



Nēnē Award 2020 Nominees

The Nēnē Award is an annual award given to honor books that have been enjoyed by the children of Hawai'i. Students in grades 4—6 may vote at schools or public libraries participating in the program. This year, students may vote for their favorite books in **two categories**: fiction and graphic novel fiction. To learn more about the Nēnē Award visit our website: www.NeneAward.org

Eligibility Rules

- ❖ The book must be a work of fiction suitable for grades 4—6.
- ❖ The book must have been written by a living author who has not won the Nēnē Award in the last five years (since 2015).
- ❖ The book must have been published in the last five years (2015-present).
- ❖ The book must not have been on a previous nomination list, with the exception of the top vote-getting titles carried over from the previous year.

Nominated Fiction Titles

Applegate, Katherine. **Wishtree**. 2017.
Fantasy, friendship, animal stories

Arnold, Elena. **A Boy Called Bat**. 2017.
Realistic fiction, friendship

Barnhill, Kelly. **The Girl Who Drank the Moon**. 2016.
Fantasy, adventure

Benjamin, Ali. **The Thing About Jellyfish**. 2015.
Realistic fiction

Berger, Vicki Erwin. **Different Days**. 2017.
Hawaiiana, historical fiction

Boyce, Frank Cottrell. **Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth**. 2016. Fantasy, science fiction

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. **The War that Saved My Life**. 2015. Realistic fiction, historical

Brown, Peter. **The Wild Robot**. 2016.
Science fiction, environment

Chokshi, Roshani. **Aru Shah and the End of Time**. 2018. Fantasy, mythology

Clark, Zack Loran. **The Adventurer's Guild**. 2017.
Adventure, fantasy

Creech, Sharon. **Saving Winslow**. 2018.
Animal, realistic fiction

Dilloway, Margaret. **Momotaro: Xander & the Lost Island of Monsters**. 2016. Fantasy, folklore-inspired

Gemeinhart, Dan. **Some Kind of Courage**. 2016.
Adventure, historical fiction

Marsh, Katherine. **Door By the Staircase**. 2016.
Fantasy, mystery

McAnulty, Stacy. **The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl**. 2018. Realistic, fiction

McIntosh, Will. **Watchdog**. 2017.
Adventure, science fiction

Mlynowski, Sarah. **Upside-Down Magic**. 2015.
Fantasy, school

Nielsen, Jennifer A. **A Night Divided**. 2015.
Historical, adventure, family

Oh, Ellen. **Spirit Hunters**. 2017.
Fantasy, horror, mystery

Reynolds, Jason. **Ghost**. 2016.
Realistic, sports

Savage, Melissa. **Lemons**. 2017.
Historical fiction, mystery, realistic fiction

Trafton, Jennifer. **Henry's Chalk Dragon**. 2017.
Adventure, fantasy

Vivat, Bookie. **Frazzled: Everyday Disasters & Impending Doom**. 2016. Humor, school, illustrated

Weeks, Sarah & Varadarajan, Gita. **Save Me a Seat**. 2016.
Realistic fiction, school

Yang, Kelly. **Front Desk**. 2018.
Immigration, realistic fiction

Graphic Novel Shortlist Titles

Brooks, Molly. **Sanity & Tallulah**. 2018. Science fiction

Chmakova, Svetlana. **Brave**. 2017. Realistic fiction

Ostertag, Molly. **Witch Boy**. 2017. Fantasy

Sell, Chad. **The Cardboard Kingdom**. 2018. Realistic fiction

Weing, Drew. **The Creepy Casefiles of Margo Maloo**. 2016.
Fantasy, horror, mystery

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