L.E. (Lindsey) Carmichael

FACT SHEET

EDUCATION

- Paul Kane High School (St. Albert AB)
- Bachelor of Science, Honours in Genetics, University of Alberta (Edmonton AB)
- PhD, Systematics and Evolution, University of Alberta (Edmonton AB)
- University of Alberta Teaching Program (Edmonton AB)
- Alasdair MacLeod Mentorship, Writers Federation of Nova Scotia (Halifax AB)
- Member of CANSCAIP, SCBWI, CCBC, and The Writers' Union of Canada

PUBLICATIONS

- More than 20 books for children and teenagers
- Articles and short stories in magazines and anthologies such as **Dig**, **Highlights for Children**, **National Geographic Explorer (Extreme)**, **Canadian Tales of the Fantastic**
- **Ecological Genetics of Northern Wolves and Arctic Foxes** (PhD Dissertation)
- Author of 13 peer-reviewed journal articles
- Contributor to **Sci/Why**, a group blog by Canadian children's science writers

TEACHING AND SPEAKING

- Writing instructor at the University of Alberta and Saint Mary's University
- Workshops at conferences including Packaging Your Imagination, Nova Scotia Association of Science Teachers, Atlantic Provinces Library Association
- Presentations at Word on the Street (Halifax), Science Literacy Week, and Hal-Con
- School and library visits in Alberta, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, and Ontario

SELECTED AWARDS

- **Fuzzy Forensics: DNA Fingerprinting Gets Wild** (2014)
  - Lane Anderson Award for best Canadian children's science book
  - IndieFab Award, Silver
- **Fox Talk: How Some Very Special Animals Helped Scientists Understand Communication** (2013)
  - Benjamin Franklin Award, Silver
  - Gelett Burgess Honour, Wildlife
- Junior Library Guild Selections
  - **How Can We Reduce Agricultural Pollution?** (2016)
  - **The Science Behind Gymnastics** (2016)
  - **Forensic Science: In Pursuit of Justice** (2015)
  - **Amazing Feats of Civil Engineering** (2014)
  - **The Scientific Method in the Real World** (2013)
- Governor General's Gold Medal for best PhD dissertation

LINDSEY

- thinks kids are the hardest audience to write for, but also the most important
- researched and wrote her first four books (the Animal Migration series) in 3.5 weeks, while moving, with a freshly-broken ankle (don't ask her how, it's all a bit of a blur)
- is supremely grateful for a supportive husband who cooks dinner while she's on deadline (and many of the days she's not)
- loves the Oxford comma and believes that semi-colons should only be used by professionals
- is always the youngest person attending Taoist tai chi classes
- loves to travel, and was once blessed by a monk on the steps of St. Peter's Cathedral
- forms unreasonable attachments to fictional characters
- is convinced that **Stardust** is this generation's **The Princess Bride**, and that everyone should watch it, if only for Robert DeNiro
- has a six-toed cat name Sasquatch
- wishes her life were more like a musical, and breaks into song at the smallest provocation

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