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Pamela Duncan Edwards Wins Second Cardozo Award for Children's Literature

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Virginia author Pamela Duncan Edwards' *The Old House* has been selected by the public as the winner of the second annual Whitney and Scott Cardozo Award for Children's Literature. The book is about a lonely old house that is looking for a new family to move in. Its droopy appearance discourages all buyers until one very special family notices its potential.

Pamela Duncan Edwards grew up in northern England and inherited her love of children's literature from her father who was a children's author. She taught preschool for 11 years in England and worked as a school librarian in McLean, Virginia, for 14 years before devoting herself to writing. She is the author of more than 45 books, and has worked on numerous books, including *The Old House* with illustrator Henry Cole.

A juried panel reviewed 29 nominated titles from authors whose works focused on literature for children ages four through eight, with a publication date of 2007. Nominated titles were accepted from the greater mid-Atlantic region. The finalists are:

- *Alligator Boy* by Cynthia Rylant and illustrated by Diane Goode (Harcourt, Inc.)
- *Fabian Escapes* by Peter McCarty (Henry Holt and Company)
- *I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean* by Kevin Sherry (The Penguin Group)
- *Jazz Baby* by Lisa Wheeler and illustrated by R. Gregory Christie (Harcourt, Inc.)
- *The Old House* by Pamela Duncan Edwards and illustrated by Henry Cole (The Penguin Group)

The Old House was chosen by children and parents voting at the Library of Virginia, the Children's Museum of Richmond, in public libraries across the state, and online at the Library of Virginia's Web site. The winning book and author will be officially recognized at the 11th Annual Library of Virginia Literary Awards Celebration that takes place at the Library of Virginia on Saturday, October 18, 2008.

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