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Khyentse Foundation Children's Book Prize Winner Announced
Carolyn Kanjuro, First-Time Children's Book Author, Wins \$5,000 Award

(BOULDER, May 16, 2018)—First-time children's author Carolyn Kanjuro is this year's prize winner of the Khyentse Foundation Children's Book Prize for her submission that teaches kids ages three to five years old the [seven-point meditation](#) posture. [Bala Kids](#) and Khyentse Foundation are thrilled to honor Kanjuro's talent for presenting traditional Buddhist teachings to children in a genuine way that appeals to a wide readership. Bala Kids, a new imprint of Shambhala Publications, plans to publish the book in the fall of 2019.

"Carolyn's playful, rhythmic, and engaging style, coupled with her adherence to the authentic Buddhist practice made her stand out amongst the more than 300 submissions," said Casey Kemp, an editor with Bala Kids. Khyentse Foundation and Bala Kids were impressed by the thoughtfulness and care that was put into many of the contributions. Some stories also included beautiful illustrations that were produced by talented artists. Bala Kids may also work with some of the other authors and illustrators who submitted their work.

"Khyentse Foundation is so pleased with this outcome and we encourage writers, illustrators, and supporters to continue to develop books and resources for children," said Cangioli Che, Khyentse Foundation executive director. The next official call for submissions will be announced in early 2019, with a deadline of February 15, 2020.

About the Author:

Carolyn Kanjuro entered the path of the dharma after meeting Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche at the age of nine. For eleven years, she was a director and playwright for Golden Key Theater, a group of young performers in Halifax, Nova Scotia, producing original plays each year. She served as Creative Director and an audio editor for *Secrets of the World* (published by Sounds True) and co-authored with Eddie Lenihan *Meeting the Other Crowd: The Fairy Stories of Hidden Ireland* (Tarcher/Putnam). She was the translator, student, and wife to kyudo master Kanjuro Shibata XX, Sensei, who passed away in 2013. She launched Chrysanthemum Books, which published *Sei Ran: Sky Storm*, a collection of calligraphies and teachings by Shibata Sensei, and a memoir entitled *Yumi Dance: Chronicle of a Spiritual Emergency*. Following Shibata Sensei's passing, she has returned to her professional life as a freelance writer and editor in a variety of media.

“Countless ‘thank yous’ to Khyentse Foundation and Bala Kids for providing an opportunity to join in the great stream of dharma activity that emanates from both these organizations. I almost feel guilty to be awarded for something that is this much fun. May the Khyentse Foundation prize, in particular, serve as a continual reminder to me to be true to the genuine dharma and dedicate all merit to every sentient being, everywhere.”

–Carolyn Kanjuro

About Bala Kids

Bala Kids is a new children’s imprint from Shambhala Publications. Bala Kids is devoted to inspiring the next generation through the Buddhist values of compassion and wisdom. The initial list will debut in Spring 2019 with books aimed at ages ranging from infants to ten years old. Learn more at www.shambhala.com/bala-kids.

About Khyentse Foundation

Khyentse Foundation is an international 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded in 2001 by Dzongsar Khyentse Rinpoche. The foundation supports all traditions of Buddhist study and practice, with beneficiaries in 30 countries over the past 17 years. Projects funded include a chair of Buddhist studies at the University of California at Berkeley, a lectureship at the University of Sydney, the digitization of the entire Tibetan Buddhist scriptural canon, endowments for traditional monastic colleges in Asia, a worldwide scholarship program, and numerous other innovative initiatives. Learn more at khyentsefoundation.org.