

# The 3 Apples Book Award

A New York State Children's Choice Award

## MISSION STATEMENT



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 nominated 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.

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## Voting Instructions and Timetable of Events

**March -** Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year nominations are accepted from New York State students in grades 3-6 or ages 8-12.

One nomination per child is allowed.

A nomination must be for a specific title, not a whole series.

Nomination forms will be available at school and public libraries, or can be printed from the 3 Apples Book Award website. ([www.3applesbookaward.org](http://www.3applesbookaward.org))

Children will submit nominations through their school or public libraries.

Librarians will tally the nominations and submit them online by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**June-** The final ballot of the 15 titles receiving the most nominations will be published.

**July – December –** READ! READ!! READ!!!

Each child must read or listen to a minimum of 3 nominated books in order to vote.

**January -** Voting ballots will be made available at school and public libraries, or can be printed from the 3 Apples Book Award website.

Only children in grades 3-6 or ages 8-12 who have read 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 January 20.

Librarians will tally the votes and submit them online by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**February-** The award winner is announced.

Libraries across the state will sponsor events to celebrate the winner of the 3 Apples Book Award.

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