

Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List Announced

AUSTIN--The Texas Bluebonnet Award (TBA) reading program is considered one of the most prestigious children's literature awards in the nation. Every year over one hundred thousand children in grades 3-6 vote on their favorite book from a list of 20 titles selected by the Texas Bluebonnet Award Committee.

This year's 2011-2012 Master List was officially announced at the Texas Book Festival by authors Michael Buckley and Dr. Cuthbert Soup. The announcement of the master list is eagerly awaited by students, teachers, and librarians statewide.

The goal of the Texas Bluebonnet Award program is to encourage reading for pleasure. The titles are chosen for both quality and appeal to children. In order to vote, children must read at least five of the titles on the list. Reading the entire list is not necessary as the titles are chosen to be appropriate for a wide age range.

The following titles make up the 2011-2012 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List:

- Amazing Faces by Lee Bennett Hopkins. Published by Lee and Low Books.
- Balarama: A Royal Elephant by Ted & Betsy Lewin. Published by Lee and Low Books.
- Black Elk's Vision by S. D. Nelson. Published by Abrams Books for Young Readers.
- The Buddy Files: The Case of the Lost Boy by Dori Hillestad Butler. Published by Albert Whitman & Co.
- Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity by Mac Barnett. Published by Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.
- The Extraordinary Mark Twain (According to Susy) by Barbara Kerley. Published by Scholastic Press.
- Goal! by Mina Javaherbin. Published by Candlewick Press.
- Happenstance Found by P. W. Catanese. Published by Aladdin.
- Imogene's Last Stand by Candace Fleming. Published by Schwartz & Wade Books.
- Louisa: The Life of Louisa May Alcott by Yona Zeldis McDonough. Published by Henry Holt and Co.
- Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse by Marilyn Singer. Published by Dutton Children's Books.
- Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper. Published by Atheneum Books for Young Readers.
- The Duchess of Whimsy by Randall de Seve. Published by Philomel Books.
- The Hallelujah Flight by Phil Bildner. Published by G.P. Putnam's Sons.
- The Shadows: The Books of Elsewhere by Jacqueline West. Published by Dial Books for Young Readers.
- The Storm in the Barn by Matt Phelan. Published by Candlewick Press.

- The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger. Published by Amulet Books.
- The Witch's Guide to Cooking with Children by Keith McGowan. Published by Henry Holt and Co.
- Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer L Holm. Published by Random House.
- Wild Times at the Bed and Biscuit by Joan Carris. Published by Candlewick Press.

Background:

TBA list titles help entice students to become lifelong readers. In January each year, students vote for their favorite of the 20 titles on the list, thus using critical thinking skills in selecting their choice.

The TBA reading program is one of several developed by the Texas Library Association. Other lists include the 2x2 List for kids age two through second grade; the Lone Star List for sixth through eighth grade kids; Tayshas List for high schoolers; the Maverick List for those interested in graphic novels; and the Lariat List for adults. To find out more information about these lists including book titles, go to: <http://www.txla.org/reading-lists>.

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