

Eligibility Criteria for WAW Awards Master List Titles

1. To be eligible for inclusion on the annual White Awards Master Lists, a book must have been published two years prior to current year (**2015 for the 2017– 2018 titles**).
 - Previously published materials are not eligible.
 - Only books by authors who reside in the United States, Canada or Mexico are eligible for inclusion on the Master Lists.
 - Fiction, poetry and nonfiction are eligible.
 - When considering poetry, less than 10% may be previously published.
 - Graphic novels are eligible but will be judged on the textual portion only.
 - Textbooks, anthologies and translations are not eligible.
 - Serial books (i.e. books which are not complete in themselves but require books either published before or after the current book to complete the story) are not eligible.
 - Books published in series (i.e. books about the same characters but which are complete within themselves) are eligible.
 - Sequels are also eligible.
2. National award winning books are not automatically added to the list
3. No consideration is given for reading incentive programs such as Accelerated Reader, Reading Counts or Lexile.
4. Other criteria considered by the Selection Committee members include:
 - qualities of originality
 - vitality, clarity
 - factual accuracy
 - respect for the reader
 - broad general appeal to and acceptance by children.
5. Books are selected for two Master Lists – Grades 3-5 and Grades 6-8.
6. Books must be nominated for the Master Lists by a member of the Book Selection Committee. Suggestions for nominations may be submitted by interested Kansans via the webpage (waw.emporia.edu) or to the Executive Secretary of the William Allen White Children's Book Awards Program at the following address:
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