



NAME _____ Grade in 2018-2019 ____ READ 5 THEN DECIDE! Texas Bluebonnet Award®

The Texas Bluebonnet Nominee Award book list for grades 3-6 is sponsored by the Texas Library Association solely to encourage free voluntary reading of multiple genres. The titles may be read independently, with someone, or to someone. Please write the DATE the book was read in the blank and turn the list into the school library on the due dates listed on page 2. Happy Reading!

1. _____ Acampora, Paul. **How to Avoid Extinction**. When Leo's grandmother decides to take a trip to Utah, Leo finds himself on his way to visit dinosaurs in an old car with his grandmother, his 17-yr-old cousin, and an old, smelly Golden retriever. Against a backdrop of America's beauty, this book is about growing up, getting old, and figuring out all the things we can and can't leave behind. **4.1/5.0 (AR Bk Level/AR Pts)**
2. _____ Bowman, Donna Janell. **Step Right Up: How Doc and Jim Key Taught the World About Kindness**. Meet Jim Key, a horse that can spell his name, add numbers and tell time. Now meet William "Doc" Key, a former slave and dedicated veterinarian who trained Jim Key to perform these tricks. Doc believed in the humane treatment of animals and proved that "with kindness, anything is possible." **5.3/0.5**
3. _____ Chin, Jason. **Grand Canyon**. The Grand Canyon is a grand place for father and daughter to explore the billions of years of change. Travel with them and discover the science and wonder of plants, animals, and surprises you might encounter on a trip through the Grand Canyon! **6.9/1.0**
4. _____ Engle, Margarita. **Bravo! Poems About Amazing Hispanics**. Eighteen Hispanics are showcased in this boldly illustrated, concise poetry collection. Written in free verse, these first-person poems celebrate the lives and contributions of Hispanics from diverse backgrounds and different time periods. **6.3/0.5**
5. _____ Gilbert, Matthew **The Unlucky Lottery Winners of Classroom 13**. Ms. LaCrosse decides to buy a lottery ticket to add to her math lesson and promises to share the winnings with everyone in class. The usually unlucky teacher hits the jackpot and each student receives a BILLION dollars. Now the students find winning the lottery is not always a dream come true. **4.9/2.0**
6. _____ Gratz, Alan. **Refugee**. Josef is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994. Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015. All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, and all face unimaginable dangers: bombs, drownings, and betrayals. Although separated by time and space, their stories are tied together in ways that keep hope for the future alive. **5.3/10.0**
7. _____ Grimes, Nikki. **Garvey's Choice**. Garvey loves music and books more than sports, but his dad keeps trying to get him involved in sports even though Garvey isn't very good at them. Feeling his Dad doesn't accept him for himself, Garvey fills this void with food, which results in him being teased at school. Garvey has an important choice to make in this beautifully written novel in verse. **3.6/1.0**
8. _____ Haring, Kay. **Keith Haring: The Boy Who Just Kept Drawing**. This picture book biography explores the life and art of Keith Haring from his childhood through his meteoric rise to fame, shedding light on this artist's great humanity and his concern for children **3.8/0.5**
9. _____ Hautman, Pete. **Slider**. David can eat more and can eat faster than you. Eating is David's favorite sport. He trains hard. But after accidentally charging \$2,000 to his mom's credit card, David will have to scarf down more than everyone at the big pizza-eating contest in order to pay her back. **4.3/7.0**
10. _____ Hayes, Joe. **Grandpa's Hal-La-Loo-Ya Hambone**. Back in the days when people made do by reusing things and eating lots of big bowls of beans, Joe's father splurged on a big juicy hambone to add a special flavor to the endless bowls of beans. Being thrifty, Joe's mother would hang the hambone out to dry and reuse it the next Sunday. Soon neighbors were borrowing the hambone to flavor their beans, and that is the beginning of a *tall tale* which will have you laughing and shouting "Hal-La-Loo-Ya!" **4.3/0.5**

11. _____ Kelly, Erin Entrada. ***Hello, Universe***. Told from 4 point of views, the lives of 4 misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well. Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him. This book celebrates bravery, being different, and finding your inner hero. *Winner of the 2017 John Newbery Award* **4.7/6.0**
12. _____ Khan, Hena. ***Amina's Voice***. Amina is not one to seek the limelight nor be the center of attention. She's always been the happiest when hanging out with her friends and enjoying her family's delicious Pakistani cuisine. Everything changes when she enters middle school--her friends begin trying to hang out with the popular girls and her family welcomes a relative visiting from Pakistan. See how quiet Amina finds her strident voice and makes a place for herself in this heartwarming tale. **5.0/5.0**
13. _____ King, Amy Sarig. ***Me and Marvin Gardens***. With new housing developments taking over the farmland which had once belonged to Obe's family, he worries about pollution, especially in the creek that runs through what's left of his family's property. Will Obe, his best friend, and an insightful teacher be able to save not only the environment from pollution, but the unidentifiable creature they have named Marvin Gardens? **4.5/8.0**
14. _____ Martin, Jacqueline Briggs ***Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix***. Chef Roy Choi has created a recipe for success: combine one part classical chef with one part street cook. Add in a sprinkle of family and a dash of culture. Mix well and serve with a smile. Learn about Chef Roy Choi's many remixes in this vibrantly illustrated story that will make you want to create a remix of your own. **4.0/0.5**
15. _____ McCormick, Patricia. ***Sergeant Reckless: The True Story of the Little Horse Who Became a Hero***. When a group of U.S. Marines fighting in the Korean War found a bedraggled little mare, they wondered if she could be trained as a packhorse. They had no idea that the skinny, underfed horse had one of the biggest and bravest hearts they had ever known. Despite all odds, Reckless becomes the only animal to officially hold a military rank and receive 2 Purple Hearts. **4.6/0.5**
16. _____ McDonough, Yona. ***The Bicycle Spy***. It is 1942, and German soldiers are everywhere, stopping 12-yr-old Marcel as he delivers bread from his parents' bakery. One day, he discovers that it is not just bread he is delivering, and he suddenly finds himself in possession of dangerous secrets. **4.7/5.0**
17. _____ Oh, Ellen. ***Spirit Hunters***. 7th grader Harper Raine and her family move to a house in Washington D.C. that people say is haunted. With the help of her grandmother and her new best friend, Harper must face down the dangerous ghosts haunting her younger 4 year old brother and the deeply creepy haunting issues within the walls of their house. **4.7/7.0**
18. _____ Selfors, Suzanne. ***Wedgie and Gizmo***. Meet 2 unlikely frenemies, Wedgie and Gizmo. They have been brought together through the blending of two families. Wedgie is a bouncy, barky corgi who will do everything to protect his new family, and Gizmo is the evil genius hamster who will do anything to take over the world. **3.7/2.0**
19. _____ Tarpley, Natasha. ***The Harlem Charade***. If 3 kids can't figure out what happened to an artist's missing paintings, nothing in their Harlem neighborhood will ever be the same. Using art, mystery, and the Harlem landscape, the trio try to find the culprit. This mystery/adventure incorporates the history of 1960s Harlem artists. **5.4/9.0**
20. _____ Torres, Jennifer. ***Stef Soto, Taco Queen***. Stef Soto is hoping to break free from her overprotective parents and her embarrassing reputation from her family's taco-truck business, but she soon learns that family, friendship, and the taco truck are wonderful parts of her life. **4.8/5.0**

This form is due in the library on Friday, 1/18/19 with at least 5 books read in order to attend the voting celebration for your favorite TX Bluebonnet Book nominee. If you continue reading and read at least 12 from the list, you will receive the TX Bluebonnet Reading Award in May 2019. To receive the award the list is due back in the library again by 4/26/19.

Parent signature due 1/18/19 with at least 5 books read: _____

Parent signature due 4/16/19 with at least 12 books read: _____

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