

# INDIAN PAINTBRUSH BOOK AWARD

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2019-2020

## Indian Paintbrush Book Award

Sponsored by the Wyoming Library Association and the Wyoming State Reading Council, the Indian Paintbrush Book Award will provide the opportunity for Wyoming youth in grades 4-6 to select a favorite book and honor its author.

Its purpose is to help Wyoming students in grades 4-6:

- Become acquainted with the best contemporary authors
- Become aware of the qualities that make a good book
- Set a goal to read at least three good books
- Honor an author whose books Wyoming students have enjoyed.

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## **2019 Indian Paintbrush Winners**

**Winner: The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley**

**1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up : Restart by Gordon Korman**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up: Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling**

## **2019-2020 Indian Paintbrush Nominee Titles**

*Awkward* by Svetlana Chmakova

*Hero* by Jennifer Li Shotz

*Louisiana's Way Home* by Kate DiCamillo

*Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow* by Jessica Townsend

*One for Sorrow* by Mary Downing Hahn

*Resistance* by Jennifer Nielsen

*Some Kind of Courage* by Dan Gemeinhart

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## Indian Paintbrush Book Awards Ballot Tally for 2019-2020

Wyoming youth (4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> grade) are encouraged to read or listen to as many of the nominated books as possible and vote for their favorite.

- Only those who have read 3 or more books from the list may vote
- Use this form to help you keep track of student votes before you enter them online
- Please send only one total ballot per institution

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2020 ballots will all be entered online at

[www.wyla.org](http://www.wyla.org)

**Deadline for ballot is March 15, 2020**

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Encourage your children to participate in the nomination phase of this award program by nominating books they enjoy. The Indian Paintbrush Award is unique in that Wyoming children nominate the books as well as vote for the award winner.

## CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION:

- Books may be fiction or nonfiction.
- The original copyright date must be from 2015-2020
- Books must be in print at the time of nomination.
- Books must be nominated by students in grades 4-6.
- Only one title per author will be included on the ballot.
- No title can be on the list for two consecutive years.
- Any student may nominate a title to the list.

Watch for emails that indicate when the nomination process is open.

You will submit nominations online. Please submit as nominations come in, and do not wait until the last minute to record them. This way the committee has more time to do the list justice by reading each title.

Information you will provide on the online nomination form includes:

Name and address of school or library  
Author  
Title  
# Nominations

Thank you to all the teachers, librarians and students who participate in the Indian Paintbrush Book Award Program!

Deadline for submitting nominations will be March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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## Indian Paintbrush Book Award Guidelines and By-Laws

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The Wyoming Library Association established this award in 1985 to encourage students to:

- Become acquainted with the best contemporary authors
- Become aware of the qualities that make a good book
- Choose the best rather than the mediocre
- Honor an author whose book has been enjoyed by Wyoming youth

### VOTING

Wyoming youth (4-6 grades) are encouraged to read or listen to as many of the nominated books as possible (a minimum of three) and vote for their favorite. Librarians, teachers and parents are urged to read some of the books aloud to the students. The list includes high and low level reading with both girl and boy protagonists.

Each spring the students vote for the book they choose as best. Tabulations are then made by each school or library on *Ballot Tally Forms*. Ballots are sent online to the committee chair by March 15<sup>th</sup>. The Indian Paintbrush Book Award Committee meets in April to finalize a list of 10 titles. This list becomes the ballot for the next school year.

### NOMINATION CRITERIA

1. Books may be either fiction or nonfiction
2. Books must have been originally published within the preceding five years
3. Books must be in print at the time of nomination
4. No title can be on the list for two consecutive years
5. No books by the winning author can appear on the following year's list
6. Any student may nominate a book

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## COMMITTEE CONSIDERATIONS FOR LIST

1. **Nomination criteria**
2. **Highest number of nominations will put the book on the list if other criteria are met**
3. **Must have at least two published reviews (exception-see #8)**
4. **Only one title per author on the list**
5. **Exclude some series; make judgment of good literature**
6. **Exclude books with consistent YA designations in reviews**
7. **Exclude winning titles of Soaring Eagle Award**
8. **Books of local interest or by Wyoming authors may be considered on their own merit**
9. **If possible, at least 50% should be available in paperback**
10. **If possible, make a split according to boy/girl protagonists**
11. **If possible, vary the genre**

## INDIAN PAINTBRUSH COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

The division of representation between the Wyoming Library Association and the Wyoming State Reading Council shall be as follows:

- **The Wyoming State Reading Council shall appoint four members to the committee**
- **The Wyoming Library Association President shall appoint four members; two from the School Library/Media Personnel Section and two from the Children's/YA Section, to the committee**
- **Committee shall have co-chairs, one from the Wyoming Library Association and one from the Wyoming State Reading Council**
- **Committee members shall be appointed for 3-year terms**

## INDIAN PAINTBRUSH COMMITTEE MEMBERS – June 12, 2019

### WLA Members

Mary Borthwick (2021) Co-Chair (S)  
Kennedy Penn-O'Toole (2020) (P)  
Joan Binkley (2022) (S)  
(open) (P)

### WSRC Members

Melissa Brumsted Snider (2021) Co-Chair  
Mary Rhoads (2020)  
Becky Davis (2022)  
(open)