

# THE WYOMING BUCKAROO BOOK AWARD

The BUCKAROO BOOK AWARD is a joint project of the Wyoming State Literacy Association ([www.wyomingliteracy.org](http://www.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 2020-2021 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 15, 2022**

## 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 here: <http://wyla.org>.
- A child may vote only once. Deadline for voting is **April 1, 2022**.
- If you have any trouble with this survey or have questions, contact:

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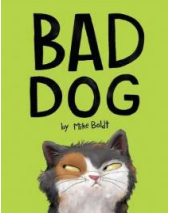
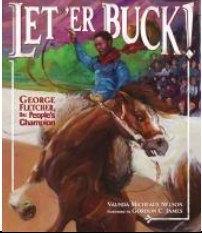
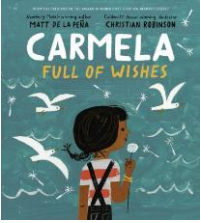
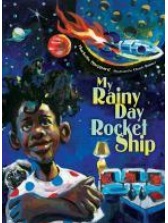
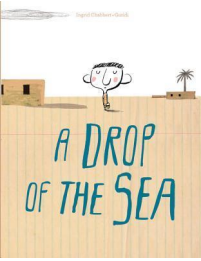
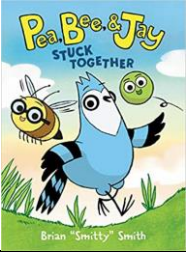
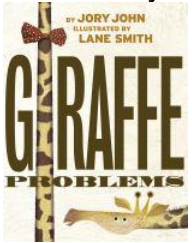
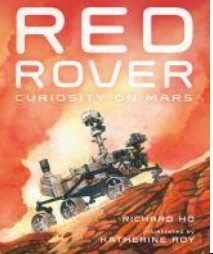


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## 2020-2021 BUCKAROO BALLOT

**Deadline: April 1, 2022**

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 **April 1, 2022**.

Vote	Title & Author	Vote	Title & Author
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## **Possible Resources and Other Books to Pair with Nominees:**

### ***Bad Dog* by Mike Boldt**

*I Don't Want to Be a Frog* by Mike Boldt

*Alligator Baby* by Robert Munsch (another case of animal mistaken identity)

*My Wild Cat* by Isabelle Simler

### ***Carmela Full of Wishes* by Matt de la Peña**

*Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4irkUDbaIA>)

*My Papi Has a Motorcycle* by Isabel Quintero

*Brick by Brick* by Heidi Woodward

[Cut Paper banners](#)

### ***A Drop of the Sea* by Ingrid Chabbert**

*The Day I Became a Bird* by Ingrid Chabbert

*Sing to the moon* by Nansubuga Nagadya Isdahl

*Quiet* by Tomie DePaola

### ***Giraffe Problems* by Jory John**

*The Short Giraffe* by Neil Flory

*Penguin Problems* by Jory John

[Giraffe Problem activity](#)

### ***Just Ask! Be Brave, Be Different* by Sonia Sotomayor**

*I Talk Like a River* Jordan Scott

*How Do You Dance?* by Thyra Heder

*We Move Together* by Kelly Fritsch

[Author interview](#)

### ***Let'er Buck: George Fletcher, the People's Champion* by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson**

*Bill Pickett, Rodeo-ridin' cowboy* by Andrea Davis Pinkney

*Yippee-yay!: a Book about Cowboys and Cowgirls* by Gail Gibbons

[Rodeo 101](#)

### ***My Rainy Day Rocket Ship* by Markette Sheppard**

*What is Light* by Markette Sheppard

*What to do with a Box* by Jane Yolen

*How to Catch a Star* by Oliver Jeffers

**Pea, Bee and Jay: Stuck Together by Brian Smith**

*The King Who Rained* by Fred Gwynne (book with word play)

*Otter Nonsense* by Norton Juster (book with animal puns)

Pea, Bee and Jay [Reading Guide](#)

**Red Rover: Curiosity by Richard Ho**

*Welcome to Mars: making a home on the Red Planet* by Buzz Aldrin

*The Boy Who Went to Mars* by Simon James

*Life on Mars* by Jon Agee

[NASA's Mars exploration](#)

[More About Mars from NASA](#)

**The Worrysaurus by Rachel Bright**

*The Color Monster* by Anna Llenas

*The Watermelon Seed* by Greg Pizzoli

*The Way I Feel* by Janan Cain

**Here are some other books that didn't make Buckaroo Ballot this year but are certainly worth a read!**

*Butts Are Everywhere* by Jonathan Stutzman

*Can I Be Your Dog?* by Troy Cummings

*Fate of Fausto* by Oliver Jeffers

*Little Bit Brave* by Nicola Kinnear

*Mega Dogs of New Kanas* by Dan Jolley

*Ocean! Waves for All* by Stacy McAnulty

*On Account of the Gum* by Adam Rex

*Spencer's New Pet* by Jessie Sima

*This is a Seahorse* by Cassandra Federman

*Traveler's Gift* by Danielle Davison

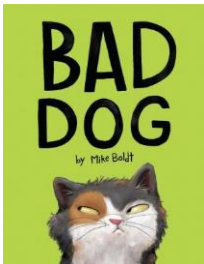
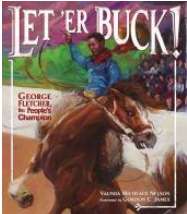
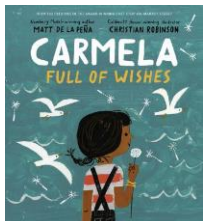
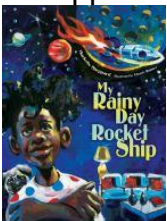
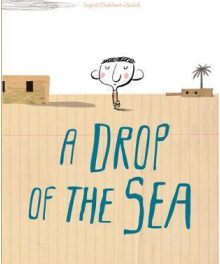
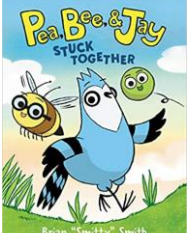
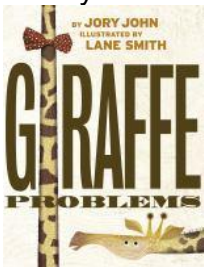
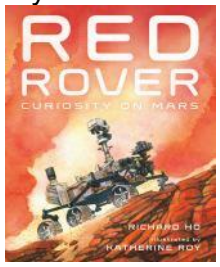

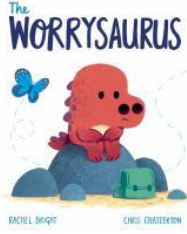
*Way Home for Wolf* by Rachel Bright

*We Don't Eat Our Classmates!* by Ryan T. Higgins



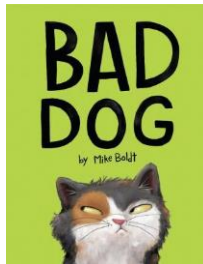
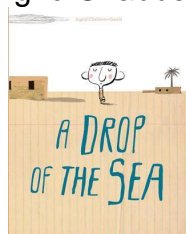
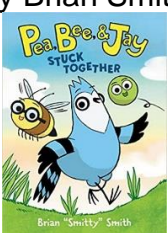
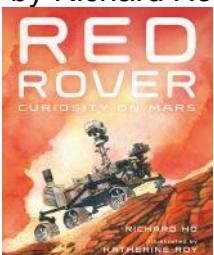
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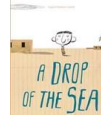
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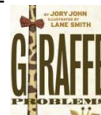
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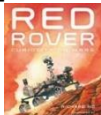
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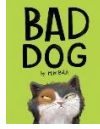


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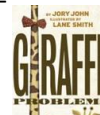
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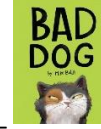


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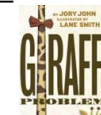
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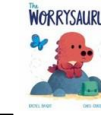
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