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**Second Annual Horn Book at Simmons Colloquium
to Explore How Books for Children and Teens
Interpret the World for Young Readers**

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Boston, Massachusetts, 25 August 2011—Building on the success of last year’s event, the 2011 Boston Globe-Horn Book Awards will include a unique day-long colloquium, “Engaging Worlds, Real and Imagined,” at Simmons College. Scheduled for October 1, 2011, the Horn Book at Simmons Colloquium will offer librarians, educators, and other children’s literature professionals a chance to explore how books for children and teens interpret the world for young readers.

Through a variety of presentations including talks, panel discussions, and small seminars, attendees will examine the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award winners and honors, discovering new ways to understand literature for young people based on greater professional engagement with the books. Heroes and villains, the oral and visual legacy of nursery rhymes, fantasy fiction, and the narrative of nonfiction are just a few of the topics that will be explored.

“When we presented the first Horn Book at Simmons Colloquium last year, I was surprised not only by how quickly registration filled up but by how rich the day turned out to be,” said Roger Sutton, Editor in Chief of *The Horn Book Magazine*. “I expect this year’s HBAS to be even better.”

Presenters include 2011 Boston Globe-Horn Book Fiction Winner Tim Wynne-Jones (*Blink & Caution*); Nonfiction Winner Steve Sheinkin, (*The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism, & Treachery*); Picture Book Winner Salley Mavor (*Pocketful of Posies: A Treasury of Nursery Rhymes*); Picture Book Honor author Joyce Sidman and illustrator Rick Allen (*Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night*); and Fiction Honor author Franny Billingsley (*Chime*). Other presenters will include editorial and reviewing staff from *The Horn Book Magazine* and faculty from Simmons’s Center for the Study of Children’s Literature and Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

To register for the Horn Book at Simmons Colloquium, visit www.hbook.com/hbas.

ABOUT THE HORN BOOK

First published in 1924, *The Horn Book Magazine* provides its readership with in-depth reviews of the best new books for children and young adults as well as features, articles, and editorials in each issue. *The Horn Book Guide*, now in its twentieth year, provides comprehensive coverage of the world of children’s books. Published twice annually, each issue gives a review and a numerical rating for every hardcover children’s book published in the United States during the previous publishing season. It is also available electronically as *The Horn Book Guide Online*. [Visit www.hbook.com](http://www.hbook.com).

ABOUT THE BOSTON GLOBE-HORN BOOK AWARD

An independent panel of three judges, appointed by the editor of *The Horn Book Magazine*, presents The Boston Globe-Horn Book Awards annually to titles published in the United States but which may be written or illustrated by citizens of any country. Winners are selected in three

categories: Picture Book, Fiction and Poetry, and Nonfiction. This is one of the most prestigious awards in the United States for excellence in children's and young adult literature.

ABOUT SIMMONS COLLEGE

Simmons College has a long and deep history with Children's Literature. Bertha Mahoney Miller, the Founder of *The Horn Book*, was in one of the College's first graduating classes. In 1975 Simmons opened the Center for the Study of Children's Literature and soon launched the first Master of Arts degree program in Children's Literature. In addition, the nationally ranked Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science is one of the oldest and largest library and information science programs in the country. Founded in 1899, Simmons College is a nationally recognized university located in the heart of Boston that includes an undergraduate college for women, and graduate programs for women and men in management, social work, health sciences, and library and information science. Visit www.simmons.edu.