

## 15th Annual Reading Rainbow Young Writers & Illustrators National Contest winners - July 2009

### Kindergarten

- Grand Prize – **The Colorful Spider** by Rachel Lawton  
KPTS, Wichita KS – Pat Clough & Arlene Williams
- Second Place – **The Traveling Monkey** by Matthew Haerens  
Detroit Public Television (WI) – Sarah Kittle & Jeff Forster
- Third Place – **Princess Paloma** by Pasqualina Muro  
Milwaukee Public Television (WI) – Darlyne Haertlein

### First Grade

- Grand Prize – **Gus and the Garbage Mountain** by Jayda Brunkan  
WQPT Quad Cities PBS, Moline IL – Ana Kehoe & Amanda Bergeson
- Second Place – **Pink Lady** by Anna Hietpas  
Milwaukee Public Television (WI) – Darlyne Haertlein
- Third Place – **Better Eyes** by Michaela Stell  
WETA, Arlington VA – Ferne Barrow & Susan Schatten

### Second Grade

- Grand Prize – **The Mystery of the Old, Green Purse** by Ethan Hansen  
Milwaukee Public Television (WI) – Darlyne Haertlein
- Second Place – **The Frog Who Couldn't Hop** by Elisa Ann Peña  
KEDT, Corpus Christi TX – Donna Frank & Dawn Stubblefield
- Third Place – **Armed and Contagious** by Olivia Grace Hurley  
WSRE, Pensacola FL – Jill Hubbs & Pam Griswold

### Third Grade

- Grand Prize – **Finding Grandpa** by Abigail C. Helser  
Wisconsin Public Television – Lynne Blinkenberg & Kristina Stadler
- Second Place – **The Middle Child** by Emily Neva Mae Ellenbecker  
Milwaukee Public Television (WI) – Darlyne Haertlein
- Third Place – **I Lose My Teeth in the Weirdest Ways** by Ian McCue  
Vegas PBS (NV) – Candace Thompson & Jessica Carroll