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### Studenttreasures Announces Winners and Finalists of the 2024-2025 National Book Challenge

**TOPEKA, Kan.** – Studenttreasures Publishing has announced three winners and 50 finalists in the 2024-2025 [National Book Challenge](#).

The 50 finalists received a \$50 gift card for their classroom and each student received a published author certificate.

Tara Schulthies and Grace Pendleton's class from Utah came in first place, receiving a \$5,000 grant for their school, followed by Toni Carroll's class from Pennsylvania in second place with a \$1,000 grant and Danielle Dershimer's class from Florida in third place with a \$500 school grant. All 53 books, produced by the winners and finalists, were published between June 2024 and May 2025 and entered into the 2024–25 contest through Studenttreasures' free classroom publishing program.

In Schulthies and Pendleton's classbook, *Today Is a Good Day To...*, each student wrote about what they think is a good thing to do today—from being playful to spreading kindness. Carroll's classbook, *The Magic Mailbox*, features a magical mailbox that brings students' wishes to life. In their classbook, *September-Saurus*, Dershimer's students wrote imaginative stories about toy dinosaurs coming to life for nightly adventures in September.

These books were selected from entries across the country. The considerations to be awarded as a winner or finalist book are based on its originality, creative storyline and colorful illustrations. This nationwide contest was open to more than 77,000 books submitted to Studenttreasures for free publishing this school year.

"At Studenttreasures, we are fortunate to witness tremendous creativity and talent from classrooms around the country," said Chad Zimmerman, President and Chief Executive Officer at Studenttreasures. "We especially congratulate all the students for earning this unique achievement and completing a project that provides lasting memories and a one-of-a-kind keepsake."

### About Studenttreasures Publishing

Studenttreasures has helped over 18 million students become proud, published authors and provides engaging, hands-on writing lessons in classrooms across the U.S. and Canada. Studenttreasures' National Book Challenge provides an opportunity to win classroom grants, shine a spotlight on students' creativity and create proud, published authors. To learn more, visit [Studenttreasures.com](https://studenttreasures.com).

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