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## THE JOHN BURROUGHS RIVERBY AWARD FOR 2013

The John Burroughs Association is pleased to announce the results of its twenty-fourth annual **Riverby Award** competition for excellent natural history books for young readers. The four books on the 2013 list contain rewarding observations that come to naturalists, authors and illustrators after patient hours of personal observation. The awards will be presented on Monday, April 7, at the Annual Literary Awards ceremony of the John Burroughs Association during a celebratory luncheon at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.

Books selected to receive the **Riverby Award** include:

**The Animal Book**, Steve Jenkins, author, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, (2013).

**The Mystery of Darwin's Frog**, Marty Crump, author, Steve Jenkins and Edel Rodriguez, illustrators, Boyds Mills Press, (2013).

**Parrots Over Puerto Rico**, Susan Roth and Cindy Trumbore, authors, Susan L. Roth, collages, Lee & Low Books, Inc., (2013).

**The Secret Pool**, Kimberly Ridley, author, and Rebekah Raye, illustrator, Tilbury House Nature Book, (2013).

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The John Burroughs **Riverby Award** was established in 1988 and is named for the home of John Burroughs (1837-1921), the Hudson River Valley naturalist and essayist. A pioneer of nature study, Burroughs was one of America's most widely read authors at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. A hundred years ago, his nature essays for children were published in special school editions and inspired the study of nature in classrooms all over America. In recognizing his efforts to awaken interest in young naturalists, the Association has selected books that present perceptive and artistic accounts of direct experiences in the world of nature. As one juror describes it "...as a result, the John Burroughs **Riverby** award-winning books demonstrate a respect for nature, accuracy of information, and quality of prose and illustrations that make them stand out from other books."

The John Burroughs Association gives the award to encourage writing in the tradition of John Burroughs. The association also maintains "Slabsides," in West Park, NY where Burroughs wrote many of his most famous nature essays published in the elite journals of his day. We invite you to join us and celebrate the John Burroughs Riverby Award and meet the authors on April 7 at the American Museum of Natural History. Luncheon guests will receive copies of the winning books. For more information and reservations call Lisa Breslof at 212-769-5169 or visit us at <http://www.johnburroughsassociation.org>.

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