Texas Bluebonnet Award

2025- 2026 List

A Game of Noctis, Deva Fagan

A Plate of Hope, Erin Frankel, illustrated by Paola Escobar

Dogtown, Katherine Applegate and Gennifer Choldenko, illustrated by Wallace West

Doña Quixote: Rise of the Knight, Rey Terciero, illustrated by Monica M. Magaña

Ernö Rubik and His Magic Cube, Kerry Aradhya, illustrated by Kara Kramer

Haiku, Ew! Celebrating the Disgusting Side of Nature, Lynn Brunelle, illustrated by Julia Patton

Hannah Sharpe, Cartoon Detective, Janet Tashjian, illustrated by Jake Tashijian

Invisible Isabel, Sally J. Pla

It Came from the Trees, Ally Russell

Legendarios: Wrath of the Rain God, Karla Arenas Valenti, illustrated by Vanessa Morales

Magnolia Wu Unfolds It All, Chanel Miller

Nimbus, Jan Eldredge

Pedro's Yo-Yos: How a Filipino Immigrant Came to America and Changed the World of

Toys, Rob Peñas, illustrated by Carl Angel

Scare School Diaries: Welcome to Scare School, Jarrett Lerner

Stuntboy, In-Between Time, Jason Reynolds, illustrated by Raúl the Third

Tales from Cabin 23: The Boo Hag Flex, Justina Ireland

The Girl Who Figured It Out, Minda Dentler, illustrated by Stephanie Dehennin

The Liars Society, Alyson Gerber

The Lumbering Giants of Windy Pines, Mo Netz

Volcanoes, Nell Cross Beckerman, illustrated by Kalen Chock

About the Texas Bluebonnet Award

The Texas Bluebonnet Award (TBA) is one of the most prestigious children's choice literary awards in the United States. Each year, 20 books (for grades 3 – 6) are chosen for the Texas Bluebonnet Award List. Schools and libraries around the state participate in the program, encouraging students to read a minimum of five books from the list. In January, students vote for their favorite title. The author and illustrator of the book receiving the most votes wins the award which is presented at the Texas Bluebonnet Award presentation held during the TLA Annual Conference in the spring. **txla.org/tba**

About the Texas Library Association

The mission of the Texas Library Association (TLA) is to embrace, unite, and amplify voices of the library community through advocacy and education to ensure library excellence for all Texans. Our 5,000 members include librarians from K-12 schools, colleges and universities, public and special (medical, museum, law, etc.) libraries. **txla.org**

Every year, TLA releases 10 reading lists curated by librarians with recommended books for all ages. The reading lists are designed to foster a love of reading and life-long learning. **txla.org/reading-lists**