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From: Arkansas Department of Education Curriculum and Instruction Unit

Dear Arkansas Educators,

The Arkansas Department of Education, the Arkansas State Library, and the Arkansas Literacy Association are pleased to announce the results of the voting for the 2017-2018 Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award and the 2017-2018 Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award. Students cast 50,011 votes and the results have been tabulated. The choice of the voting students is as follows:

Charlie May Simon

The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, published by Dial, is the winner of the 2017-2018 Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award.

Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar, published by Delacorte, is the Honor Book for 2017-2018 Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award.

Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate, published by Feiwel, came in third place.

Two schools had 100% participation:

Sparkman Elementary in Harmony Grove School District

Mountainburg Elementary in Mountainburg School District

Arkansas Diamond

The Bear Ate Your Sandwich written and illustrated by Julia Sarcone-Roach, published by Knopf, is the winner of the 2017-2018 Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award.

Ragweed's Farm Dog Handbook written and illustrated by Anne Vittur Kennedy, published by Candlewick, is the Honor Book for the 2017-2018 Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award.

I will Never Get a Star on Mrs. Benson's Blackboard written and illustrated by Jennifer K. Mann, published by Candlewick, came in third place.

Twenty eight schools had 100% participation:

W.T. Cheney Elementary and Southwood K-1 Learning Center in Pine Bluff School District

Old Wire Road, Garfield and Grace Hill in Rogers School District

Central Elementary in Van Buren School District

Centerton Gamble Elementary and the Bentonville Public Library in Bentonville School District

Trice Renaissance in Texarkana AR School District

Sparkman in Harmony Grove School District

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G.R. Taylor and Hardin in White Hall School District
Hartford in Hackett School District
Bearden in Bearden School District
Little Rock Christian Academy
Marguerite Vann and Jim Stone in Conway School District
Mountain Home Kindergarten in Mountain Home School District
Eagle Heights in Harrison School District
Nevada in Nevada School District
Cutter Morning Star in Cutter Morning Star School District
Jerry Pop Williams in Farmington School District
Marmaduke in Marmaduke School District
Greene County Tech in Greene County Tech School District
Central in Forrest City School District
Caldwell in Benton School District
Park Magnet in Hot Springs School District
Prairie Grove in Prairie Grove School District

Congratulations to these schools.

Both awards are under the sponsorship of the Arkansas Department of Education, the Arkansas State Library, and the Arkansas Literacy Association, with support from other cooperating organizations.

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