

# The Animal Behavior Society

## ABS Children's Book Award: Call for Publishers



Dear Publisher,

An appreciation of nature and science enriches the lives of children immeasurably. To encourage and reward accurate and compelling authorship of children's books about animal behavior, the Animal Behavior Society is sponsoring its 17th annual Outstanding Children's Book Award. We are interested in reviewing children's books published in 2019 by your company that include a realistic treatment of what animals do (i.e., how they interact with the environment and other species). We are not looking for books that simply describe an animal or where it is found. Nominated books can be either non-fiction or fiction. They should be fully illustrated and appropriate for children in grades 3-4.

Books will be reviewed by members of the Animal Behavior Society Education Committee and by children at several elementary schools across the country. The Committee will select up to five books as finalists based on scientific and literary quality, and then children will review these finalists and choose a winner (16 additional book copies will be required of the finalist books). The winner will be awarded the "Outstanding Children's Book Award". We have recently developed winner and finalist seals (see images below) to help publishers promote these outstanding children's books.

We are very interested in having your company participate in this award. If your submitted book is chosen as a finalist, we will request additional copies to be reviewed by local elementary students. This year's winner will be announced at our annual meeting in the Summer of 2020. Review criteria, and information about past winners and finalists, can be found at: <http://www.animalbehaviorsociety.org/web/education-award.php>

Send one copy of each book you would like to have considered to each of the five reviewers below. Note that we have an international committee – please write "GIFT" on the box shipped to Canada to avoid having duty fees applied. With your submission, please include your email address and surface mail address for direct contact.

Please be sure to send your books by the deadline of **February 29, 2020** to be considered for this year's award.

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Thank you very much for your consideration.

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