



## **FIRST-EVER HORN BOOK AT SIMMONS LIBRARY COLLOQUIUM HONORS CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD WINNERS**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**BOSTON, Massachusetts, 11 October 2010**—For the first time ever the 2010 Boston Globe–Horn Book Awards included a unique day-long colloquium at Simmons College organized around this year's award winning books with discussions led by their authors and illustrators.

The colloquium, attended by 150 librarians, educators, and children's book professionals from all over the country, featured many of this year's award-winning authors and illustrators, Boston Globe–Horn Book Award judges, Simmons faculty, and editors from *The Horn Book Magazine* and Junior Library Guild. Together, they explored the unique collaborations that help make great children's books possible.

"It was great to see the Boston Globe–Horn Book Awards in action, doing what any book award should do, making people talk about the choices and how they connect with readers," said Roger Sutton, Editor in Chief of *The Horn Book Magazine*.

Breakout sessions gave attendees the opportunity to learn more about how to use the 2010 award-winning books as teaching tools and how to help young readers connect to these titles in a library setting. "Following the Simmons commitment to unify theory and practice, breakout sessions gave participants an opportunity to talk about how the award winning books can influence practice," said Cathryn Mercier, Director of the Center for the Study of Children's Literature at Simmons College.

In addition, panel discussions with authors and illustrators explored the importance of their creative relationship as they develop children's books. Rebecca Stead, Nonfiction and Poetry winner; Megan Whalen Turner, Honor Book author for Fiction and Poetry; Peter Sís, Honor Book illustrator for Fiction and Poetry; John Burningham, Honor Book author for Picture Books; and Helen Oxenbury, Honor Book illustrator for

Picture Books, were among the speakers.

### **ABOUT *The Horn Book Magazine***

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 Award 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**

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 nation. 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](http://www.simmons.edu).



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