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**KQED Education Network Announces the Winners of the  
14th Annual Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators Contest**  
-- Bay Area Kindergarten, First, Second and Third Graders to be Awarded Prizes at  
KQED Ceremony --

San Francisco, May 5, 2008 -- KQED Education Network is proud to announce the winners of the 14th annual Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators Contest. This popular contest nurtures children's creative expression by encouraging children in kindergarten through the third grade to write and illustrate their own stories. The winners were chosen from more than 700 entrants from across the Bay Area, including entries from sister station KTEH in San Jose.

KQED will invite winners and their families to the station on Saturday, June 7 from 11:00am – 1:00pm for the awards ceremony, where winners will receive a variety of prizes. Every child who participated in this contest will receive a special certificate of achievement signed by *Reading Rainbow* host LeVar Burton. KQED's grand-prize winners will go into judging at the national level.

This year's KQED winners are:

**Kindergarten**

First Place: **Rainbow Flower**, Ilina Gupta, San Jose  
Second Place: **The Giraffe That Went to School**, Ava Smith, Colverdale  
Third Place: **Goldybinks Comes Home**, Rohini Singh, Fremont  
Honorable Mention: **The Giant Carrot**, Diya Indoliya, Newark

**First Grade**

First Place: **The Tooth That Took Awhile To Come Out**, Lauren Roberts, Vallejo  
Second Place: **Twinkle Twinkle Little Star**, Neharika Bandaru, San Jose  
Third Place: **Sarah Saves the Horses**, Mattie Guthrie, Vallejo  
Honorable Mention: **The Magic Tree**, Aya Sugiura, Menlo Park

**Second Grade**

First Place: **The Magical Crayon**, Venkat Krishnan, Fremont  
Second Place: **Some Roses For Snotty Noses**, Maya Singh, Santa Clara  
Third Place: **Bounds The Magical Puppy**, Donna Li, Fremont  
Honorable Mention: **My Family and I on the South San Francisco Hill**, Estreya Gonzalez, South San Francisco

**Third Grade**

First Place: **The Evil Dr. Comaca**, Ryan Traynor, Redwood City  
Second Place: **The Duck That Had A Twin**, Tristyn Carpenter, Calistoga  
Third Place: **The Adventures of Sherridan**, Sushil Viswanathan, Fremont  
Honorable Mention: **Galaxy Race**, Steven Foley, Redwood City

### **About KQED Education Network**

KQED Education Network engages with community and educational organizations to broaden and deepen the impact of KQED media to effect positive change. Through parent education and professional development workshops, public screenings, multimedia resources, and special events, Education Network reaches more than 200,000 Bay Area residents a year and serves people of all ages, with a particular emphasis on reaching underserved communities. Learn more about its three unique services, Early Learning, Educational Services, and Community Engagement, at [www.kqed.org/ednet](http://www.kqed.org/ednet).

### **About KQED**

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