

Made in Canada: STEM resources for Canadian Schools and Libraries

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Discover award-winning, impeccably researched, intriguing, lively and fun to read books from Canadian authors.

Sci-Why, the Canadian children's science writers blog -- science news, book reviews, comment and more <http://www.sci-why.blogspot.ca/>

Science-Themed Books for Children: Organized by Curricular Topic -- A Selected List of Books by Canadian Authors put together by the Sci-Why members under the guidance of author Claire Eamer claireeamer.com/images/Science%20Books%20for%20Kids.pdf

Lane Anderson Award -- honours the best in science writing for children and for adults. Past winners and shortlisted authors include Claire Eamer, Helaine Becker, Caitlyn Vernon, Jude Isabella, Daniel Loxton, Maria Birmingham and more laneandersonaward.ca/

Science in Society Book Awards -- administered by the Canadian Science Writers' Association to honour outstanding contributions to science writing. Past winners include Elise Gravel, Tanya Lloyd Kyi, Vivien Bowers, Julie Czerneda, Shar Levine and Leslie Johnstone and more www.sciencewriters.ca/Awards

Canadian Children's Book Centre -- semi-annual juried selection guide *Best Books for Kids & Teens*, science-related articles and reading lists in *Canadian Children's Book News*, book lists, exhaustive Awards Directory and list of blogs and resources. www.bookcentre.ca

Reasons to ask a science writer visit your school:

L.E. (Lindsey) Carmichael, 2015 winner of the Lane Anderson Award for her book *Fuzzy Forensics: DNA Fingerprinting Gets Wild*, says:

Teacher and librarian friends, if you haven't considered bringing a science writer in to talk to your classes, here are my favourite reasons why you should think about it next time you book guest speakers:

Science is cool (bears repeating!)

Kids who say they don't like to read might just be kids who don't like fiction. Once those kids discover fact-based books, however, they can become some of the most avid readers around

Science writers support both the Language Arts curriculum (because writing), and the science curriculum, making them a great bargain - two for the price of one!

We can talk about research skills, too.

With small classes, we can lead experiments

Like any author, we can inspire kids to think about becoming writers. But the topics we present might also inspire them to become scientists. And how great would that be?

Session presenters: Helaine Becker, Gillian O'Reilly, Jan Thornhill