

***The Dragon Boy* is the GOLD winner of the Moonbeam Children's Book Awards**

Wonderful news! Donald Samson's *Dragon Boy, Book 1*, wins first place in the Moonbeam Best First Books category.

The Moonbeam Children's Book Awards are intended to bring increased recognition to exemplary children's books and their creators, and to support childhood literacy and life-long reading. The Moonbeam Awards ceremony will be held on October 10, 2009 as part of the West Virginia Book Festival in Charleston, WV.

2009 Moonbeam Children's Book Awards honor youthful curiosity, discovery and learning in children's books. "Creating books that inspire our children to read, to learn, and to dream is an extremely important task, and these awards were conceived to reward those efforts."

The second book of the trilogy, *The Dragon of Two Hearts*, was recently released. Both are published by AWSNA Publications.

Congratulations, Donald Samson!

Best First Book – Chapter Book

Gold: *The Dragon Boy: Book One of the Star Trilogy*, by Donald Samson (AWSNA Publications)

Silver: *Mia's Gift: A Muzzles the Manatee Story*, by Victoria and Craig Weeden and illustrated by Del Hopewell (Jazz Angel Press)

Bronze (tie): *Dragon Fire: Ocean Mist*, by Yvonne Palka (Dragons of the Pacific NW) and *The Extraordinary Summer of the White Horse*, by Suzy Hopkins (Horse Sense Horizons)

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