

***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: Dog Days***

**by Jeff Kinney**

In the latest diary of middle-schooler Greg Heffley, he records his attempts to spend his summer vacation sensibly indoors playing video games and watching television, despite his mother's other ideas.

***Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick 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.

***Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw***

**by Jeff Kinney**

Middle-schooler Greg Heffley nimbly sidesteps his father's attempts to change Greg's wimpy ways until his father threatens to send him to military school.

***Ghost Camp***

**by R.L. Stine**

Harry and his brother Alex are at Camp Spirit Moon. The jokes the old campers love to play on the new campers are serious, creepy, and scary.

***Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows***

**by J.K. Rowling**

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 Sorcerer's Stone***

**by J. K. Rowling**

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!

***Junie B., First Grader (at last!)***

**by Barbara Park**

Junie B. thinks first grade is a flop when her kindergarten friend Lucille prefers the company of twins Camille and Chenille and Junie B. needs glasses.

***The Lightning Thief***

**by Rick Riordan**

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea. His mother sends him to a summer camp for demigods where he and his new friends set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

***New Moon***

**by Stephenie Meyer**

When the Cullens, including her beloved Edward, leave Forks rather than risk revealing that they are vampires, it is almost too much for eighteen-year-old Bella to bear, but she finds solace in her friend Jacob, until he changes in terrible ways.

***Number the Stars***

**by Lois Lowry**

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

***The Phantom Tollbooth***

**by Norton Juster**

Milo is terribly bored one day, but has a series of adventures in the Kingdom of Wisdom after a magic tollbooth appears in his bedroom.

***Superfudge***

**by Judy Blume**

In the third book in the series, how will Peter survive the crazy antics of his younger brother Fudge, a move to New Jersey, and a new baby?

***The Tale of Despereaux***

**by Kate DiCamillo**

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

***Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing***

**by Judy Blume**

Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever-increasing problem, especially when the grown-ups think he is adorable.



## Timetable of Events

### November 2009 – April 2010

- READ! READ!! READ!!!
- Visit your local public or school library between November 2009 and April 2010 to borrow the books on the list.
- 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 2010

- 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 nominated titles are eligible to vote.
- Each eligible child has one vote, cast at either their school or public library.
- Voting ends on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Librarians will tally the votes from their library and submit them online by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### May 2010

- 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 2010

- Libraries will promote the award during their summer reading programs and encourage kids to read in preparation for nominations in September.

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.

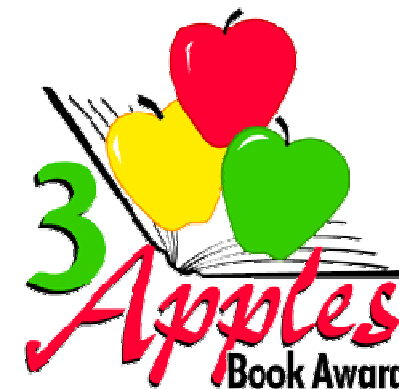
Each year children in grades 3-6 (ages 8-12) nominate their favorite book, creating a statewide ballot of fifteen of the most popular titles. After reading at least three of the top fifteen, children vote to select one as their favorite. That book and its author are honored with the presentation of the 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](http://www.3applesbookaward.org).



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



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