railroad children's story book *The Golden Pathway* announced as Literary Classics 2011 Finalist

Tappan, New York – Donna McDine's children's book, *The Golden Pathway* has been announced as Literary Classics 2011 Finalist – Early Reader category.

Literary Classics announced its 2011 selection of top book finalists for children and young adults today. The list includes finalists from entries received all over the world. The Literary Classics selection committee is proud to recognize the following titles in children's and young adult literature which exemplify the criteria set forth by the Literary Classics Awards committee.

A list of the 2011 award finalists follows:

Sally Berenzweig, MEd, MA, *My Body is Special and Belongs to Me*
Summer Brenner, *Ivy, Homeless in San Francisco*
Yvonne Capitelli, *Daria Rose and The Day She Chose*
Garett Gruber, *Monster Removal Guide*
K.C. Hilton, *The Magic of Finkleton*
Fiona Ingram, *The Secret of the Sacred Scarab*
Michael Madlener, *Feed Your Fish!*
Lisa Manzione, *The Adventures of Bella and Harry: Let's Visit Paris!*
Donna M. McDine, *The Golden Pathway*
Evelyn Rothstein, *Dave Learns Spanish*
Gail Melville Shumway, *Stripey Follows His Dream*
Jaclyn Stapp, *Wacky Jacky: The True Story of An Unlikely Beauty Queen*
Dianna L. Young, *Muted Grey*

All final award levels and categories will be announced October 15, 2011.

Literary Classics, an organization dedicated to furthering excellence in literature, takes great pride in its role to help promote classic children's literature which appeals to youth, while educating and encouraging positive values in the impressionable young minds of future generations. Judging is based upon the criteria set forth by Literary Classics' highly selective awards committee which honors books promoting character, vision, creativity

and learning, through content which possesses the key elements found in well-crafted literature.

The Literary Classics judging committee consists of experts with backgrounds in publishing, writing, editing, design, illustration, and book reviewing. To learn more about Literary Classics, visit their website at www.literaryclassicsawards.com.

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