



## **2025 Redbud Read-Aloud Masterlist**

**Perma-Bound Set #1109060 Promo Code OKR25**

**All We Need Is Love and a Really Soft Pillow! by Reynolds, Peter H. and Reynolds, Henry Rocket**

**The Book That Almost Rhymed by Abed, Omar**

**Dog vs. Strawberry by Buchet, Nelly**

**Don't Trust Cats: Life Lessons from Chip the Dog by Petty, Dev**

**Flat Cat by Lazar, Tara**

**A Friend for Eddy by Ha, Ann Kim**

**Giraffe Is Too Tall for This Book by Ryland, D.K.**

**Go and Get with Rex by LaRochelle, David**

**I'm Going to Build a Snowman by Awan, Jashar**

**The King Penguin by Roeder, Vanessa**

**Lucky Duck by Pizzoli, Greg**

**Mine! by Fleming, Candice**

**Moo Hoo by Perrott, Audrey**

**Problem Solved! by Thomas, Jan**

**Seals Are Jerks! by Chapman, Jared**

**This Tank Is Mine! by Fenske, Jonathan**

### **Previous Winners:**

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

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

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

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

**2020: Dandy by Ame Dyckman**

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

**2024: Puppy Bus by Drew Brockington**

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

- Build listening and analytical skills using quality, fun literature.
- Experience the 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 2025 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 middle schooler 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, 2023 through May 31, 2024.

## **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.**

## **2025 “NOT QUITE REDBUD” LIST**

Please email us if you'd like this list sent to your Perma-Bound account. These are some more great read-alouds we considered for the 2025 Redbud master list. We really enjoyed them and hope your students will love them too!

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

**Penelope Rex and the Problem With Pets by Ryan T. Higgins**

**Boop! by Bea Birdsong**

**Buffalo Fluffalo by Bess Kalb**

**Hedgehog and the Log by Pam Fong**

**Peg Gets Crackin' by Jo Renfro**

**Penny Lu Porcupine by Katie Gilstrap**

**The Biggest Mistake by Camilla Pintonato**

**The Duck Never Blinks by Alex Latimer**

**The Real Story by Sergion Ruzzier**

**The Wrong Book by Drew Daywalt**

**What If I'm Not a Cat? by Kari-Lynn Winters**

**Don't Ask Cat by Maryanne Cocca-Leffler**

**I Am a Dragon by Sabina Hahn**

**I Want 100 Dogs by Stacy McAnulty**

**Itty Bitty Betty Blob by Constance Lombardo**

**The Red Jacket by Bob Holt**

**The Scariest Kitten in the World by Kate Messner**

**Ursula Upside Down by Cory R. Tabor**

**Shared Space by Maddie Frost**

**A Very Cranky Book by Angela DiTerlizzi**

**I Do Not Eat Children by Marcus Cutler**

**A Book for Bear by Ellen Ramsey**

**You Can't Be a Pterodactyl! by James Breakwell**

**Heavy Metal Badger by Duncan Beedie**

**Just SNOW Already! by Howard McWilliam**

**Alphabuddies: G is First! by Beth Bacon and Karen Kane**

**Maxine Gets a Job by Alexandra Garyn and Brian Reisberg**

**Rock Stars Don't Nap by Jason Perkins**

**A Crocodile Should Never Skip Breakfast by Colleen Larmour**