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### 2010 MARION VANNETT RIDGWAY AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

#### **Picture book illustrator and author recognized for debut work excellence**

A dramatic, playfully retro space adventure, and a linguistically inventive cautionary tale have captured the first prize and honor award for the 2010 Marion Vannett Ridgway Awards.

#### **The Winners of the 2010 Marion Vannett Ridgway Award:**

- **First Prize: Lincoln Agnew**, illustrator of ***Harry and Horsie***, written by Katie Van Camp (Balzer + Bray, HarperCollins, 2009). Lincoln Agnew's fresh take on a retro comic book look absolutely enlivens this bedtime fantasy. His bold use of silhouette and contrast, a restrained primary palette, and dramatic layout energize each page of a young boy's outer space rescue adventure.
- **Honor Award: Denise Doyen**, author of ***Once Upon a Twice***, illustrated by Barry Moser (Random House, 2009). Marion Vannett Ridgway Award judges were impressed by Denise Doyen's text for its successful *Jabberwocky*-like inventiveness. Poetic richness, charged pacing, and utterly imaginative language imbue this story of a disobedient mouse with a heightened mood that is sure to enthrall young listeners.

Each year the **Marion Vannett Ridgway Award** is given in honor of outstanding work by first time children's book illustrators or authors. Established in 1993, this unique award celebrates the memory of the artist's representative Marion Vannett Ridgway, who felt a special devotion to talented beginners. The Ridgway award is given with the spirit of encouragement for those just making their way into the world of children's book publishing.

Over twenty children's book publishers participated in this year's contest, and the judging panel included award-winning children's book authors and illustrators Lauren Stringer and Antoinette Portis, as well as the 2009 Marion Vannett Ridgway Award winner Jim Averbeck. For more information about the award, visit the website:  
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