



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Magnolia Book Awards?

The Magnolia Book Award is an award given annually to the book voted by the children and teens of Mississippi as their favorite in four age categories.

What is the purpose of the Magnolia Book Awards?

The purpose of the Magnolia Book Award is to introduce the children and teens of Mississippi to current literature and to instill a love of reading.

How are selections for nominees for the Magnolia Book Awards made?

Suggestions can be made by anyone, but the title must have positive reviews in at least two children's literature review journals (SLJ, Horn Book, CBBC, etc.). Titles must have been published within the past 2 years. The final list from which the children read and select will have 10-12 titles for the Pre K-2 age category, 8-10 titles for the 3-5 category, 6-8 titles for the 6-8 category, and 4-6 titles for the 9-12 category.

Who can participate in choosing the Magnolia Book Awards?

Students in grades Pre K-12 in Mississippi public, private, or homeschooled settings are eligible to vote.

How are the Magnolia Book Awards recipients chosen?

Children and teens who vote must have been exposed to at least half, and preferably all, of the nominated titles. Exposure includes reading independently, having the book read to them, or listening to an audio production of the book.

Voting is coordinated through schools, libraries, and other appropriate venues as approved by the executive committee. Voting will take place electronically each February with the winning titles announced at the Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival in April.

When will the Magnolia Book Awards be presented?

The winners will be recognized at the Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival in April.

What if my school or library does not currently participate in the Magnolia Book Awards voting?

If you do not have a local voting site participating in the Magnolia Book Awards (a school or library), you may still participate by reading the books in your grade category and voting for your favorite at the Mississippi Children's Museum. Voting takes place during the month of February each year.



CLASSROOM & LIBRARY RESOURCES

How to make the most of the Magnolia Book Awards in your CLASSROOM.

- Read the Magnolia Book Awards Nominees as a class and share thoughts as a group.
- Put students into small groups and have each group read a different nominee, then have students present to the class as a whole.
- Presentations could include:
 - Book Talks
 - Prezi's
 - Live action scenes
 - Book readings
 - Book Trailers
- Have students advocate for their favorite nominees with classroom debates.
- Utilize extension activities to present books and their themes to students.

How to make the most of the Magnolia Book Awards in your LIBRARY.

- Choose a grade category and host themed parties for each nominee.
- Collaborate with local teachers and host a book trailer competition.
- Keep a running graph posted at your library where children can come in and add their vote for everyone to see.
- Host a book trailer, movie night.
- Host a costume party for children to dress up as their favorite characters from their favorite nominees.
- Collaborate with teachers to host a wax museum, where specific students dress up as characters from nominated books and present monologues for class tours.
- For grades Pre K-2, host afterschool storytimes based on each nominee.
- For grades 3-5 and 6-8, incorporate nominees into your book clubs.



2018 NOMINATED BOOKS

Read each book in your grade category, and
VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE
in February 2018!

PRE-K - 2ND GRADE

Hammer and Nail
by Josh Bledsoe

Good Trick, Walking Stick
by Sheri M. Bestor

*When Amelia Earhart Built a
Roller Coaster*
by Mark Weakland

*Charles Darwin's Around the
World Adventure*
by Jennifer Thermes

Hannah and Sugar
by Kate Berube

*Around America to Win the
Vote: Two Suffragists, a Kitten,
and 10,000 Miles*
by Mara Rockliff

A Big Surprise for Little Card
by Charise Mericle Harper

Memoirs of a Parrot
by Devin Scillian

*Ferocious Fluffty: A Mighty
Bite-y Class Pet* by Erica S. Perl
Hey, That's My Monster!
by Amanda Knoll

3RD - 5TH GRADE

Bayou Magic
by Jewel Parker Rhodes

Miracle Man: the Story of Jesus
by John Hendrix

*All Rise for the Honorable
Perry T. Cook*
by Leslie Connor

The Wild Robot
by Peter Brown

When Mischief Came to Town
by Katrina Nannestad

The Book Scavenger
by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

Anything but Ordinary Addie
by Mara Rockliff

The Princess and the Warrior
by Duncan Tonatiuh

The Evil Wizard Smallbone
by Delia Sherman

Crenshaw
by Katherine Applegate

6TH - 8TH GRADE

*Milestones of Flight: From Hot-air
balloons to Space Ship One*
by Tim Grove

Sophie Quire and the Last Storyguard
by Jonathan Auxier

Red's Planet
by Eddie Pittman

*Headstrong: 52 Women Who Changed
Science - and the World* by Rachel Swaby

Raymie Nightingale
by Kate DiCamillo

Hour of the Bees
by Lindsay Eager

Cloud and Wallfish
by Ann Nesbet

Pax
by Sara Pennypacker

9TH -12TH GRADE

An Ember in the Ashes
by Sabaa Tahir

*Every Falling Star: the True Story of How
I Survived and Escaped North Korea*
by Sungj Lee

Exit, Pursued by a Bear
by E. K. Johnston

The Lie Tree
by Frances Hardinge

Salt to the Sea
by Ruta Sepetys

Unbecoming
by Jenny Downham



NOMINATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Thank you for your interest in the Magnolia Book Awards. We are currently taking suggestions for the 2019 Magnolia Book Awards nominees. Before you submit your suggestions, please read the following limitations on books that the Nominating Committee will consider. When you are ready to make your suggestions, they may be submitted via email to Venetia Oglesby at venetia.oglesby@lowndes.k12.ms.us.

WHO CAN MAKE A SUGGESTION?

Suggestions for nominations can come from any adult or child.

AGE RANGE

Please submit titles in the following categories: Grades Pre K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12. Be sure to indicate within which category a title is suggested.

FORMAT

Any genre or format (chapter or picture book) is acceptable. This includes non-fiction.

PUBLICATION DATE

Suggested titles should have been published within the past 2 years.

REPRINT TITLES

Reprints of English language titles are not eligible. However, if a title was first published in another language, the English translation will be considered if the publication date is within the past 2 years.

QUALIFICATIONS

Books included on the final list must have been reviewed in at least 2 professional journals such as School Library Journal, Horn Book, VOYA, Booklist, Publishers Weekly.

NATIONAL AWARD BOOKS

Books that have won a national award (Caldecott, Newbery, Sibert, Coretta Scott King, Pura Belpre, or National Book Award) are not eligible for the Magnolia Book Award. However, Honor books will be considered.

AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR

Either the author or illustrator must be living.

DEADLINE FOR MAKING SUGGESTIONS

September 30th

SUBMITTING SUGGESTIONS

Suggestions are accepted via email to Venetia Oglesby at venetia.oglesby@lowndes.k12.ms.us.