

Black-Eyed Susan Books

Teachers!

Here is your Black-Eyed Susan Books Packet. Inside you will find:

- Your class list tracking sheet
- A list of Picture Book Nominees and the accompanying voting rules, and checkout rules
- A list of Chapter Book Nominees and the accompanying voting rules, and checkout rules
- Information about the award

I know your time is valuable, so I have tried to make things as easy to manage as possible.

The books are ready to go in the library on a special cart. I will be talking about the award next week and reading a book from the list to all the classes.

When I read a BES book to a class, I will have them tell you to check it off on your record sheet. I think having only one record sheet is best—that way we don't have to combine them later.

You may check out BES books to read to you class. In an effort to keep these high-demand books circulating as much as possible, I have set special time restrictions on all these books. Let's all try to return them to the library as quickly as possible so that others may read them. I have 3-5 copies of each book.

If you do not want to participate, please let me know. I can track individual students who are interested.

In late April, those students who have read or listened to the number of books required to vote, will get to choose their favorite! More details and ballots will follow then!

Thanks for your support!

~Trudy



Maryland Reader's Choice Awards

Choose Your Favorite!



We will vote
in late April

Black-Eyed Susan Nominees

Middle School Book Nominees

Code Talker, by Joseph Bruchac
Code Orange, by Caroline Cooney
Red Kayak, by Priscilla Cummings
Last Shot, by John Feinstein
Airborn, by Kenneth Oppel
Project Mulberry, by Linda Sue Park
Becoming Naomi Leon, by Pam Munoz Ryan
Brainboy and the Deathmaster, by Tor Seidler
Cryptid Hunters, by Roland Smith
Adam Canfield of the Slash, by Michael Winerip

RULES

- There are 10 books on the nominee list.
- You have to have read or listen to at least 3 of these to be able to vote.

LIMITS

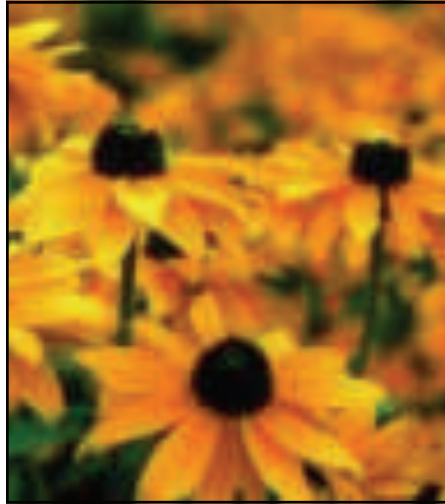
- 1 Black-Eyed Susan out at a time
- 1 renewal (only)

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For more information, visit

<http://mdedmedia.org/besall.html>



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Black-Eyed Susan Book Award

Each year since 1992, the Black-Eyed Susan Book Award has been given in several categories. The purpose of this award is to promote literacy and lifelong reading habits by encouraging students to read quality, contemporary literature. The books selected to be placed on lists for each category are expected to broaden the human experience and provide accurate, factual information. The Black-Eyed Susan Book Award honors outstanding books, chosen annually by Maryland students. Committees of school library media specialists and other interested persons meet over the course of a year to determine which books will go on the lists; anyone is invited to suggest titles. Following are some of the criteria:

Books may be fiction or nonfiction.

Books must have a copyright date of the current year or one of the preceding three years and be listed in the current Books in Print.

Each title selected will have received positive reviews from appropriate professional journals.

Members of the committee will read and discuss the submitted books and choose the best books to be placed on the list.

When the required number of books have been read, each student will cast one vote for the book he or she considers to be the most outstanding in each category. Votes from across the state are sent in to the Black-Eyed Susan committees and tallied to determine the winners. The winning authors and/or illustrators receive a pewter plate engraved with the year and the Black-Eyed Susan Book Award logo. Authors, illustrators and publishers recognize the award as an honor bestowed by Maryland students.

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Here are your Black-Eyed Susan Books Voting Ballots!

Answers to your questions

- **Ballots are due back** to me Friday April 20.
- I need have the totals postmarked by April 25th.
- **Winners will be announced** on Saturday May 5th. I hope they post it to the web that weekend, so we can tell the students the winners on May 1st.

Please check your tracking sheets and **only give ballots to those students who have met the following requirements:**

- *Have read and passed quizzes on at least 3 of the 10 nominees*

If you need more ballots, I have plenty! Please send a student to the media center for some.

Suggestions:

- Highlight the students on your tracking sheet who have met the requirements.
- Put a check next to their name once they have voted.

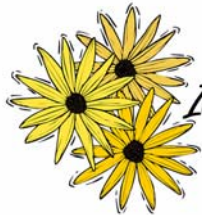
Please turn in all ballots from your class in one group with the tracking sheet. (If you'd like, you can tally them for me!)

Students who have read six or more of the nominees will be invited back for a pizza lunch after the winner is announced.

Thanks for your support!

~Trudy





Maryland Black-Eyed Susan Book Award

Official Voting Ballot

Vote for your 1 favorite Black-Eyed Susan Nominee

- _____ ***Code Talker***, by Joseph Bruchac
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