



“Gwen the Rescue Hen” wins prestigious children’s book award

San Francisco, CA - *Gwen the Rescue Hen*, the story of a quick-witted hen who escapes from a factory farm courtesy of a tornado, was selected out of hundreds of entries from around the world for a **Northern Lights Book award**, which honors “children’s literature of exceptional merit.” *Gwen the Rescue Hen* won in the “animals/pets” category.

The Northern Lights Book Awards team writes: “The judges are confident these books will stand the test of time, and children will be enjoying your work for generations to come.” Here’s the [complete list of winners](#).

[Gwen the Rescue Hen](#) is published by [Stone Pier Press](#), an environmental publishing company based in San Francisco, and distributed in the United States by Chelsea Green Publishing. It’s the companion book to [Sprig the Rescue Pig](#), which stars a big-hearted pig who tumbles out of a truck and finds his way to his new best friend, a girl named Rory.

Both books have earned broad acclaim as gentle bedtime tales that inspire compassion for farm animals. *Gwen* and *Sprig* have been named to multiple “best kids books” lists, and are included in Teach Heart’s humane education curriculum for teachers. They’re also in the California governor’s mansion as part of its permanent book collection.

[Gwen the Rescue Hen](#) is part of Stone Pier Press’s **Farm Animal Rescue series**, which highlights the special qualities of farm animals. Author Leslie Crawford frequently writes and gives talks on how to inspire compassion for farm animals, and speak to children about factory farming. Please contact hello@stonepierpress.org for more information, or to schedule an interview with Leslie Crawford. Stone Pier Press is an environmental publishing company that produces books and articles highlighting how to build a cleaner, greener, and more humane food system.