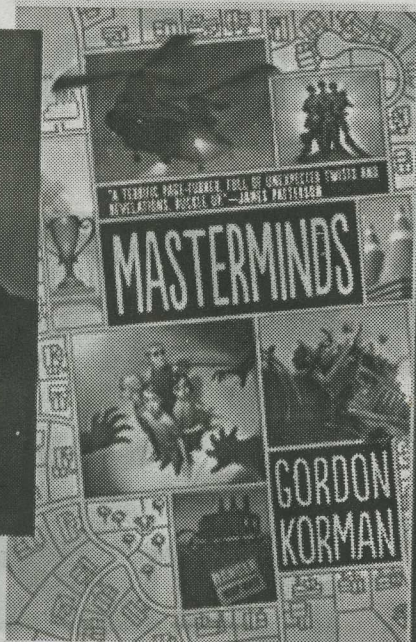
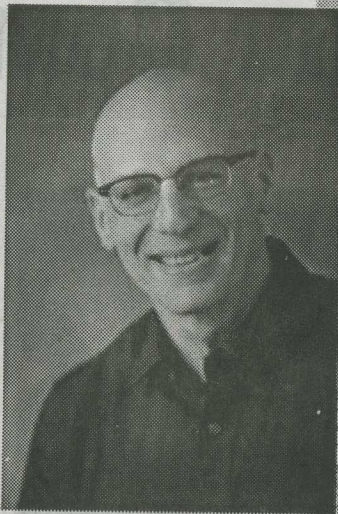


Tulsa Library Trust Picks Gordon Korman For 2016 Anne V. Zarrow Award / Young Readers Lit Prize

*Tulsa Library Award Honoree
Mr. Gordon Korman & his latest work*



ELI FRIEDEN LIVES IN THE MOST

perfect town in the world: Serenity, New Mexico. In this idyllic place, every town is perfectly manicured and everyone has a pool and a tree house. Honesty and integrity are valued above all else. The thirty kids who live there never lie—they know it's a short leap from that to the awful problems of other, less fortunate places.

Eli has never left Serenity... why would he ever want to? Then one day he bikes to the edge of the city limits and something so crazy and unexpected happens, it changes everything. Eli convinces his friends to help him investigate further, and soon it becomes clear that nothing is as it seems in Serenity. The class meant to reveal a shocking discovery, connecting their ideal crime-free community to some of the greatest criminal masterminds ever known. The kids realize they can trust no one—least of all their own parents...

This is the first book in a thrilling new series from bestselling (non-murder) mastermind Gordon Korman.

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New York Times best-selling author Gordon Korman is the winner of the Tulsa Library Trust's 2016 Anne V. Zarrow Award for Young Readers' Literature.

Korman is being recognized for writing more than 80 books for children and teens during a publishing career that started when he was 12-years-old. In a career spanning nearly four decades, his books have been translated into more than 20 languages and have sold more than 25-million copies. In 1981 he was awarded the Most Promising Writer Under 35 by the Canadian Authors' Association. His latest book, "Masterminds," was released in 2015 and is the first in a new trilogy he is writing.

He will accept the award at a public presentation at

Hardesty Regional Library's Connor's Cove, 8316 E. 93rd St., Friday, May 6, at 7 p.m. Korman also will present awards to winners of the 2016 Young People's Creative Writing Contest awards at the ceremony.

Fifth - through ninth-grade teachers employed by a school district within Tulsa County are invited to participate in Mr. Henry's Books Teacher Workshop, Oct. 24, 9 a.m.-Noon, at Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E. 93rd St. Participants will enjoy a continental breakfast, receive 50 copies of Korman's "No More Dead Dogs," hear inspirational and educational speakers, and get lesson plans on how to use the works of Korman for a variety of school subjects. One lucky participant will win a visit from Korman to their classroom on May 6, 2016.

Mr. Henry's Books is a program of the Tulsa City-County Library, sponsored by the Tulsa Library Trust, made possible by a grant from the Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation.

Registration is \$10 and must be received by Oct. 17. Call TulsaKids Magazine, 918-582-8504 for information on registration.

For his seventh-grade creative writing project, Korman spent one class period a day for four months writing what would become his first published novel, "This Can't Be Happening at McDonald Hall." As the class monitor for Scholastic Book Orders, he had a contact name and address for one of the largest publishers in the industry, Scholastic. He sent his manuscript off and by his fresh-

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man year was a published Scholastic author.

"It was a totally flukey and random way to launch a publishing career, but here's the thing: It Worked," recalled Korman on his website. He is the *New York Times* bestselling author of three books in "The 39 Clues" series as well as five books in his "Swindle" series. He also has written the trilogies "Island," "Everest," "Kidnapped," and "Titanic" as well as the series "On The Run."

In 2013, Nickelodeon produced an original movie based on Korman's book "Swindle," the first book in the series. After accidentally selling a valuable multi-million dollar baseball card, a high school student enlists the help of his trusted friends to retrieve the baseball card from an unscrupulous collectible dealer.

The Anne V. Zarrow Award for Young

Readers' Literature gives formal recognition, on behalf of the Tulsa County community, to a nationally acclaimed author who has made a significant contribution to the field of literature for young adults. The award, presented by the Tulsa Library Trust, consists of a \$7,500 cash prize and an engraved crystal book.

Past winners include: Sharon Draper (2015), Jack Gantos (2014), Jim Murphy (2013), Jacqueline Woodson (2012), Kathryn Lasky (2011), Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (2010), Christopher Paul Curtis (2009), Louis Sachar (2008), Kate DiCamillo (2007), Sharon Creech (2006), Avi (2005), Susan Cooper (2004), Russell Freedman (2003), Richard Peck (2002), E.L. Konigsburg (2001), Jerry Spinelli (2000), Jane Yolen (1999), Cynthia Voigt (1998), Gary Paulsen (1997), Walter Dean Myers (1996), Lois Lowry (1994), Katherine Paterson (1993), Madeleine L'Engle (1992) and S.E. Hinton (1991).

For more information on the Anne V. Zarrow Award for Young Readers' Literature, call the AskUs Hotline, 918-549-7323, or visit the library's website, www.tulsalibrary.org.