



## **2024 Redbud Read-Aloud Masterlist**

**Bug Sandwich by Brady Smith**

**A Delicious Story by Barney Saltzberg**

**Have You Seen My Invisible Dinosaur? by Helen Yoon**

**How to Talk Like a Bear by Charlie Grandy**

**I Cannot Draw a Horse by Charise Mericle Harper**

**I Live in a Tree Trunk by Meg Fleming**

**Iguana Be a Dragon by Maddie Frost**

**Lou by Breanna Carzoo**

**The Loud Librarian by Jenna Beatrice**

**No Is All I Know! by Chris Grabenstein**

**Puppy Bus by Drew Brockington**

**Simon and the Better Bone by Corey R. Tabor**

**The Underpants by Tammi Sauer**

**A Unicorn, a Dinosaur, and a Shark Walk Into a Book by Jonathan Fenske**

**Watch Out for the Lion! by Brooke Hartman**

**The Worst Teddy Ever by Marcelo Verdad**

### **Previous Winners:**

**2018: Little Wolf's First Howling by Laura Kvasnosky**

**2019: The Great Puppy Invasion by Alastair Heim**

**2020: Dandy by Ame Dyckman**

**2021: Friday Night Wrestlefest by J.F. Fox**

**2022: I Am Not a Dog Toy by Ethan T. Berlin**

**2023: Poopsie Gets Lost by Hannah E. Harrison**

## **Goals of the Redbud Read-Aloud Award Program:**

- Build listening and analytical skills using quality, fun literature.
- Experience concept of choice and voting procedures.
- Increase enthusiasm and future participation in the OK Sequoyah Book Award Program.
- Honor an author/illustrator whose book has been enjoyed by children across Oklahoma.

## **The Titles on the 2024 Redbud Read-Aloud Award Masterlist Have:**

- Been evaluated and selected by The Brown Brothers, dozens of amazing teachers and librarians, and two sisters - one of whom is a 7th-grader who has been helping with the Redbud selection process since its inception.
- AR level under 3.0 and primary interest level (If AR has leveled it in time).
- Copyright dates from June 1, 2022 through June 7, 2023.

## **Recommended Timeline:**

Begin reading the sixteen Redbuds aloud anytime and submit votes by April 30th.

## **Other Recommendations:**

- Invite classroom teachers to do the Redbud program in their classroom, either as part of their curriculum, or perhaps throughout the year during indoor recess.
- Invite principals, parent volunteers, community partners, and older students to be guest readers.
- Invite specials teachers to participate by reading Redbud books that apply to their curriculum.
- Contact Kyle and Kenneth for support or to give feedback.

## **Voting Rules:**

- Each single vote should reflect one individual PK - 2nd classroom's Redbud experience.
- Each classroom receives one vote based on its own exclusive Redbud competition.
- Each classroom should name their own winner from the list of sixteen books.
- If individual classroom competitions simply won't work, and you do a whole-school or grade-level bracket and name one winner, we will accept the votes and use a special formula in our calculations.
- Votes are welcome from 3rd and 4th grade classrooms.
- Watch for the voting link at [www.redbudreadaloud.com](http://www.redbudreadaloud.com) this spring.

**Below are three suggested strategies for completing the Redbud program.**

### **Suggested Program #1: Bracket-Style**

- Read **two** books aloud each week to each class & vote immediately via show of hands or secret ballot. This will eliminate one book each week, leaving eight books.
- Re-read the eight remaining books, two per week, and vote via show of hands or secret ballot. Four books will remain.
- Re-read the “final-four” books in one or two sessions and vote via secret ballot.
- Use a bracket (link below) to keep track of the books.

### **Suggested Program #2: Bracket-Style (Faster)**

- Read **four** books aloud to classes each week & vote via show of hands or secret ballot. This will eliminate three books each week, leaving four books.
- Re-read the “final-four” books in one session and vote via secret ballot.
- All students in classes where Redbuds were read aloud and enjoyed are eligible to vote.
- Use a bracket (link below) to keep track of the books.

### **Suggested Program #3: Rating-Style**

- Read **two, three, or four** books aloud to classes each week & have each student rate the books using a scale of 1-5.
- After all sixteen books have been read aloud, average the scores.
- Read the four top-rated books in one session and vote via secret ballot.
- All students in classes where Redbuds were read aloud and enjoyed are eligible to vote.

**Brackets available at [www.redbudreadaloud.com](http://www.redbudreadaloud.com)**

**If you would like your own custom bracket with eight or sixteen books, please contact us.**

## **2024 “NOT QUITE REDBUD” LIST**

Please email us if you'd like this list sent to your Perma-Bound account.

Here are some more great read-alouds we considered for the 2024 Redbud master list.  
We really enjoyed them and hope your students will love them too!

**Mary Had a Little Plan by Tammi Sauer**

**I Am a Unicorn by Helen Yoon**

**Make Way For Butterfly by Ross Burach**

**Goodnight Butterfly by Ross Burach**

**Hey Bruce by Ryan T. Higgins**

**We Don't Lose Our Class Goldfish by Ryan T. Higgins**

**Battle of the Books by Melanie Ellsworth**

**Creepy Crayon by Aaron Reynolds**

**How Dinosaurs Went Extinct by Ame Dyckman**

**Got Your Nose by Alan Katz**

**I Can't Draw by Stephen W. Martin**

**Little Red and the Big, Bad Editor by Rebecca Kraft Rector**

**Don't Worry Murray by David Ezra Stein**

**Is This Your Class Pet by Troy Cummings**

**My Pet Feet by Josh Funk**

**How to Draw a Happy Cat by Ethan T. Berlin**

**Hair to Share by Sylvia Walker**

**Not All Sheep Are Boring by Bobby Moynihan**

**Fastest Tortoise in Town by Howard Calvert**

**I Made These Ants Some Underpants by Derick Wilder**

**If You Wake a Skunk by Carol Doeringer**

**How to Get Your Octopus to School by Becky Scharnhorst**

**Twenty Questions by Mac Barnett**