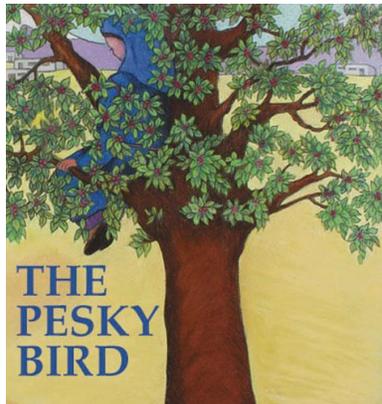


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## **The Pesky Bird Selected as Finalist ForeWord Magazine's 2005 Book of the Year**

(Tuesday, March 22, 2006) . . . The recently published children's picture book, *The Pesky Bird*, was selected as a finalist in ForeWord Magazine's 2005 Book of The Year Award. The book is a mother-daughter collaboration that explores Armenian traditions with young readers. Bronze, Silver, Gold medal winners will be announced at Book Expo America in Washington DC, Friday, May 19th at 3pm.

*The Pesky Bird* was also recently included as The Best Children's Books of The Year by Bank Street College's Children's Book Committee. It has received numerous other accolades, including Best Juvenile Fiction at the Santa Barbara Writer's Conference.

Author Marianne Markarian, of Santa Barbara, based the story on an anecdote from her grandmother's life. "This is a funny story that children of all cultures can identify with, and it's so important in today's society that children are exposed to other cultures."

The illustrator, Margaret Markarian Wasielewski, is an award-winning artist who resides in Ohio. She is a member of the Cincinnati Art Club. Her work has been exhibited in New York, Detroit, Cincinnati, Florida, and Chicago.

For more information about *The Pesky Bird*, contact Pomegranate Publishing at (805) 684-9570 or [publisher@pomegranatepublishing.com](mailto:publisher@pomegranatepublishing.com). The book is distributed by Quality Books, Inc. A list of retailers is available on the company's website [www.pomegranatepublishing.com](http://www.pomegranatepublishing.com).

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