



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 2024-2025, Washington state students in grades kindergarten through third grade will be voting on the 2025 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 all 20 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
2025 Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award:**

Book	Author	Publisher
Agatha May and the Anglerfish	Morrison, Nora	Dial Books for Young Readers
Bitsy Bat, School Star	Windness, Kaz	Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers
Flat Cat	Lazar, Tara	Flamingo Books
Friends Beyond Measure	Fisher, Lalena	Harper Collins Publisher
Gertie: the Darling Duck of WWII	Swanson, Shari	Sleeping Bear Press
Girl Who Heard the Music, The	Fogelson, Marni	Sourcebooks eXplore
How do You Spell Unfair?: MacNolia Cox and the National Spelling Bee	Weatherford, Carole Boston	Candlewick Press
I Don't Care	Fogliano, Julie	Holiday House
King Penguin, The	Vanessa Roeder	Dial Books for Young Readers
Not a Monster	Martinez, Claudia Guadalupe	Charlesbridge
Out of a Jar	Marcero, Deborah	G. P. Putnam's Sons
Paula's Patches	Aldeman, Gabriella	Free Spirit Publishing
Ramen For Everyone	Tanumihardja, Patricia	Atheneum Books for Young Readers
Red Jacket, The	Holt, Bob	Harper Collins Publishing
Remember	Harjo, Joy	Random House Studio
Something, Someday	Gorman, Amanda	Viking
Spanish is the Language of My Family	Genhart, Michael	Holiday House
Stranded!: a Mostly True Story from Iceland	Benediktsson, Aevan Thor	Barefoot Books
This is Not My Story	Uytdewilligen, Ryan	Kids Can Press
We Are Going to Be Pals!	Teague, Mark	Beach Lane Books

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

Washington Children's Choice Award Nominees for 2025

