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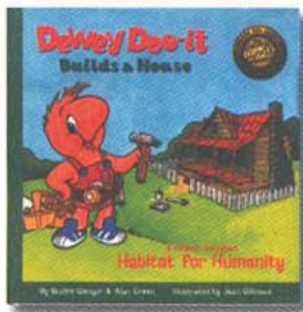
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## CHILDREN'S/YOUNG ADULT FIRST-PLACE WINNER



The Dewey Doo-it books (\$17.95 per book) by Brahm Wenger and Alan Green. This series of books follows Dewey Doo-it and his friends as they overcome everyday challenges with determination and heart. Jean Gillmore's accompanying illustrations are top-notch. RandallFraser Publishing, 2082 Business Center Drive, Suite 163, Irvine CA 92612. Tel: (866)339-3999.

### HONORABLE MENTIONS

*Simon and the Sock Monster* (\$16.95) by Kathryn Otoshi. Ko Kids Books, P.O. Box 3680, San Rafael CA 94901. [www.kokidsbooks.com](http://www.kokidsbooks.com).

*The Little Prairie Hen* (\$14.95) by Debbie Leland. Wildflower Run Publishing, P.O. Box 9656, College Station TX 77842.

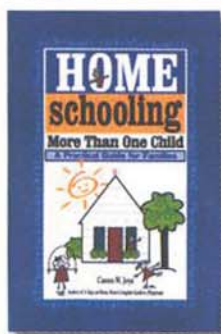
*The Search for Grizzly One* (\$12.95) by Don Meredith. iUniverse, 2021 Pine Lake Road, Suite 100, Lincoln NE 68512. Tel: (800)288-4677. [www.iuniverse.com](http://www.iuniverse.com).

*The Seminole and the Slave* (\$9.95) by Tom Cantwell. Terrapin Press, 21 W. 31st Ave., Eugene OR 97405.

*Obara and the Merchants* (\$14.95), adapted by Michelle Bodden. Water Daughter Publishing, P.O. Box 930031, Rockaway Beach NY 11693-9998.

### REFERENCE

#### FIRST-PLACE WINNER



*Home Schooling More Than One Child* (\$14.95) by Carren W. Joye. This guide for parents of home-schooled youngsters offers practical, first-hand advice on balancing the learning needs of children of various ages and with different abilities. iUniverse, 2021 Pine Lake Road, Suite 100, Lincoln NE 68512. Tel: (800)288-4677. [www.iuniverse.com](http://www.iuniverse.com).

### HONORABLE MENTIONS

*The Language of Drawing* (\$55) by Sherrie McGraw. Bright Light Publishing, P.O. Box 1827, El Prado NM 87529. [www.brightlightpublishing.com](http://www.brightlightpublishing.com).

*Revlon Dolls and Their Lookalikes* (\$35) by Kathy Barna. Anthony Press, P.O. Box 535, Golden CO 80402. E-mail: [kmbarna@hotmail.com](mailto:kmbarna@hotmail.com).

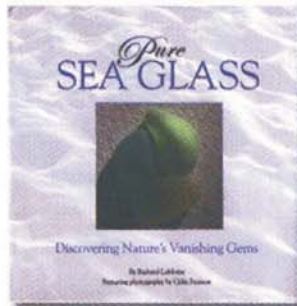
*A Man's Guide to Having a Baby* (\$5.95) by Gered F. Thack. A Man's Guide to Having a Baby, P.O. Box 1379, Brookhaven PA 19015.

*Screamfree Parenting* (\$16.95) by Hal Edward Runkel. Oakmont Publishing, 2180 Satellite Blvd., Suite 400, Duluth GA 30097. Tel: (800)860-0771.

*Trench Art: An Illustrated History* (\$65) by Jane A. Kimball. Silverpenny Press. Davis CA. Tel: (800)247-6553. [www.trenchart.org](http://www.trenchart.org).

### NONFICTION

#### FIRST-PLACE WINNER



*Pure Sea Glass* (\$34.95) by Richard LaMotte. A beautiful combination of photos and text, this book is a comprehensive examination into the world of glass—its origins and evolution. Chesapeake Seaglass Publishing, P.O. Box 156, Chestertown MD 21621. [www.pureseaglass.com](http://www.pureseaglass.com).

### HONORABLE MENTIONS

*The Culprit & The Cure* (\$24.99) by Steven G. Aldana. Maple Mountain Press, 935 E. 900 N., Mapleton UT 84664. Tel: (866)732-3843. [www.maplemountainpress.com](http://www.maplemountainpress.com).

*Writing Home* (\$16.95) by Cindy Laferle. Hearth Stone Books/Self Reliance Press, 1525 Vinsetta Blvd., Royal Oak MI 48067.

*Screamfree Parenting* (\$16.95) by Hal Edward Runkel. Oakmont Publishing, 2180 Satellite Blvd., Suite 400, Duluth GA 30097. Tel: (800)860-0771.

*Safeguard Your Identity: Protect Yourself With a Personal Privacy Audit* (\$15.95) by Mari J. Frank. Porpoise Press, 28202 Cabot Road, Suite 300, Laguna Niguel CA 92677. Tel: (800)725-0807. [www.identitytheft.org](http://www.identitytheft.org).

*From Victim to Victor: A Step-By-Step Guide for Ending the Nightmare of Identity Theft* (\$39.95) by Mari J. Frank. Porpoise Press, 28202 Cabot Road, Suite 300, Laguna Niguel CA 92677. Tel: (800)725-0807. [www.identitytheft.org](http://www.identitytheft.org).

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