THE WYOMING BUCKAROO BOOK AWARD

The BUCKAROO BOOK AWARD is a joint project of the Wyoming State Literacy Association (http://wyomingliteracy.org/) and the Wyoming Library Association (www.wyla.org).

PHILOSOPHY
The Buckaroo Book Award will provide the opportunity for Wyoming children in grade kindergarten through third to select favorite books they have read or have listened to, and to honor the authors of these books.

PURPOSE
- To help children become acquainted with the best contemporary authors.
- To help children become aware of the qualities that make a good book.
- To accustom younger children to concepts of choice, critical reading, and voting procedures that will help them participate in choosing other awards.
- To honor an author whose book has been enjoyed by children in Wyoming.

HOW BOOKS ARE CHOSEN FOR THE LIST
The annually nominated titles will be chosen by Wyoming students in grades K-3 based upon the following nomination guidelines:
- The book may be fiction or non-fiction, including poetry.
- The book must currently be in print & have a copyright date within the last 5 years.
- The book may be a picture book, easy to read book, a high interest-low vocabulary book, or an appropriate grade level chapter book.
- The book must not have appeared first as a movie or TV show.
- Books cannot be on the list two consecutive years.
- An author may have only one book on the award list.
- Please record the titles suggested by students for consideration as 2023-2024 nominees by entering them into the online survey when you enter your total votes. You will need to include the title, author, and copyright date.
- Deadline for nominations is March 1, 2024

VOTING FOR THE BUCKAROO AWARD BOOK
- Wyoming children from kindergarten through third grade are encouraged to read or listen to as many of the nominated books as possible and to vote for their favorite.
- Each participating child will vote for only one book.
- Participants must have read or listened to at least 3 books to be an eligible voter.
- The Buckaroo Book Award voting will take place online, beginning in late February.
- Submit book totals in the survey posted on the website (available late February).
- A child may vote only once. Deadline for voting is March 15, 2024.
- If you have any questions, please contact:
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2023-2024 BUCKAROO BALLOT
Deadline: March 15, 2024
Please tally the votes from your school/institution. Put the total number of votes for each book beside the title. Then enter your total school/library tally for each book into the online survey, available in mid-February (www.wyla.org). Votes must be entered by March 15, 2024

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Possible Resources and Other Books to Pair with Nominees:

**Powwow Day** by Traci Sorell  
*We are Grateful: Otsaliheliga* by Traci Sorell  
*We All Play* by Julie Flett  
Activity Kit

**Knight Owl** by Denise Christopher Denise  
*Attack of the Underwear Dragon* by Scott Rothman  
*The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson  
*The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess* by Tom Gauld  
Christopher Denise’s [website](#)

**The Bug Girl** by Sophia Spencer  
*Insectigations: 40 hands-on activities to explore the insect world* by Cindy Blobaum  
*Incredible Insect videos*  
*Reading* by the Author with a fun Q&A at the end

**Rumple Buttercup** by Matthew Gray Gubler  
*Stink on the Brink* by Lisa Dalrymple  
*A Different Kind of Normal: My Real-life Completely True Story about Being Unique* by Abigail Balfe

**Pipqueaks, Slowpokes and Stinkers** by Melissa Stewart  
*The Animal Book: A Collection of the Fastest, Fiercest, Toughest, Cleverest, Shyest and Most Surprising Animals on Earth* by Steve Jenkins  
*How to Swallow a Pig* by Steve Jenkins  
*Outrageous animal adaptations: from big-eared bats to frill-necked lizards* by Michael Rosen  
Reader’s Theater  
Teacher’s Guide

**Farmhouse** by Sophie Blackall  
*A House that Once Was* by Julie Foglaino  
*A House Finds a Home* by Katy Duffield  
Sophie Blackall [interview](#) about Farmhouse  
Activities

**No Nibbling** by Beth Ferry  
*Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!* by Candance Fleming  
*How Does Your Garden Grow?* by Holly Hobbie  
*If You Plant a Seed* by Kadir Nelson  
Beth Ferry’s [website](#)
Rescue & Jessica: A Life-changing Friendship by Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes
Hello goodbye dog by Maria Gianferrari
Info about service dogs

Witch Hazel by Molly Idle
The Grandma Book by Todd Parr
Planting Stories: the Life of Librarian and Story Teller Pura Belpre by Anika Aldamuy Denise and Paola Escobar
Baking Day at Grandma’s by Anika Aldamuy Denise and Christopher Denise
Family History Storytime lesson plan

What Is Given from the Heart by Patricia C. McKissack
Maddie’s Fridge by Lois Brandt
Where Crocodiles have Wings by Patricia C. McKissack
Poem activity
Here are some other books that didn’t make Buckaroo Ballot this year but are certainly worth a read:

“Smelly: Kelly & his Super Senses by Beth Anderson

*Aaron Slater, Illustrator* by Andrea Beaty

*Golden Threads* by Suzanne Del Rizzo

*Strange Planet: The Sneaking, Hiding, Vibrating Creature* by Bernette Ford

*Uncle John’s City Garden* by Bernette Ford

*It Fell from the Sky* by Erin Fan

*Ella’s Night Light* by Lucy Fleming

*How to Find a Fox* by Kate Gardner

*If the S in Moose Comes Loose* by Peter Hermann

*Norman Didn’t Do It (Yes, He Did)* by Ryan T. Higgins

*The Sour Grape* by Jory John

*Roman the Librarian* by Tara Luebbe Becky Cattie

*Grampa Grumps* by Katrina Moore

*Hike* by Pete Oswald

*On Account of the Gum* by Adam Rex

*The Most Magnificent Idea* by Ashley Spires

*Llama Destroys the World* by Jonathan Stutzman
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Circle each book you finish!

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