



## Nēnē Award 2024 Nominees

The Nēnē Award is an annual award given to honor books that have been enjoyed by the children of Hawai'i. Students in grades 4-6 may vote at schools or public libraries participating in the program. This year, students may vote for their favorite books in **two categories**: fiction and graphic novel fiction. To learn more about the Nēnē Award visit our website:

[www.NeneAward.org](http://www.NeneAward.org)

### Eligibility Rules

- ❖ The book must be a work of fiction suitable for grades 4-6.
- ❖ The book must have been written by a living author who has not won the Nēnē Award in the last five years (since 2018).
- ❖ The book must have been published in the last five years (2018-present).
- ❖ The book must not have been on a previous nomination list, with the exception of the top vote-getting titles carried over from the previous year.

### Nominated Fiction Titles

Alston, B.B. **Amari and the Night Brothers**. 2021. Fantasy.

Anderson, John. **One Last Shot**. 2020. Realistic, sports.

Applegate, Katherine. **Willodeen**. 2021. Fantasy.

Bajaj, Varsha. **Thirst**. 2022. Realistic.

Costner, Arianne. **Confessions of a Class Clown**. 2022. Realistic.

Edge, Christopher. **Race for the Escape**. 2022. Adventure, sports.

Fipps, Lisa. **Starfish**. 2021. Realistic.

Gardner, P.J. **Horace & Bunwinkle**. 2020. Animal, adventure.

Gold, Hannah. **The Last Bear**. 2021. Animal realism.

Holm, Jennifer L. **The Lion of Mars**. 2021. Sci-fi.

Kuo, Jane. **In the Beautiful Country**. 2022. Realistic, verse.

London, Alex. **City of Thieves**. 2021. Fantasy.

Marks, Janae. **From the Desk of Zoe Washington**. 2020. Family, realistic.

Moses, Shelia P. **We Were the Fire**. 2022. Historical.

Noël, Alyson. **The Field Guide to the Supernatural Universe**. 2022. Spooky, fantasy.

Peters, Shawn. **The Unforgettable Logan Foster**. 2022. Adventure, sci-fi.

Philbrick, Rodman. **Wild River**. 2021. Adventure, sports.

Poblacki, Dan. **Liars' Room**. 2021. Spooky.

Ponti, James. **City Spies**. 2020. Adventure, sci-fi.

Siddiqui, Maleeha. **Barakah Beats!** 2021. Realistic.

Smith, Matthew Ross. **The Million Dollar Race**. 2021. Sports, realistic.

Soontornvat, Christina. **A Wish in the Dark**. 2020. Fantasy.

Van Eekhout, Greg. **Weird Kid**. 2021. Sci-fi.

Warga, Jasmine. **A Rover's Story**. 2022. Sci-fi.

Yee, Lisa. **Maizy Chen's Last Chance**. 2022. Realistic.

### Graphic Novel Shortlist Titles

Chau, Alina. **Marshmallow and Jordan**. 2021. Graphic, realistic.

Christmas, Johnnie. **Swim Team**. 2022. Graphic, realistic.

Gapstur, Eric. **Sort of Super**. 2021. Graphic, sci-fi.

Gonzalez, Christina Diaz. **Invisible**. 2022. Graphic, realistic.

May, Cait. **Another Kind**. 2021. Graphic, sci-fi.

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