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## Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award

This is a press release of the Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award (WCCPBA), sponsored by the Washington Library Association School Division (WLA). This coming school year 2022-2023, Washington state students in grades kindergarten through third grade will be voting on the 2023 award for their favorite picture book out of the nominated 20 books listed below.

The Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award was started in 1982. All Washington state students in public and private schools, as well as homeschooled students, from kindergarten through third grade in Washington State are welcome to vote. Students hear all 20 nominated picture books, read by their teacher-librarian and/or classroom teacher and participate in literature activities for each book. The WCCPBA committee meets each spring to select the 20 picture book candidates, books that had been published in the last three years, for the next school year. The committee is comprised of school and public librarians from across the state.

We are pleased to present the nominations for the  
**2023 Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award:**

Book	Author	Publisher
<b>AAAlligator!</b>	Henderson, Judith	Kids Can Press
<b>Amara and the Bats</b>	Reynolds, Emma	Atheneum Books for Young Readers
<b>Butterflies are Pretty Gross</b>	Mosco, Rosemary	Tundra
<b>Claude: The True Story of a White Alligator</b>	Smith, Emma Bland	Little Bigfoot, Sasquatch Books
<b>Don't Hug Doug: (He Doesn't Like It)</b>	Finison, Carrie	G.P. Putnam's Sons
<b>First Blade of Sweetgrass: A Native American Story, The</b>	Greenlaw, Suzanne	Tilbury House Publishers
<b>Floating Field: How a Group of Thai Boys Built Their Own Soccer Field, The</b>	Riley, Scott	Millbrook Press
<b>Fluffy McWhiskers Cuteness Explosion</b>	Martin, Stephen W	Margaret K. McElderry Books
<b>Help Wanted, Must Love Books</b>	Sumner Johnson, Janet	Capstone Editions, a Capstone imprint
<b>Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess, The</b>	Gauld, Tom	Holiday House
<b>My Very Favorite Book in the Whole Wide World</b>	Mitchell, Malcolm	Orchard Books, an imprint of Scholastic Inc.
<b>Mysterious Sea Bunny, The</b>	Raymundo, Peter	Dial Books for Young Readers
<b>Norman Didn't Do It!: (Yes, He Did.)</b>	Higgins, Ryan T	Disney/Hyperion
<b>Old Man and the Penguin: A True Story of True Friendship, The</b>	Abery, Julie	Kids Can Press
<b>Room for Everyone</b>	Khan, Naaz	Atheneum Books for Young Readers
<b>Seven Golden Rings: A Tale of Music and Math</b>	LaRocca, Rajani	Lee & Low Books Inc.
<b>Sloth &amp; Squirrel in a Pickle</b>	Mealey, Cathy Ballou	Kids Can Press
<b>Someone Builds the Dream</b>	Wheeler, Lisa	Dial Books for Young Readers
<b>Ten Beautiful Things</b>	Griffin, Molly Beth	Charlesbridge
<b>XO, Exoplanet</b>	Underwood, Deborah	Little, Brown and Company