



Press Release

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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 2023-2024, Washington state students in grades kindergarten through third grade will be voting on the 2024 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 2024 Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award:

| Book | Author | Publisher |
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| Abdul's Story | Thompkins-Bigelow, Jamilah | Salaam Reads |
| Because Claudette | Baptiste, Tracey | Dial Books for Young Readers |
| Boy Who Loved Maps, The | Allen, Kari | Anne Schwartz Books |
| Chester Van Chime Who Forgot How to Rhyme | Monsen, Avery | Little, Brown and Company |
| Chez Bob | Shea, Bob | Little, Brown and Company |
| Chickadee: Criminal Mastermind | Silvie, Monica | Kids Can Press |
| Creature of Habit, The | Smith, Jennifer E. | Random House Studio |
| Except Antarctica! | Sturgell, Todd | Sourcebooks eXplore |
| Friends are Friends, Forever | Liu, Dane | Godwin Books, Henry Holt and Company |
| Frog vs. Toad | Mantle, Ben | Candlewick Press |
| Growing an Artist: the Story of a Landscaper and His Son | Parra, John | Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers |
| Hamsters Make Terrible Roommates | Klein, Cheryl | Dial Books for Young Readers |
| How to Party Like a Snail | Hrab, Naseem | Owlkids Books |
| Knight Owl | Denise, Christopher | Little, Brown and Company |
| Nigel and the Moon | Eady, Antwan | Katherine Tegan Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers |
| Powwow Day | Sorell, Traci | Charlesbridge |
| Three Billy Goats Gruff, The | Barnett, Mac | Orchard Books, an imprint of Scholastic Inc. |
| Very True Legend of the Mongolian Death Worms, The | Fay, Sandra | Godwin Books, Henry Holt and Company |
| Walk in the Words, A | Talbott, Hudson | Nancy Paulsen Books |
| Yoshi and the Ocean | Moore, Lindsay | Greenwillow Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers |