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Two Compendium Titles Win 2017 Moonbeam Children’s Book Awards

“So Many Cuddles” and “The Girl Who Ran” honored with gold

SEATTLE (October 13, 2017) — Compendium is honored to announce that two of their children’s books, “The Girl Who Ran” and “So Many Cuddles,” were awarded gold medals for the 2017 Moonbeam Children’s Book Awards in the following categories: Picture Book - Preschool and Non-Fiction - Picture Book.

The Moonbeam Children’s Book Awards celebrate the year’s best children’s books and the authors who wrote them, and highlight their contributions to childhood literacy. Winners are selected by a variety of judges—including librarians, educators and book reviewers—with a focus on innovation.

“The Girl Who Ran” was written by Frances Poletti and Kristina Yee and tells the true story of Bobbi Gibb, the first female runner of the Boston Marathon, who overcame discrimination and adversity to shape history. Beautiful illustrations by Susanna Chapman bring Bobbi’s emotional journey to life, using color to illuminate the strength and intensity it took to break barriers for generations to come.

“So Many Cuddles” was written by Ruth Austin. This charming story depicts a little girl and her animal friends who explore the various types of cuddles and their corresponding emotions. The warm, colorful illustrations by Clare Owen are ideal for preschool-aged readers.

“Winning a Moonbeam is particularly meaningful to me because of the award’s special focus on inspiration, emotional literacy and compassion,” says Austin. “In writing ‘Cuddles,’ my hope was to show kids how important a simple gesture like a cuddle is for connecting with our friends and loved ones, and to explain that, depending on the context in which it’s given and received, a hug can say many different, complex, and important things.”

Jenkins Group [announced the awards](#) on October 4, 2017. The winners will receive gold medals, certificates and gold seals for their book. The presentation of the awards will occur on November 11, 2017, during the Traverse City Children’s Book Festival in Traverse City, Michigan.

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