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**‘What Happened to Rachel Riley?’ Wins 2024 WLA Elizabeth Burr/Sheridan Worzalla Award**

(Madison, Wisconsin) “What Happened to Rachel Riley?” by Wisconsin author Claire Swinarski and published by Quill Tree Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Children’s Books, is the 2024 recipient of the Wisconsin Library Association’s Elizabeth Burr/Sheridan Worzalla Award.

Named for notable Wisconsin librarian Elizabeth Burr (1908-1996) and made possible by Sheridan Worzalla, this annual award is bestowed upon the most distinguished work in children’s and young adult literature written and/or illustrated by a Wisconsin book creator.

“What Happened to Rachel Riley” is a middle grade novel in which an eighth grader uses social media posts, passed notes, and other clues to find out why a formerly popular girl is now the pariah of her new school. In addition to this recognition from the Wisconsin Library Association, it is also a 2024 Edgar Award nominee, one of School Library Journal’s 2023 Best Middle Grade Books of the Year, a 2024 ALA Notable Book, and a 2023 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults selection, an Amazon Editors’ Pick + Book of the Month, an Indie Bestseller, and ALA Notable Children’s Book.

The WLA Children’s Book Award Committee is very pleased to have selected “What Happened to Rachel Riley” as this year’s Elizabeth Burr/Sheridan Worzalla winner. The annual award will be presented on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at the WLA Annual Conference at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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