

Arkansas Book Awards in Action

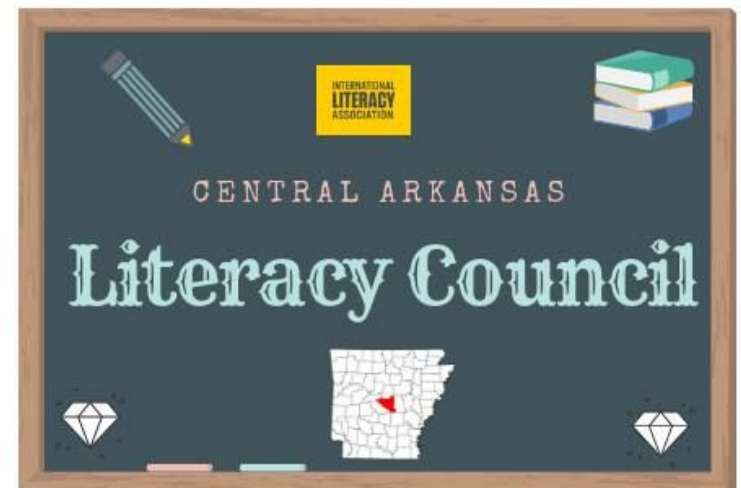
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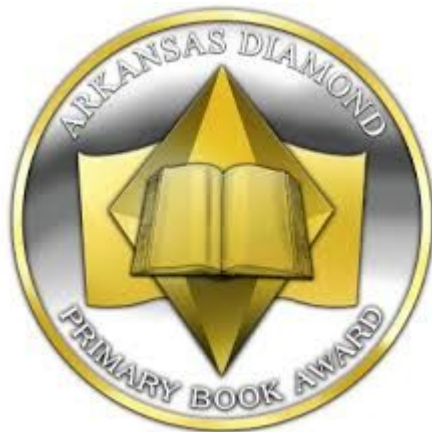




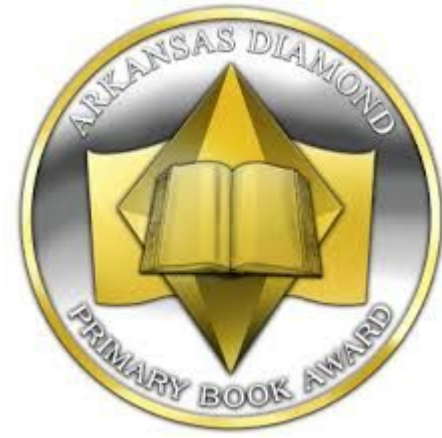
What are the Arkansas Book Awards?

Three awards given
annually to books that
encourage students to
read.

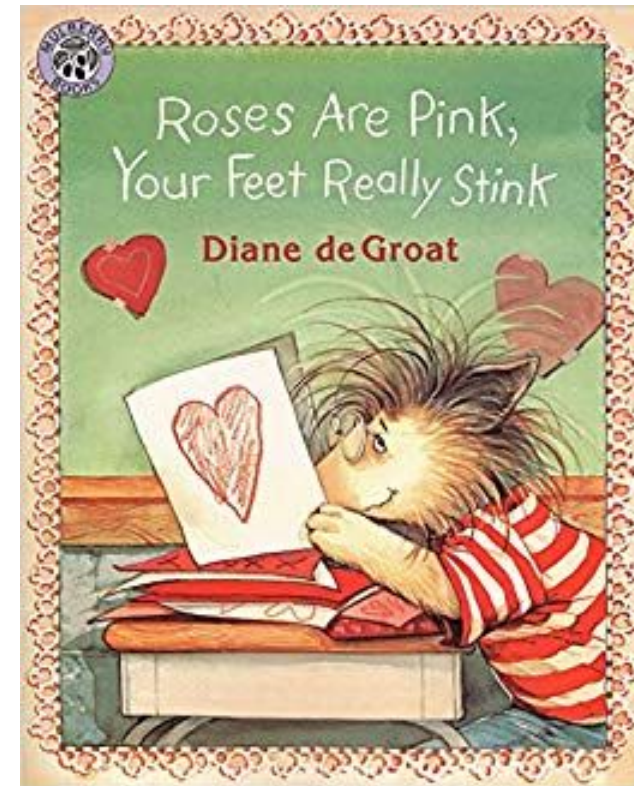
Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award

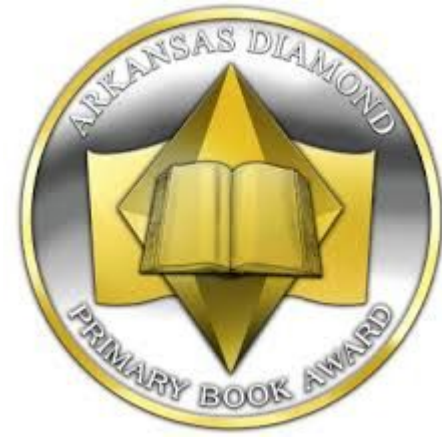


Background



- Kindergarten-Third Grade
- Established by the Arkansas Elementary School Council in 1998
- The name was given based on our state's status as the only diamond producing state.
- The first winner of the award was *Roses are Pink, Your Feet Really Stink* by Diane DeGroat.





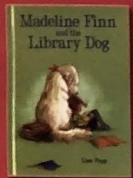
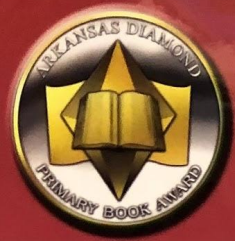
Voting Process

- Students must read or have heard at least 3 of the books from the list to vote
- Voting occurs April/May
- Votes are gathered by the teacher/library media specialist and submitted using a [Google form](#) on the AR State Library's page.
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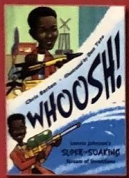
2019-2020 Nominee List



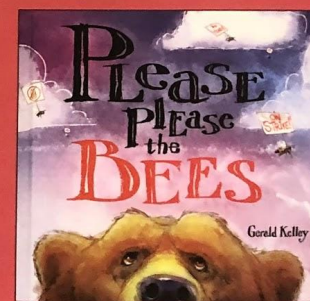
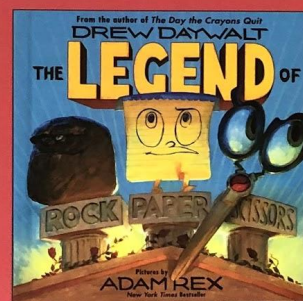
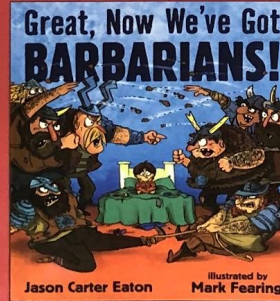
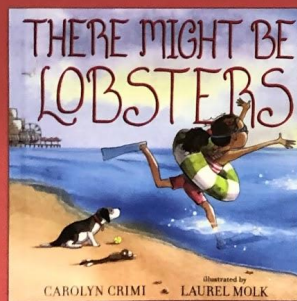
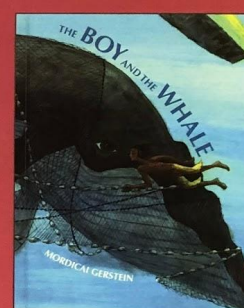
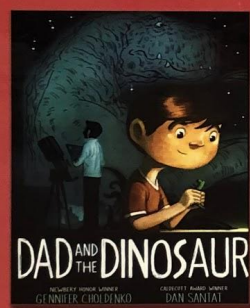
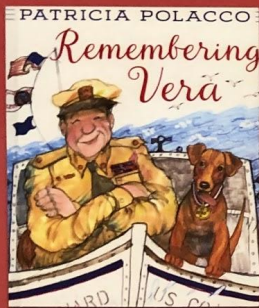
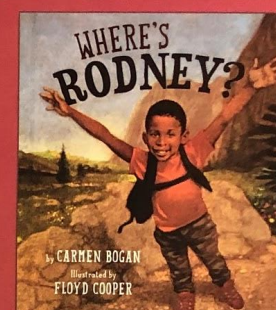
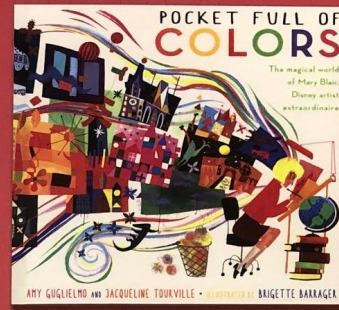
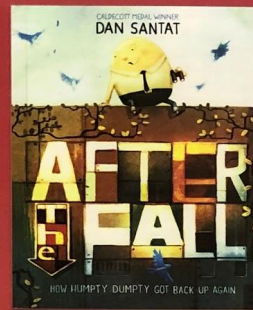
ARKANSAS DIAMOND PRIMARY AWARD BOOKS



**Winner
2018-2019**



**Honor Book
2018-2019**

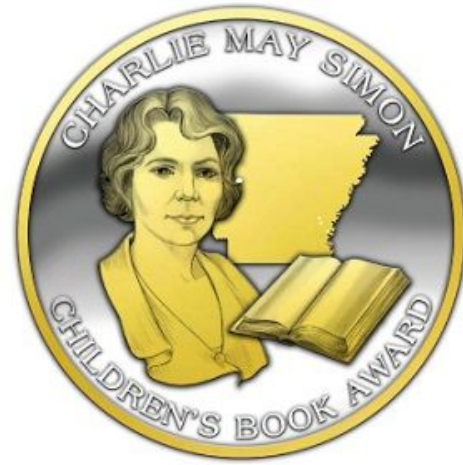


**READING
LIST
2019-
2020**

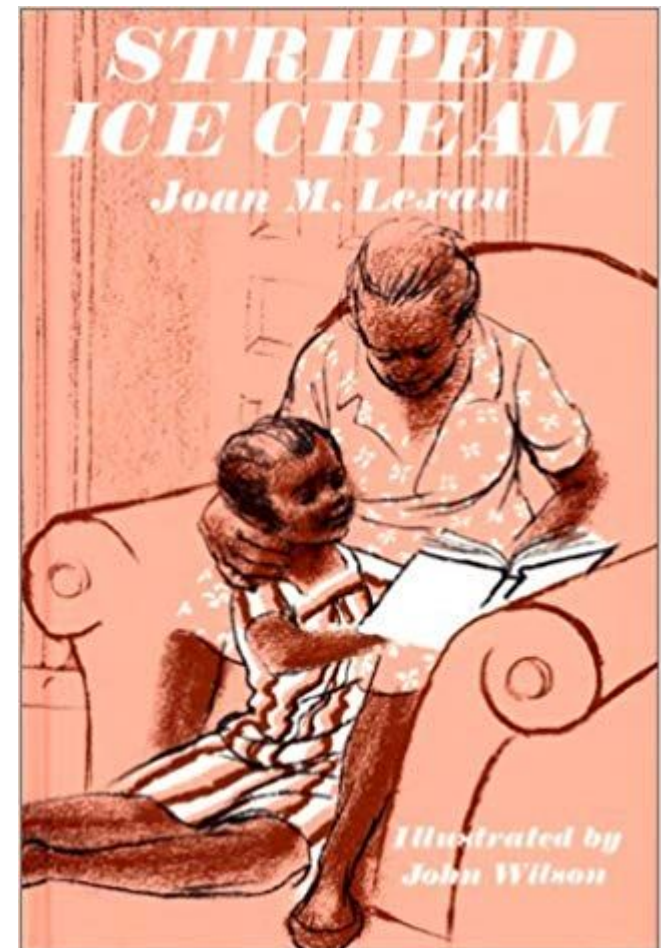
Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award

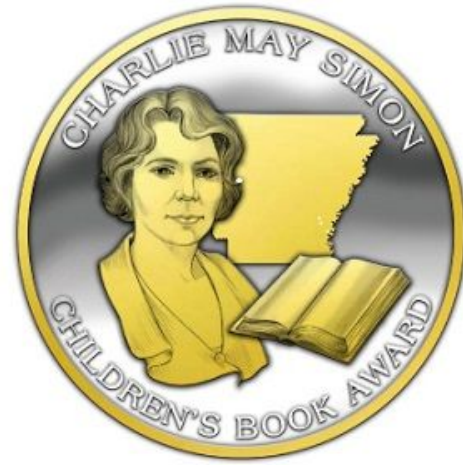


Background



- 4th-6th Grade
- The award has been given each year since 1971
- The award is named in honor of a talented Arkansan author, Mrs. John Gould Fletche, who wrote under the pen name Charlie May Simon.
- The first winner of the award was *Striped Ice Cream* by Joan M. Lexau





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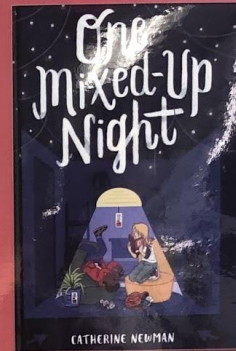
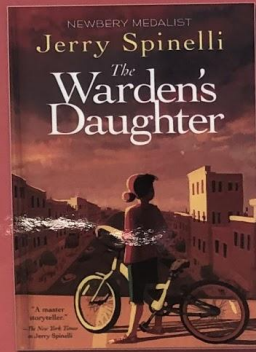
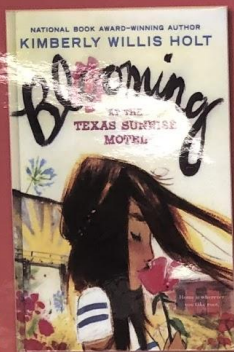
CHARLIE MAY SIMON



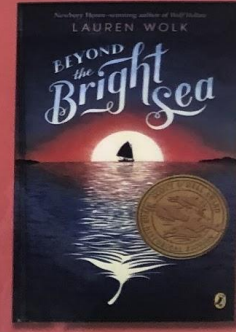
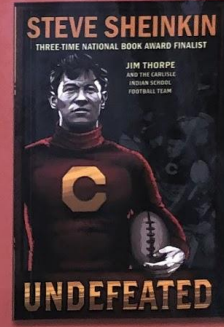
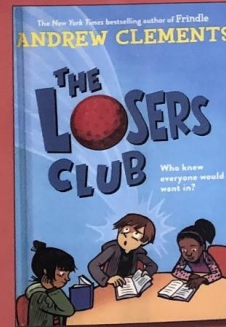
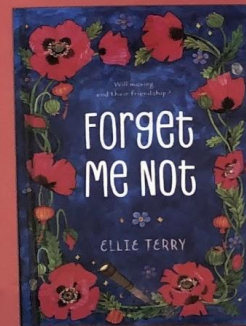
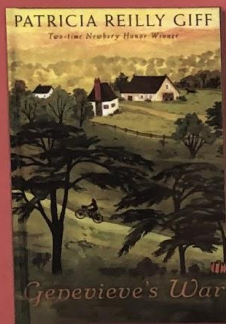
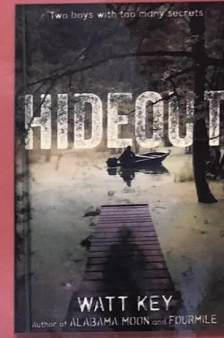
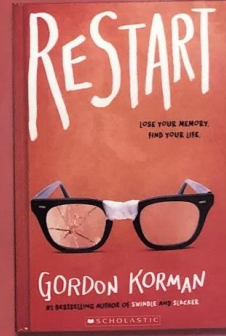
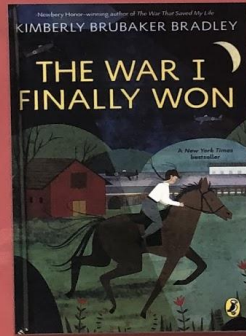
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READING LIST 2019-2020



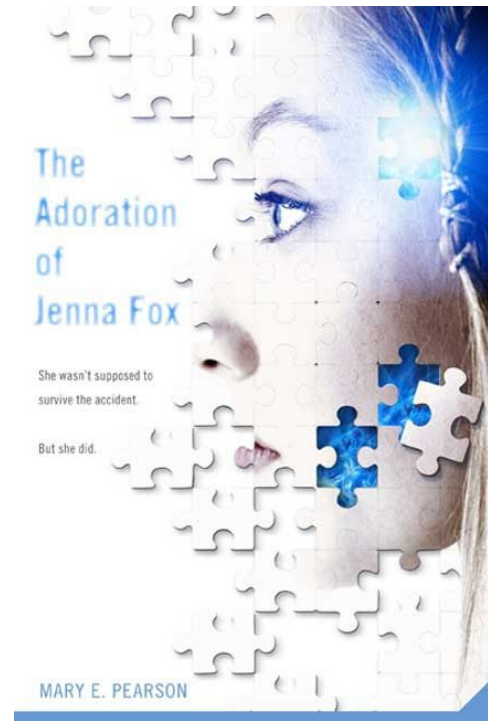
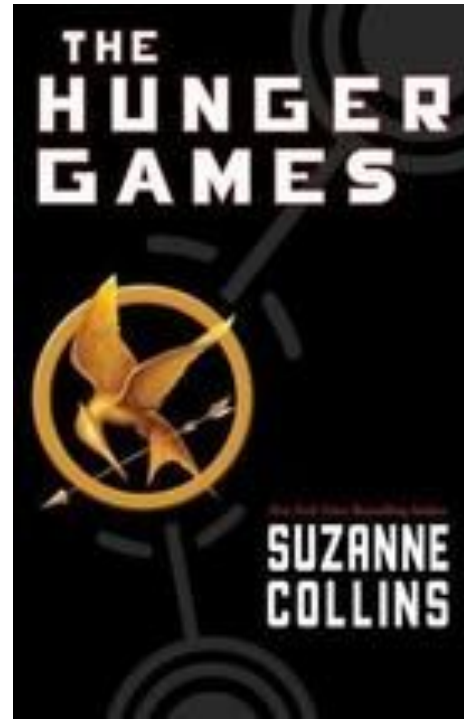
Arkansas Teen Book Award



Background



- Started in 2009 as a joint effort between public libraries and school libraries to promote young adult literature
- Two divisions, Level 1 is 7th-9th grade, Level 2 is for 10th-12th grade
- 2010 Winners:



Voting Process



- 5–6 books per level
- A recent change has the process running from September through August
- Voting occurs by August 31st
- Has its own website that has updates and shares voting information and more on it [here](#)
- You can sign up to be a reader! Help choose the [next year's](#) books

2019-2020 Nominee List



Level 1

1. Hey Kiddo – Jarrett Krossockza
2. I am Still-Alive Kate Alice Marshall
3. Sadie-Courtney Summers
4. Illegal-Eoin Colfer
5. The Cruel Prince-Holly Black

Level 2

1. The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
2. Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson
3. Truly Devious by Maureen Johnson
4. On the Come Up by Angie Thomas
5. Darius the Great is Not Okay by Adib Khorram

Implementation

How to Begin

- Purchase Nominee Books (Decide if you need multiple copies)
- Allow students to read and respond
- Vote!

Where to purchase books?

- Bound to Stay Bound (comes with dust jacket, typically)
 - Perma Bound (offers stickers with purchase and a discounted price for purchasing the whole list)
 - Amazon
- Or
- Your preferred book vendor!

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Diamond Award
2018-2019

- Lessons on book awards including Caldecott, Neberry and Corretta Scott King
- Introduced the nominee list in January
- Each week was a different book and activity around the book
- Students rated each book*
- Voted in May

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Award Musical Chairs



Our Voting Method

What is your experience
with the Diamond
Award Process?

Tips, Tricks, Lessons or
Reflections?

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Charlie May Simon
2018–2019

- Lessons on book awards including Caldecott, Neberry and Corretta Scott King
- Shared book trailers with classes
- Sign up sheet for holds (helped me know which book needed more copies)
- Students kept track of the books they read in a library binder
- Voting party in May

CHARLIE MAY SIMON READING LOG
2018-2019

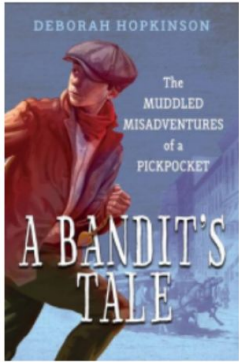


Date: _____

Title: _____

What did you like (or dislike) about this book (be specific, prove to me you read it)

Rating: (1 star means it was not good, 5 stars means it was amazing)



A Bandit's Tale
by Deborah Hopkinson
Historical Fiction, Lexile 740

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Tracking and wait lists



Celebrate!

**What is your experience
with the Charlie May
Simon Award Process?**

**Tips, Tricks, Lessons or
Reflections?**

Inspiration for this year

Name: _____

Class: _____

2019-2020 ARKANSAS CHARLIE MAY SIMON NOMINEES



- Ask students to write a multiple choice question for each book they read to earn an additional reward
- To choose who gets to read a book first, students can draw a bead out of a cup if there are 25 students in a class then there could be 20 red beads and 5 white beads. Whoever draws a white bead gets to choose one of the nominee books (adjust number of beads on total students and number of nominee books available)
- Color in each book to serve as a reading log

**What is your experience
with the Teen Book
Award Process?**

**Tips, Tricks, Lessons or
Reflections?**



Thank you and have a great weekend!