

Because of Winn Dixie

by Kate DiCamillo

Opal's father sends her to the grocery store for some food, and she comes home with a dog. Winn-Dixie is a good listener for the lonely Opal, and his knack for making friends all over town helps to ease her loneliness.

The BFG

by Roald Dahl

Sophie is snatched from her bedroom by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant) whose work it is to blow happy dreams to children. Together they devise a plan to save the world from nine other giants who steal and eat children.

The Cat in the Hat

by Dr. Seuss

Two children sitting at home on a rainy day are visited by the Cat in the Hat who shows them some tricks and games.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

by Jeff Kinney

Greg records his sixth grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, undersized weaklings amid boys who need to shave twice daily, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Roderick Rules

by Jeff Kinney

Greg Heffley tells about his summer vacation and his attempts to steer clear of trouble when he returns to middle school and tries to

keep his older brother, Roderick, from telling everyone about Greg's most humiliating experience of the summer.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

by J.K. Rowling

Year 7 – Burdened with the seemingly impossible task of locating and destroying Voldemort's remaining Horcruxes, Harry struggles to find the inner strength he needs to follow the path set out before him.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

by J.K. Rowling

Year 4 – Harry is mysteriously chosen by the Goblet of Fire to compete in the deadly Triwizard Tournament. Will he survive?

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

by J. K. Rowling

Year 1 – Harry's miserable life with his nasty relatives changes drastically when he attends Hogwarts and discovers that his destiny is to battle He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named!

Hatchet

by Gary Paulsen

When the pilot of a two-person plane has a heart attack and dies, Brian has to crash-land in the Canadian wilderness, and learn how to survive on his own with only a hatchet.

Holes

by Louis Sachar

Living under a family curse brought about by his "No-Good-Dirty-Rotten-Pig-Stealing-Great-Great-Grandfather," Stanley Yelnats is

wrongly convicted of a crime and sent to Camp Green Lake where his punishment is to dig holes. What will he dig up?

The Invention of Hugo Cabret

by Brian Selznick

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

The Tale of Despereaux

by Kate DiCamillo

Despereaux Tilling, a mouse, is in love with music, stories and a princess named Pea. How does he use some soup and a spool of thread to win his heart's desire?

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

by Judy Blume

Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever-increasing problem.

Twilight

by Stephenie Meyer

Bella falls in love with Edward after she moves from Phoenix to Forks, Washington. He is exquisitely handsome...and a vampire.

What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?

by Steve Jenkins

Looks at the ways in which different animals use their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet, and tails.



Timetable of Events

November 2008 – April 2009

- READ! READ!! READ!!!
- Visit your local public or school library between November 2008 and April 2009 to borrow
- Each child must read or listen to a minimum of three books from the list of 15 finalists in order to vote in April.

April 2009

- Voting will take place in public and school libraries throughout New York State.
- Ballots will be made available at school and public libraries, and can be printed from the 3 Apples Book Award website.
- Only children in grades 3-6 (ages 8-12) who have read or listened to at least 3 of the finalist titles are eligible to vote.
- Each eligible child has one vote, cast at either their school or public library.
- Voting ends on April 20th.
- Librarians will tally the votes and submit them online by April 30th.

May 2009

- The award winner will be announced on the website on May 10th.
- Libraries across the state will sponsor events to celebrate the winner of the 3 Apples Book Award.

June - August

- Libraries will promote the award during their summer reading programs - celebrating the winning titles

The **3 Apples Book Award** has been developed to encourage the joy of reading for pleasure, and to give the children of New York State the opportunity to participate in honoring their favorite books.

It is co-sponsored by the Youth Services and School Library Media Sections of the New York Library Association, which together represent the public and school libraries of the state.

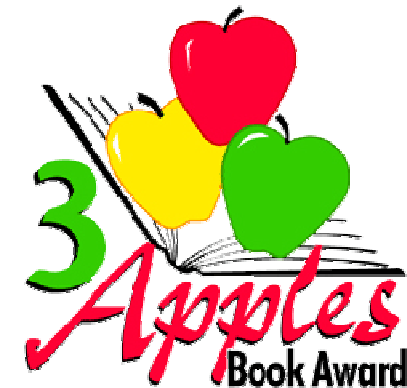
Each year children in grades 3-6 (ages 8-12) nominate their favorite book, creating a statewide ballot of fifteen of the most popular titles. After reading at least three of the finalist books, the children vote to select one as their favorite. That book and its author are honored with the presentation of the 3 Apples Book Award, and celebrations take place across the state in school and public libraries.

For more information on the 3 Apples Book Award, please visit our website: www.3applesbookaward.org.



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3 Apples Book Award List of Finalists for the Children's Choice Award



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