**THE WYOMING INDIAN PAINTBRUSH BOOK AWARD**

The INDIAN PAINTBRUSH BOOK AWARD is a joint project of the Wyoming State Literacy Association (<http://wyomingliteracy.org/>) and the Wyoming Library Association ([www.wyla.org](http://www.wyla.org)).

**PHILOSOPHY**

The Indian Paintbrush Book Award will provide the opportunity for Wyoming children in grades four through six to choose their favorite book from a list of 10 nominees, and honor its author.

**PURPOSE**

* To help children become acquainted with the best contemporary authors.
* To help children become aware of the qualities that make a good book.
* To accustom younger children to concepts of choice, critical reading, and voting procedures that will help them participate in choosing other awards.
* To honor an author whose book has been enjoyed by children in Wyoming.

**HOW BOOKS ARE CHOSEN FOR THE LIST**

The annually nominated titles will be chosen by Wyoming students in grades 4-6, based upon the following nomination guidelines:

* Books may be fiction or nonfiction, and in any format (e.g. novel in verse, graphic novel).
* The book must currently be in print & have a copyright date within the last 5 years.
* Books must be in print at the time of nomination.
* Books must be nominated by Wyoming students in grades 4-6.
* Only one title per author will be included on the nominations list.
* No author can be on the list for two consecutive years.
* No title can be on the nominees list more than once.
* Deadline for nominations is **March 1, 2024**

**VOTING FOR THE INDIAN PAINTBRUSH AWARD BOOK**

* Wyoming children from 4th through 6th grade are encouraged to read or listen to as many of the nominated books as possible and to vote for their favorite.
* Each participating child will **vote for only one book**.
* Participants must have read or listened to **at least 3 books** to be an eligible voter.
* The Indian Paintbrush Book Award voting will take place online, beginning in January.
* Submit book totals in the survey found on the [Wyoming Book Awards website](https://www.wyla.org/Wyoming-Book-Awards).
* A child may vote only once. Deadline for voting is **March 15, 2024**.
* If you have any questions, please contact the co-chairs or any other committee members:

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**2023-2024 Indian Paintbrush Award Ballot**

**Deadline to enter votes: March 15, 2024**

Please tally the votes from your school/institution. Put the total number of votes for each book beside the title. Then enter your total school/library tally for each book into the [online survey](https://www.wyla.org/Wyoming-Book-Awards), available in January ([wyla.org/Wyoming-Book-Awards](https://www.wyla.org/Wyoming-Book-Awards))

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| **Vote** | **Title & Author** | **Vote** | **Title & Author** |
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|  | ***Mac Undercover***by Mac Barnett |  | ***Odder*** by Katherine Applegate |
|  | ***A Rover’s Story***by Jasmine Warga |  | ***Stay***by Bobbie Pyron |
|  | ***Torpedoed***by Deborah Heiligman |  | ***The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez***by Adrianna Cuevas |
|  | ***Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky***by Kwame Mbalia  |  | ***Wreck at Ada’s Reef***by Michael D. Biel  |

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