

**Have a favorite book?  
Want to vote?  
Here's how!**

- Washington State students grades 2-6 are eligible.
- Read at least two nominated titles.
- Books can be found at your school library and at your public library.
- Voting takes place in April.
- Librarians must turn in votes online. Ask your librarian for assistance.

### **Previous Towner Winners:**

2014 — *Nic Bishop Snakes*

2015 — *Barbed Wire Baseball*

*Educator's pick : The Great  
American Dust Bowl*



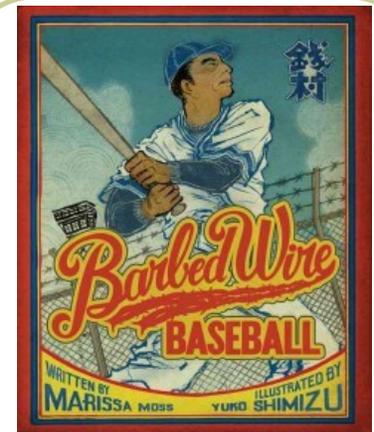
The Towner Award is named after Bill Towner, longtime Seattle librarian and mentor to dozens of librarians. Bill was an outstanding teacher-librarian who worked with thousands of students from all backgrounds and taught all of them his love of literature. Bill showed us how caring teachers and librarians can make a difference.



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## **2016 WILLIAM C. TOWNER STUDENT AWARD FOR INFORMATIONAL TEXT**

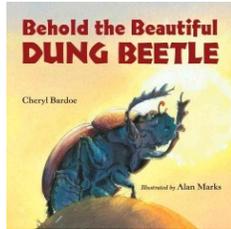
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**2015 TOWNER AWARD  
WINNER**

# The Towner Award Nominees 2016

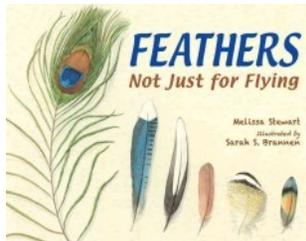
**Behold the Beautiful Dung Beetle**  
Cheryl Bardoe, Ill. Alan Marks



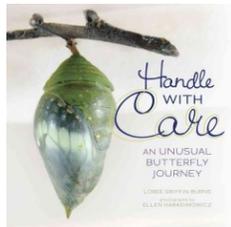
Welcome to an up-close view of the dung beetle! These amazing insects harvest their food, drink, and fuel from the waste piles that large animals leave behind.

**Feathers: Not Just for Flying**  
Melissa Stewart, Ill. Sarah S. Brannen

Discover 16 birds and what makes each species special – feathers!

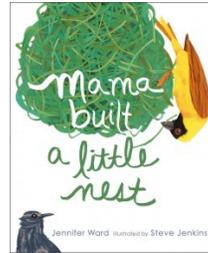


**Handle with Care**  
Loree Griffin Burns & Ellen Harasimowicz



Learn how workers on a farm in Costa Rica care for delicate, winged butterflies as they change from egg to caterpillar to pupae.

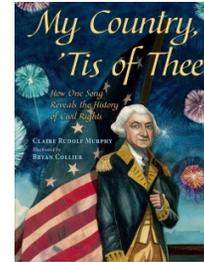
**Mama Built a Little Nest**  
Jennifer Ward & Steve Jenkins



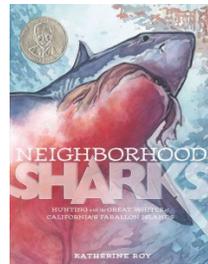
Simple rhyming text introduces different kinds of bird nests built up high or below the ground.

**My Country 'Tis of Thee: how one song reveals the history of human rights**  
Claire Rudolf Murphy and Bryan Collier

Generations of protestors have created new lyrics to this song throughout America's history.



**Neighborhood Sharks**  
Katherine Roy



The Farallon Islands near San Francisco are the seasonal home to a group of great white sharks.

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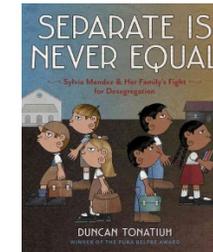
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**Plastic Ahoy! Investigating the Great Pacific Garbage Patch**  
Patricia Newman, Ill. Annie Crawley

A team of three scientists set out on a research ship to investigate the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.



**Separate is Never Equal**  
Duncan Tonatiuh



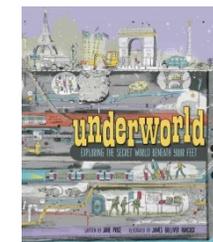
Almost 10 years before Brown vs. Board of Education, Sylvia Mendez and her parents helped end school segregation in California.

**Star Stuff: Carl Sagan and the Mysteries of the Cosmos**  
Stephanie Roth Sisson

Carl Sagan's life is followed from the time he was a young boy wondering about the universe to his adult work as an internationally renowned scientist.



**Underworld: Exploring the Secret World Beneath your Feet**  
Jane Price, Ill. James Gulliver Hancock



Explore what lies below the earth's surface, including: volcanoes, dinosaurs & fossils, crystals & caves, underground cities, art, animals, industries, buried people, treasures, dungeons, and more.