

ART CONTEST WINNERS

**Topic: Create a bird's eye view
art piece.**

**1st place: Makayla Bickford. 8th grade.
Claymont Middle School**

**2nd place: Camden Wright. 8th grade
Claymont Middle School**

**3rd place: Kenadie Wease. 8th grade.
Claymont Middle School**



**Art by: Makayla Bickford. 8th grade
Claymont Middle School**

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THINGS SEEN FROM ABOVE

A shift in perspective can change everything. April is looking for an escape from the sixth-grade lunch hour, which has become a social-scene nightmare, so she signs up to be a “buddy bench monitor” for the fourth graders’ recess.

Joey Byrd is a boy on the fringes, who wanders the playground alone, dragging his foot through the dirt. But over time, April realizes that Joey isn’t just making random circles. When you look at his designs from above, a story emerges... Joey’s “bird’s eye” drawings reveal what he observes and thinks about every day.

Told in alternating viewpoints—April’s in text and Joey’s mostly in art—the story gives the “whole picture” of what happens as these two outsiders find their rightful places.



MEET THE AUTHOR

Shelley Pearsall is the author of seven nationally recognized books for middle grade and teen readers. She is a passionate believer in the power of books to build bridges and start conversations. Her novels are used in classrooms and libraries nationwide, and they have been translated into multiple languages.

Shelley’s novel, THINGS SEEN FROM ABOVE, features a neurodiverse boy with a unique visual gift. It was an Amazon Book of the Month pick in 2020. Her earlier novels have been recognized by numerous school and library associations. TROUBLE DON’T LAST received the prestigious Scott O’ Dell Award for Historical Fiction in 2003. THE SEVENTH MOST IMPORTANT THING was an ALA Notable Book selection along with ALL OF THE ABOVE, which was named a 2020 Mathical Honor Book for its math themes and connections.

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