



2026 Redbud Read-Aloud Masterlist

Perma-Bound Set # 1115201 Promo Code OKR27

Bear and the Hare and the Fair

Future Book

George & Lenny Are Always Together

How NOT to Make a Jelly Sandwich

How to Find a Yeti

I Hate Everything!

It's Taco Knight!

Little Red and Big, Bad Fred

Lost in a Book

My Tiger

Pizzasaurus

Pretty Close, but Not the Same: A Side-By-Side Look at Confusable Critters

Quick Trip to the Store

That Is Not a Dog!

Whale's Tale and the Otter's Side of the Story

Zip Zap Wickety Wack: A Story About Sharing

Previous Winners:

2018: Little Wolf's First Howling by Laura Kvasnosky

2023: Poopsie Gets Lost by Hannah E. Harrison

2019: The Great Puppy Invasion by Alastair Heim

2024: Puppy Bus by Drew Brockington

2020: Dandy by Ame Dyckman

2025: Flat Cat by Tara Lazar

2021: Friday Night Wrestlefest by J.F. Fox

2026: Mr. Fox's Game of No! by David LaRochelle

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

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 27, 2025 through June 2, 2026.

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.**

2027 “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 2027 Redbud master list.
We really enjoyed them and hope your students will love them too!

Once I Was a Tree

Axolotl and Axolittle

Lost Robot

This Book Is Dangerous!

Bear, a Man, and a Donut Van

Worm on the Job

Escape Artist:

Lulu Didn't Want a Dog

Goodnight, Bruce

We All Belong

Oh Dear, Look What I Got!

I Am Speedy

I Am Not Happy!

Don't Do It, Doug!

Amazing Augustus

Help Me Find My Hamster!

There's Something Odd about the Babysitter

Plenty of Pancakes

If You Make a Call on a Banana Phone

Quietly . . . Quietly . . . Quack!

Dangerous Alphabet Book

Scrub in the Tub

Dog Who Was (Almost) Perfect