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Studenttreasures Announces Winners and Finalists of the 2025-2026 National Book Challenge

TOPEKA, Kan. – Studenttreasures Publishing has announced three winners and 50 finalists in the 2025-2026 [National Book Challenge](#).

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

Danielle Dershimer’s class from Florida came in first place, receiving a \$5,000 grant for their school, Heather Fracker’s class from Tennessee in second place with a \$1,000 grant and Jessica Kohlhase’s class from Minnesota in third place with a \$500 school grant. All 53 books, produced by the winners and finalists, were published between June 2025 and May 2026 and were entered into the 2025–26 contest through Studenttreasures’ free classroom publishing program.

In Dershimer’s classbook, *Animal Cracker Adventures*, each student used imaginary and sensory writing to tell their stories of turning into animals after eating animal crackers. Fracker’s classbook, *Book of Inventions*, features creations that solve unique problems for their community. In the classbook, *The Monsters are Missing!*, Kohlhase’s students wrote about their missing monster friends and provided helpful clues for the reader to find them.

These books were selected from entries across the United States and Canada. 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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