



The 3 Apples Book Award

A New York State Children's Choice Award

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The Youth Services (YSS) and School Library Media (SLMS) Sections of the New York Library Association are pleased to announce the creation of the 3 Apples Book Award, a New York State Children's Choice Award. The 3 Apples Book Award was 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. The choice of books to nominate is as wide as the children's reading interests and tastes, making this truly a Children's Choice award.

Each year, children in grades three through six, ages 8 to 12, will have the opportunity to nominate their favorite book at either their school or public library. Every child will have the opportunity to nominate once. The top nominees will then be announced and children will be encouraged to read the books selected. Opportunities to read the nominated books will be provided through the New York State Summer Reading Program at their local public library and through their local school library. Children will then vote for a favorite from those books nominated and a winner will be announced the following February. Every school and public library that participates in the program will celebrate the award with their children.

More information can be found at www.3applesbookaward.org.

**The 3 Apples Book Award is a joint program of the Youth Services (YSS)
and School Library Media (SLMS) Sections of the New York Library Association.**