



**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 2026-2027, Washington state students in grades kindergarten through third grade will be voting on the 2027 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  
2027 Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award:**

<b>Book</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Publisher</b>
<b>Awesome Earth: Concrete Poems Celebrate Caves, Canyons &amp; Other Fascinating Landforms</b>	<b>Graham, Joan Bransfield</b>	<b>Clarion Books</b>
<b>Broken</b>	<b>Fang, X</b>	<b>Tundra Books</b>
<b>Cranky, Crabby Crow (Saves the World)</b>	<b>Tabor, Corey R.</b>	<b>Greenwillow Books</b>
<b>Day the Books Disappeared, The</b>	<b>Ho, Joanna</b>	<b>Disney Hyperion</b>
<b>Day Leap Soared, The</b>	<b>Braverman, Blair</b>	<b>HarperCollins</b>
<b>Don't Trust Fish</b>	<b>Sharpson, Neil</b>	<b>Dial Books</b>
<b>How to Grow a Family Tree</b>	<b>Birdsong, Bea</b>	<b>Neal Porter Books</b>
<b>Interpreter, The</b>	<b>Abtahi, Olivia</b>	<b>Kokila</b>
<b>Lena the Chicken (But Really a Dinosaur!)</b>	<b>Bailey, Linda</b>	<b>Tundra Books</b>
<b>Mike the Magical Coughing Cat</b>	<b>Takac, Mag</b>	<b>Union Square Kids</b>
<b>Monster Hands</b>	<b>Kane, Karen</b>	<b>Nancy Paulsen Books</b>
<b>My Friend May</b>	<b>Flett, Julie</b>	<b>Greystone Kids</b>
<b>No More Chairs</b>	<b>Gill, Dan</b>	<b>Little, Brown Books for Young Readers</b>
<b>Nunu and the Sea</b>	<b>Kung, Isabella</b>	<b>Knopf Books for Young Readers</b>
<b>Old Clothes for Dinner?!</b>	<b>Alonso, Nathalie</b>	<b>Barefoot Books</b>
<b>Piece Out</b>	<b>Willan, Alex</b>	<b>Astra Young Readers</b>
<b>Safe Crossing</b>	<b>Percival, Kari</b>	<b>Chronicle Books</b>
<b>Tuck Me In!: A Science Bedtime Story</b>	<b>Pyle, Nathan W.</b>	<b>Random House Books for Young Readers</b>
<b>Vida: The Mice, the Cat, and the Alebrije</b>	<b>Tonatiuh, Duncan</b>	<b>Harry N. Abrams</b>
<b>Wombats Go Wild for Words, The</b>	<b>Ferry, Beth</b>	<b>Random House Studio</b>

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

Washington Children's Choice Award Nominees for 2027

