

Animal Behavior Society Outstanding Children's Book Award

2018 Reviews of Winner and Finalist Books



WINNER: "Wolf Island" tells the story of a wolf leaving his family to build a new one, set in the protected Great Bear Rain Forest preserve in coastal British Columbia. It shows how wolves carry on their daily lives when there aren't any people around, and it has excellent pictures of the coastal habitat. Children liked the book because it told a story, they learned facts about wolves' lives, and they were happy to hear how the wolf was able to form a family.

FINALIST: The Elephant Keeper is inspired by the real life story of an Elephant Keeper and an orphaned elephant in Africa. It is about a young boy and his lifelong story of taking care of elephants. His journey begins with the rescue of an orphaned baby elephant trapped in a swimming pool and the beginning of an unlikely friendship. The young boy grows up to be an Elephant Keeper at an Elephant Nursery in Kenya. The story includes several educational pages about Elephants, Rescue, Rehabilitation and Release and life as an Elephant Keeper. Young readers will enjoy the happy ending of an emotional real-life story and the combination of colorful illustrations and photographs.



FINALIST: "Bird Brains" walks the reader through a fun assortment of facts on bird cognition and behavior. Learn how birds navigate migratory journeys, how they communicate dangers to other birds, and how they remember their neighbors, even from one year to the next. The book is beautifully illustrated, showing dozens of bird species behaving in their natural habitat. Kids reading this book enjoyed hearing "cool facts" about birds and learning just how smart birds can be.



FINALIST: "Who doesn't enjoy a heartwarming tale about an endangered species? *Honey Girl: The Hawaiian Monk Seal*, follows the true story of one special seal, Honey Girl, who survives and thrives against all odds. Kids of all ages will learn about the Hawaiian Monk Seal life cycle and how to conserve the species based on what scientist have learned by tracking this one individual. Get ready to go on an emotional rollercoaster ride as you learn about how Honey Girl gets hurt by human activity as well as how humans can help nurse our seals back to health!"

