

# 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](http://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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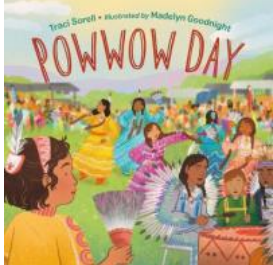
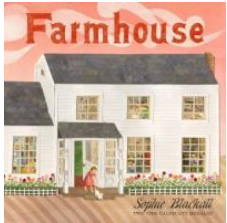
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## 2023-2024 BUCKAROO BALLOT

**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](http://www.wyla.org)). Votes **must** be entered by **March 15, 2024**

Vote	Title & Author	Vote	Title & Author
	<p><i>Powwow Day</i> by Traci Sorell</p> 		<p><i>Farmhouse</i> by Sophie Blackall</p> 
	<p><i>Knight Owl</i> by Christopher Denise</p> 		<p><i>No Nibbling!</i> by Beth Ferry</p> 
	<p><i>The Bug Girl</i> by Sophia Spencer</p> 		<p><i>Rescue &amp; Jessica: A Life-changing Friendship</i> by Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes</p> 
	<p><i>Rumple Buttercup</i> by Matthew Gray Gubler</p> 		<p><i>Witch Hazel</i> by Molly Idle</p> 
	<p><i>Pipqueaks, Slowpokes and Stinkers</i> by Melissa Stewart</p> 		<p><i>What Is Given from the Heart</i> by Patricia C. McKissack</p> 

## **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 Foglino

*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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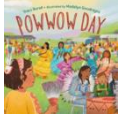
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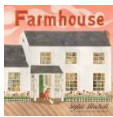


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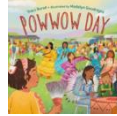
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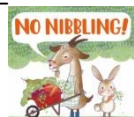


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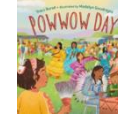
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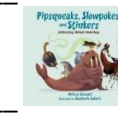
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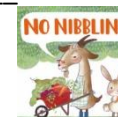


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