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Abounds of Awards for *Cao Chong Weighs an Elephant!*

Mount Pleasant, SC -- It is rare that a story touches so many aspects of knowledge, but this February Songju Ma Daemicke's picture book *Cao Chong Weighs an Elephant* was named a Mathical honor book and secured a place on the Notable Social Studies Trade Books for 2018. These awards are in addition to the Best STEM Books award and Outstanding Science Trade Books honor announced in December of 2017.

The story is based on the real events of Cao Cao's birthday when the Prime Minister of Han brought an elephant to the Wu Kingdom. The crowd was fascinated by the beast in including Cao's son Chong. They immediately began guessing the elephant's weight; but how would they weigh the elephant without a scale? Cao Chong, a six-year-old boy, came up with the perfect solution Archimedes principle of buoyancy.

The disciplines of science, math and social studies are further discussed in the book's "For Creative Minds" section. Readers can experiment with buoyancy with a simple experiment, learn about scales and how a zoo might weigh an elephant and compare numbers, and finish by learning more about Cao Chong's history and changes in China's geography.

The Mathical awards are in the fourth year and are awarded by the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute, the National Council of Teachers of English, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and the Children's Book Council. The committee selects books of fiction and nonfiction that, "inspire children of all ages to see math in the world around them."

The Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People is also a joint project between the National Council for the Social Studies and the Children's Book Council. The list honors books of exceptional use in a social studies classroom.

Cao Chong Weighs an Elephant from Arbordale Publishing can be requested at local bookstores or ordered from online booksellers and is available in hardcover (9781628559033, \$17.95), paperback (9781628559040, \$9.95), ebook (9781628559064, \$6.95), and multi-language, interactive ebook (9781628559088, \$6.95). A Spanish language edition, *Cao Chong pesa un elefante*, is available in paperback (9781628559057, \$9.95), ebook (9781628559064, \$6.95), and multi-language, interactive ebook (9781628559088, \$6.95). Additionally a Chinese language edition, 曹冲称象, is also available in paperback (9781607187196, \$9.95), ebook



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