



## The 3 Apples Book Award

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The Youth Services (YSS) and School Library Media (SLMS) Sections of the New York Library Association (NYLA) proudly announce:

**The 2009 3 Apples Children's Book Award goes to The Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney (Harry Abrams).**

**The 2009 3 Apples Teen Book Award goes to Twilight by Stephenie Meyer (Little, Brown and Co).**

Thank you to all the librarians who promoted this award and to the students who voted and participated in the awards process through their school and public libraries.

Please note that nominations for the next Children's Choice and Teen Choice Award will begin in September of 2009.

The 3 Apples Book Award was developed to encourage the joy of reading for pleasure, and to give the children and teens of New York State the opportunity to honor their favorite books. This is truly a unique award because it gives kids the power to both nominate and vote for the books they love.

Each year, children in grades three through six, ages 8 to 12, and teens in grades seventh and up, ages 12+, have the opportunity to nominate their favorite book at either their school or public library. Each child and teen can nominate one book title. The top fifteen nominees are then announced and children and teens are encouraged to read or listen to at least three of the books selected. Kids will then vote for their favorite book from among the nominated titles and a winner is announced on May 10<sup>th</sup>. School and public libraries that participated in the program then celebrate the award with their children and teens.

More information can be found at [www.3applesbookaward.org](http://www.3applesbookaward.org).

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