



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 2025-2026, Washington state students in grades kindergarten through third grade will be voting on the 2026 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 the 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 March 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
2026 Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award:**

Book	Author	Publisher
Bakery Dragon, The	Kurtz, Devin Elle	Alfred A. Knopf
Buffalo Fluffalo	Kalb, Bess	Random House Studio
Built to Last	Le, Minh	Alfred A. Knopf
Cookie Time	Sima, Jessie	Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers
Crocodile Should Never Skip Breakfast, A	Larmour, Colleen	Kids Can Press
Flicker of Hope, A	Harmony, Cynthia	Viking
I Know How to Draw an Owl	Hippely, Hilary Horder	Holiday House
I'm Sorry You Got Mad	Lukoff, Kyle	Dial Books for Young Readers
Jump for Joy	Ruelle, Karen Gray	Astra Young Readers
Log Life (Tiny Habitats)	Hevron, Amy	Beach Lane Books
Man Who Didn't Like Animals, The	Underwood, Deborah	Clarion Books
Midnight Panther, The	Mistry, Poonam	Candlewick Studio
My Friend Andy	Chinnery, Emma	Union Square Kids
Narwhal: Unicorn of the Arctic	Fleming, Candace	Anne Schwartz Books
Parrotfish Has a Superpower	Esbaum, Jill	G.P. Putnam's Sons
Tate's Wild Rescue	Turnbull, Jenny	Crown Books for Young Readers
Teeny-Weeny Unicorn, The	Harris, Shawn	Alfred A. Knopf
Together Tree, The	Saeed, Aisha	Salaam Reads
Ursula Upside Down	Tabor, Corey R.	Balzer + Bray
We Are Definitely Human	Fang, X	Tundra Books

A visual list of the books is on the next page.

Washington Children's Choice Award Nominees for 2026

