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Washington Towner Book Award
2021 Nominees

This is a press release of the Towner Book Award, sponsored by Washington Library Association School Library Division (WLA), and focused on nonfiction picture books written for 2nd-6th 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 2020-2021 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
2021 Towner Book Award for
Nonfiction Picture Books

**Comics: Easy as ABC - The Essential Guide to Comics for Kids**
Written and illustrated by: Ivan Brunetti
Published by: TOON Graphics

**Evelyn the Adventurous Entomologist: The True Story of a World-Traveling Bug Hunter**
Written by: Christine Evans
Illustrated by: Yasmin Imamura
Published by: The Innovation Press
Gross as a Snot Otter: Discovering the World’s Most Disgusting Animals
Written by: Jess Keating
Illustrated by: David DeGrand
Published by: Knopf Books for Young Readers

The Important Thing About Margaret Wise Brown
Written by: Mac Barnett
Illustrated by: Sarah Jacoby
Published by: Balzer + Bray

Nic Bishop Big Cats
Written and illustrated by: Nic Bishop
Published by: Scholastic Press

The Roots of Rap: 16 Bars on the 4 Pillars of Hip-Hop
Written by: Carole Boston Weatherford
Illustrated by: Frank Morrison
Published by: Little Bee Books

Summer Green to Autumn Gold: Uncovering Leaves’ Hidden Colors
Written and illustrated by: Mia Posada
Published by: Millbrook Press TM

What a Waste: Trash, Recycling, and Protecting our Planet
Written by: Jess French
Published by: DK Children

The Wonders of Nature
Written by: Ben Hoare
Illustrated by: Angela Rizza and Daniel Long
Published by: DK Children

Your Amazing Digestion from Mouth through Intestine
Written by: Joanne Settel
Illustrated by: Steve Björkman
Published by: Atheneum Books for Young Readers