



Multilingual Children's Bookshop

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## Short Story in Russian Wins 2014 Rainbow Caterpillar Multilingual Kid Lit Award

*Competition open to short stories for young children, supports the preservation of mother languages.*

**Toronto, June 17<sup>h</sup>, 2014** – Rainbow Caterpillar Bookshop is proud to announce that a short story in Russian is the winner of the 2014 Rainbow Caterpillar Multilingual Kid Lit Award. *Giant's Granny*, by Yulia Kapridov from Aurora, Ont., was selected from a short list of four finalists by a panel of language and industry experts.

“The judges found Yulia’s story to be a great folktale in the best Russian tradition, and to promote a strong sense of community and respect,” says Happie Testa, co-owner of Rainbow Caterpillar Bookshop, the sponsor of the Award now in its third year.

The Award received submissions in eight languages. The stories were reviewed by language experts who selected the finalists and the winner was chosen by a Finalist Jury of publishing industry experts (full list attached.)

Finalist Jury

**Patsy Aldana** – *Children's Publisher*, **Ruth Ohi** – *Children's Author*, **Theo Heras** – *Children's Librarian*

The 2014 Finalists are:

*The Opposite Sky* – Italian, (runner-up) by Corrado Paina from Toronto

*Chloë's Tulips* – Spanish, by Camila Reimers from Ottawa

*Bence's Brush* – Hungarian, by Judit Pandur from Montreal

“We’ve created this Award to foster strong cross cultural understanding and to encourage parents to pass their mother language on to their children raised in Canada,” says Hanoosh Abbasi, co-owner of Rainbow Caterpillar Bookshop.

The Award, generously hosted by the Canadian Ethnic Media Association (CEMA), will be presented at the 36th CEMA Annual Awards Gala on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Toronto.

The competition is open to unpublished short stories for children written in languages other than English or French by a Canadian resident. The winner will receive the Rainbow Caterpillar Multilingual Kid Lit Award in the amount of \$750. This year for the first time the winner will also receive an Associate Membership offered by CANSCAIP, the Canadian Society of Children's Authors, Illustrators and Performers in support of mother language writers.



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### **About Yulia Kapridov**

Yulia Kapridov was born in Perm, Russia. She studied journalism at the Moscow State University and worked as reporter and editor in a Perm newspaper for young adults. Her articles have been published in several Russian magazines. Yulia emigrated to Canada in 1999 where she works as writer and developer of e-cards for various companies. Following her passion for children's stories she has taken a variety of writing for children courses at George Brown College in Toronto and she is a member of the Number 9 writing group led by Cathy Rondina.

### **About Rainbow Caterpillar Multilingual Bookshop**

Rainbow Caterpillar Multilingual Bookshop imports and distributes children's books in a number of languages from around the world to meet the needs of Canadian parents and the public in general.

Rainbow Caterpillar offers books and other materials in Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and more languages. The materials offered range from illustrated books to interactive talking books, books with CDs, DVDs and even games that make it fun and easy to keep home languages alive. Rainbow Caterpillar also prides itself in supporting Canadian authors by seeking out and importing Canadian titles translated into foreign languages.

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