

Sydney Taylor Book Award Committee I
Loic Dauvillier

Description: Award winning author and illustrator Jim Aylesworth and Barbara McClintock, Sydney Taylor Book Award Winners for Young Readers, will discuss their book **My Grandfather's Coat**. Editor Sylvie Frank will discuss **Storm**, by Donna Jo Napoli, Sydney Taylor Book Award Winner for Teen Readers. Diane Rauchwerger will discuss **Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust**, by Loic Dauvillier, illustrated by Marc Lizano and Greg Salsedo, winner of the Sydney Taylor Book Award for Older Readers.

I were wondering about what it meant to be a father, regarding memory duty. Quickly enough, we were also questioning our part as authors towards this same duty. And our will to make a book out of that thoughts was born on that day.

It was springtime of 2005.

A few years later, Greg joined us.

10 years later, this book exists.

We could never fancy such a warm welcome.

Everything that happened around this book was a gift to us.

When an author gets his printed copy of his work, it ceases to be his. Once it's out there on the shelves, it doesn't belong to its creator anymore. It becomes the editor's, booksellers' and readers' job to follow on (or not) and to allow the story to keep going. A book that never gets opened remains a sleeping story. Which makes Hidden and ourselves quite lucky.

Therefore, we wanted to thank :

- Our publishers : Lombard editions who first trusted us, and First Second, which allowed our work to cross an ocean and meet an audience it would never had met otherwise.
- All the booksellers who cared for our work.
- All the readers who allowed it to live
- Last but not least, thanks to you for the acknowledgement you offer, which goes straight to our hearts.

Thank you ! »

Et voilà (with the mandatory french accent) !