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Finalist at Foreword and Approved by Story Monsters

Two Arbordale Titles Receive Honors this week from book review publications

Mt. Pleasant, SC – Today we have reason to celebrate and new seals will decorate Shennen Bersani’s picture book ***Achoo Why Pollen Counts*** receiving an award from *Story Monsters*, and Connie McLennan’s ***The Forest in the Trees*** is a finalist in the *Foreword Reviews* Indiefab awards.

Each year Foreword Reviews hosts the IndieFab awards to discover the best of indie publishing released the previous year. The editorial team combs through more than 2,000 submissions curating a list of finalists across 55 genres. *The Forest in the Trees* takes its spot among the 11 finalists in the juvenile nonfiction category. Winners in each category will be announced on June 17th.

McLennan has been an illustrator and artists for many years, but *The Forest in the Trees* is the first picture book that she has both written and illustrated. Living in Northern California the redwoods were always a short trip to see, but the upper canopy, a spot only seen by a handful of human eyes, inspired this nonfiction picture book.

See the entire list of finalists at Foreword Reviews
<https://www.forewordreviews.com/awards/finalists/2019/>

Story Monsters Approved reading list is part of the Dragonfly Book Awards and *Story Monsters* magazine – a great resource for parents and kids. Each year editors select several titles to be “Story Monsters Approved” and this year Shennen Bersani’s *Achoo! Why Pollen Counts* is among the honorees.

Like McLennan, this is Bersani’s first foray as both author and illustrator. She has illustrated many fiction and nonfiction titles for Arbordale and has received many accolades for her work. *Achoo! Why Pollen counts* is the adorable story of a sniffly bear who soon learns that sniffles may be bearable because without pollen his honey could not be made.

See all the Story Monsters Approved Books here: <https://www.storymonsters.com/book-briefs/2019-story-monsters-approved-winners-announced>

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