



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Brian Gorg

info@edupaperback.org

**EBMA NAMES KATE DICAMILLO WINNER OF THE
39TH ANNUAL JEREMIAH LUDINGTON MEMORIAL AWARD**

October 26, 2017 – The Educational Book and Media Association (EBMA) today announced that Kate DiCamillo is the recipient of the 2017 Jeremiah Ludington Award. The award, named after EBMA’s founder, is presented annually to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the educational book business. Past winners include Ashley Bryan, David Wiesner, Brian Selznick, Russell Friedman, Jon Scieszka, Kevin Henkes, Sharon Draper, and Pam Muñoz Ryan.

Kate DiCamillo is a highly decorated author who is beloved by both educators and young readers. She is one of only two authors to receive two Newbery Medals recognizing her work, *The Tale of Despereaux* (2004) and *Flora and Ulysses* (2013). She has also received the Newbery Honor for her novel *Because of Winn-Dixie* (2001), the Boston Globe Horn Book Award for *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* (2006), and the Theodor Geisel Medal and honor for *Bink and Gollie*, co-author Alison McGhee (2011) and *Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride* (2007). In 2014 and 2015 she was the National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature Emerita, appointed by the Library of Congress.

“The EBMA board and membership are proud to present this year’s Ludington Award to Kate DiCamillo,” said Jill Faherty, EBMA President. “Ms. DiCamillo engages audiences of all ages in the art and craft of story. She a true gem among the many talented voices of children’s literature and continues to produce revered works ranging from picture books, early readers and finely crafted novels.”

Ms. DiCamillo will accept the Ludington Award at EBMA’s annual conference in Palm Springs, CA in January, 2018. As part of the award, EBMA will present a \$2,500 check to the charity of Ms. DiCamillo’s choice.

EBMA is an association of over 30 wholesalers and 90 publishers who are reputable and authoritative suppliers of educational paperbacks, pre-bound books, and other educational content to the school and library market. For more information about EBMA and the Ludington Award, visit www.edupaperback.org.

###

PRESIDENT

JILL FAHERTY

Baker & Taylor
1120 US HWY 22 East
Bridgewater, NJ 08807
908.541.7405
jill.faherty@baker-taylor.com

VICE PRESIDENT

JOYCE SKOKUT

Ingram Content Group
One Ingram Blvd.
La Vergne, TN 37086
615-213-5914
joyce.skokut@ingramcontent.com

TREASURER

NANCY STETZINGER

Follett School Solutions
1340 Ridgeview Drive
McHenry, IL 60050
708.884.7344
nstetzinger@follett.com

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BRIAN GORG

EBMA
PO Box 3363
Warrenton, VA 20188
540.318.7770
info@edupaperback.org

Visit our website at www.edupaperback.org