

## JEWISH CHILDREN'S LITERATURE: WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT: THE SYDNEY TAYLOR BOOK AWARDS

**Description:** The Sydney Taylor Book Awards Committee will review and discuss books that were considered as we sought our 2003 medal winners. This two-part program will present a wide-range of opinions as we dissect the good, the bad, and the ugly among recent titles. Meet Sydney Taylor Book Award winning authors!!

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### THE SYDNEY TAYLOR BOOK AWARD COMMITTEE PRESENTS

What's Hot & What's Not: The Books of 2003

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**ROUND I: HOLIDAYS**

Avram's Gift by Marjie Blumberg  
A Sweet Year by Mark Podwal  
The Passover Seder by Emily Sper  
Rachel's Gift by Richard Ungar  
It's A Miracle: A Hanukkah Storybook by Stephanie Spinner  
Five Alive! My Yom Tov Five Senses by Dina Rosenfeld

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**ROUND II: HISTORY**

Long Johns for a Small Chicken by Esther Blanc  
Shutting Out the Sky by Deborah Hopkinson  
Room in the Heart by Sonia Levitin  
Gotcha! Rosie in New York City by Carol Matas

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**ROUND III: BIOGRAPHIES**

Golda Meir by Anna Claybourne  
Abraham Joshua Heschel by Or Rose  
Ilan Ramon: Israel's First Astronaut by Tanya Stone  
Marc Chagall by Jude Welton

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**ROUND IV: DIFFICULT TOPICS**

Brundibar by Tony Kushner  
The Enemy Has A Face by Gloria Miklowitz  
Murder at the 1972 Olympics in Munich by Liz Sonneborn  
Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli  
Luba: The Angel of Bergen-Belsen  
Tali's Jerusalem Scrapbook by Sylvia Rouss  
The Stone Lamp by Karen Hesse

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**ROUND V: STORIES & TALES**

I Only Like What I Like by Julie Baer  
Turn, Turn, Turn by Pete Seeger  
Something for Nothing by Ann Redisch Stampler  
My Grandmother's Stories by Adele Geras

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**ROUND VI: COULD HAVE BEEN,  
SHOULD HAVE BEEN**

Creation by Gerald McDermott  
Keeping the Promise by Tami Lehman-Wilzig  
Margit: Home Free by Kathy Kacer  
Hitler's Daughter by Jackie French  
No Matzoh For Me! by Nancy Krulik  
Operation Dewey by Kirby Rogers

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