

Nile Book Lists

The Nile Awards are given annually by students in international schools in Eastern Africa (originally in countries bordering the Nile River, but now expanded to include others in the region). Librarians in the participating schools choose 4 worthy books in two categories: Blue Nile for middle elementary (usually grades 2/3) and White Nile for upper elementary (grades 4/5). Over the course of several months students who volunteer to be judges read the books, discuss and comment on them. Finally, in April each school holds a ballot and chooses its favorite. Once all the schools have submitted their votes, the overall winner is announced. ISK began participating in 2016-17.

Finalists 2018

Blue Nile:

- a. **Ivy** by Katherine Coville [winner]
- b. **Sam the Man and the Chicken Plan** by Frances O’Roark Dowell
- c. **Juana & Lucas** by Juana Medina
- d. **Infamous Ratsos** by Kara LaReau

White Nile:

- a. **Wild Robot** by Peter Brown [winner]
- b. **Ms. Bixby’s Last Day** by John David Anderson
- c. **Fish in a Tree** by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- d. **Full of Beans** by Jennifer L Holm

Finalists 2017

Blue Nile:

- a. **Diva and Flea** by Mo Willems [winner]
- b. **Jasper John Dooley You're in Trouble** by Caroline Anderson
- c. **Claude, Lights, Camera, Action** by Alex Smith
- d. **Lola Levine is not Mean** by Monica Brown

White Nile

- a. **Pax** by Sara Pennypacker [winner]
- b. **Imagination Box** by Martin Ford
- c. **Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer** by Kelly Jones
- d. **Turtle of Oman** by Naomi Shihab Nye