

Maryland Black-Eyed Susan Book Award



2022-2023

And the winner is...

The votes have been counted and over 25,000 students from across the state have selected their favorite books as part of the Maryland Black-Eyed Susan Book Award program. The student selections are:

Picture Book – *Norman Didn't Do It!: (Yes, he did.)* by Ryan T. Higgins

Grades 4-6 – *Unplugged* by Gordon Korman

Graphic Novels Grades 4-6 – *Allergic* by Megan Wagner Lloyd, illustrated by Michelle Mee Nutter

Grades 6-9 – *Starfish* by Lisa Fipps

Graphic Novels Grades 6-9 – *Shark Summer* by Ira Marcks

High School – *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Congratulations to our winning authors, illustrators, and publishers and to the students, teachers, and librarians who every year make the program such a resounding success.

The Results

Wondering how your favorite book did in student voting? The following charts list the books in descending order beginning with the top vote-getter. In deference to our authors, publishers, and especially the student voters whose books did not capture top honors, we do not publish numbers of votes.

Picture Books

Norman Didn't Do It: (Yes, he did.)

Avocado Asks

Except Antarctica

Crossings

Twenty-one Steps: Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
Sincerely, Emerson: A Girl, Her Letter, and the Helpers All Around Us
Don't Hug Doug: (He Doesn't Like It)
R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul
A Walk in the Words
The Ocean Calls: A Haenyeo Mermaid Story
What's in Your Pocket?: Collecting Nature's Treasures
Outside, Inside
A Ride to Remember: A Civil Rights Story
I am an American: The Wong Kim Ark Story
Someone Builds the Dream

Grades 4-6

Unplugged
The Lion of Mars
Willodeen
Black Brother, Black Brother
The Boy at the Back of the Class
The Canyon's Edge
Red, White, and Whole
Yusuf Azeem is Not a Hero
Efren Divided
The Beatryce Prophecy

Graphic Novels Grades 4-6

Allergic
Miles Morales: Shock Waves
Chunky
Measuring Up
City of Dragons: The Awakening Storm
Just Roll with It
The Way of the Hive: A Honey Bee's Story
Anti/Hero
The Deep & Dark Blue

Grades 6-9

Starfish
The 47 People You'll Meet in Middle School
Hide and Seeker
Fallout
Glitch
Summer of Brave
Just Like That
The Brave
The Shape of Thunder
Ophie's Ghosts

Graphic Novels Grades 6-9

Shark Summer

Huda F are You?
Salt Magic
Artie and the Wolf Moon
Living with Viola
The Ghoul Next Door
The Underfoot: The Mighty Deep
The Legend of Auntie Po
Lifetime Passes
Ye

High School

The Inheritance Games
Legendborn
Blackout
The Girls I've Been
Long Way Down: the graphic novel
Pumpkin
White Smoke
Firekeeper's Daughter
Last Girls
Raybearer