Washington Towner Book Award 2025 Nominees

The Washington Library Association (WLA) is thrilled to announce our 2025 Towner Book Award nominees! This prestigious award is presented annually in the Spring to the finest nonfiction book of the year, as chosen by 2nd - 6th graders in Washington State from a selection of 10 nominated books. Honoring Bill Towner, a respected Seattle librarian and mentor, the Towner Book Award has been celebrating exceptional nonfiction picture books since 2013.

Composed of public and school librarians from across Washington State, the Towner Award Committee convenes each winter to choose the 10 nonfiction picture book nominees for the Towner Award. Throughout the 2024-2025 academic year, teachers and librarians will explore the nominated books. Students will cast their votes for their favorite book in the Spring of 2025. For more information, see http://www.wla.org/towner-award.

We are pleased to present the nominations for the **2025 Towner Book Award for Nonfiction Picture Books**

A River's Gift, The Mighty Elwha

Written by Patricia Newman

Illustrated by Natasha Donovan

Published by Millbrook Press

Destiny Finds Her Way: How a Rescued Baby Sloth Learned to be Wild

Written and illustrated by Margarita Engle

Published by National Geographic

They Hold The Line: Wildfires, Wildlands, and the Firefighters Who Brave Them

Written by Dan Paley

Photos by Molly Mendoza

Published by Chronicle Books

First Aid

Written by Cody Crane

Published by Scholastic Books

Nature is a Sculptor: Weathering and Erosion

Written and illustrated by Heather Ferranti Kinser

Published by Millbrook Press

She Kept Dancing

Written by Sydney Mesher and Catherine Laudone

Illustrated by Natelle Quek

Published by Feiwel & Friends

Swimming Toward a Dream: Yusra Mardini's Incredible Journey from Refugee to Olympic Swimmer

Written by Reem Faruqi

Illustrated by Asma Enayeh

Published by Page Street Kids

The Secret Pocket

Written by Peggy Janicki

Illustrated by Carrielynn Victor

Published by Orca Book Publishers

The Spectacular Science of Buildings: From Ancient Wonders To Modern Megastructures

Written by Rob Colson

Illustrated by Moreno Chiacchiera

Published by Kingfisher

Dogs: A History of Our Best Friends

Written and illustrated by Lita Judge

Published by Abrams Books