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Washington Towner Book Award 2022 Nominees

This is a press release of the Towner Book Award, sponsored by the Washington Library Association School Library Division, and focused on nonfiction picture books written for second through sixth grade students. The Towner Award is named after Bill Towner, a longtime Seattle librarian and mentor to dozens of teacher librarians. Bill shared his love of literature with thousands of students, and his passion exemplified how caring teachers and librarians can make a difference. The Towner Book award was launched in his honor in 2013.

During the 2021-2022 school year, Washington State librarians and teachers will introduce and promote the nominated titles below. In the spring, all Washington State students in public and independent schools, from second through sixth grades, are invited to vote for their favorite book if they have listened to or read a minimum of two titles. Teachers and librarians may also vote for their favorite book with instructional value.

The Towner committee is made up of public and school librarians from across Washington State and meets each spring to select the 10 nonfiction picture book nominees. Eligible titles must have been published two years prior. For more information, see <http://www.wla.org/towner-award>.

We are pleased to present the nominations for the 2022 Towner Book Award for Nonfiction Picture Books

Beautiful Shades of Brown: The Art of Laura Wheeler Waring

Nancy Churnin (Author), Felicia Marshall (Illustrator)
Publisher: Creston Books

Dinosaurs: Fact and Fable: Truths, Myths, and New Discoveries

Seymour Simon (Author)
Publisher: HarperCollins

Eat Your Rocks, Croc!: Dr. Glider's Advice for Troubled Animals

Jess Keating (Author), Pete Oswald (Illustrator)
Publisher: Orchard Books

Equality's Call: The Story of Voting Rights in America

Deborah Diesen (Author), Magdalena Mora (Illustrator)
Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera

Candace Fleming (Author), Eric Rohmann (Illustrator)
Publisher: Neal Porter Books

If You Take Away the Otter

Susannah Buhrman-Deever (Author), Matthew Trueman (Illustrator)
Publisher: Candlewick

The Only Woman in the Photo: Frances Perkins and Her New Deal for America

Kathleen Krull (Author), Alexandra Bye (Illustrator)
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

The Pig War: How a Porcine Tragedy Taught England and America to Share

Emma Bland Smith (Author), Alison Jay (Illustrator)
Publisher: Calkins Creek

Railway Jack: The True Story of an Amazing Baboon

KT Johnston (Author), César Samaniego (Illustrator)
Publisher: Capstone Editions

Your place in the Universe

By Jason Chin
Publisher: Neal Porter Books