



2026 Redbud Read-Aloud Masterlist

Perma-Bound Set # 1112322 Promo Code OKR26

Bear's Lost Glasses by Timmers, Leo

Don't Think of Tigers by Latimer, Alex

Don't Trust Fish by Sharpson, Neil

Duckie & Snaps: We Cannot Be Friends by Dyckman, Ame

Elvis & Romeo by Soman, David and Davis, Jacky

G.O.A.T. Greatest of All Time by Temple, Jol and Temple, Kate

Little Green Swing by Maier, Brenda

The Man Who Didn't Like Animals by Underwood, Deborah

Mary Had a Little Jam by Sauer, Tammi

Mr. Fox's Game of No! By Laroche, David

Piece Out by Willan, Alex

Pop! Goes the Nursery Rhyme by Bird, Betsy

The Quacken by Colon, Justin

Rory the Remarkable Dragon by Rammell, Kathryn

Who Ate Steve? By Hindley, Kate

Zebra and Yak: The Backwards Alphabet Book by Friedrich, Paul

Previous Winners:

2018: Little Wolf's First Howling by Laura Kvasnosky

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

2019: The Great Puppy Invasion by Alastair Heim

2023: Poopsie Gets Lost by Hannah E. Harrison

2020: Dandy by Ame Dyckman

2024: Puppy Bus by Drew Brockington

2021: Friday Night Wrestlefest by J.F. Fox

2025: Flat Cat by Tara Lazar

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 2026 Redbud Read-Aloud Award Masterlist Have:

- Been evaluated and selected by The Perma-Brown Team, dozens of amazing teachers and librarians, a previous Redbud-winning author, 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 May 28, 2024 through June 3, 2025.

Recommended Timeline:

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

Alternate Titles:

If any 2026 Redbud nominees will not work for your school community, any “Not Quite Redbud” title can replace any nominee. Please contact us and we will make a custom bracket for you.

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 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 the bracket found at redbudreadaloud.com 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 found at redbudreadaloud.com 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

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

2026 “NOT QUITE REDBUD” LIST

Please email us at brownbrothersbooks@gmail.com if you'd like this list sent to your Perma-Bound account.

These are some more great read-alouds we considered for the 2026 Redbud master list. We really enjoyed them and hope your students will love them too!

I Quit by Kristen Tracy

Everything is Grape by Alastair Heim

So Tortoise Dug by Emmy Kastner

Don't Lose Mr. Cuddles by Dev Petty

Campingland by Ame Dyckman

Greetings, Floof! by C.J. Hong

This Book is Dangerous! by Ben Clanton

The Bear Out There by Jess Hannigan

The Tortosaurus by Katie Cottle

Squirrel-ish by Bambi Edlund

Have You Seen My Acorn? by DK Ryland

George & Lenny Are Always Together by Jon Agee

Kitty Camp by Drew Brockington

The Trouble With Children (According to Dog) by Katie Weaver

Knight Owl and Early Bird by Christopher Denise

The Helping Sweater by Rachel Mas Davidson

2026 Redbud HONORABLE MENTIONS:

Unwanted by Kshelle Gourley

I Need Pants by Susan Sweet

Warm and Fuzzy by Scott Rothman

Robinson's New Thing by Julia Mills

Nellie's Big Splash by Cori Doerrfeld

I Wish I had a Dragon With Marshmallows by Diane Alber

Anonymoose by Shawna J.C. Tenney

A Scrub in the Tub by Jan Thomas

How To Talk Like a Chicken by Charlie Grandy

Not-A-Box City by Antoinette Portis

Seven Little Ducklings by Annette LeBlanc Cate

Little Freddie Two Pants by Drew Daywalt

Finnegan Fox by Katie Gilstrap

Bear in a Bathrobe by Maddie Frost

Bearsuit Turtle by Bob Shea

The Baker's Dozen by Amy Moore

Mabel Wants a Friend by Ariel Bernstein

Giraffe's Book Is Missing a Story by DK Ryland

There's Something Odd About the Babysitter by Elayne Crain