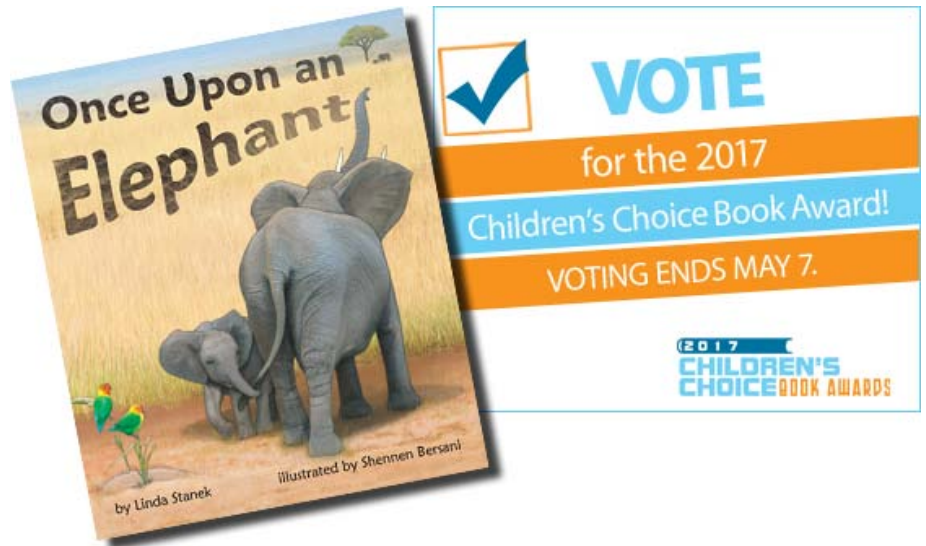


We Have A Finalist!

Vote for Once Upon an Elephant in the Children's Choice Awards

March 3, 2017 -- Voting opens today, and Arbordale is leading a campaign for the elephants. *Once Upon an Elephant* by Linda Stanek with illustrations by Shennen Bersani is in the running for the Children's Choice Award in the 3rd and 4th grade book of the year!

Once Upon an Elephant is a nonfiction tale of what might happen if the elephants that roam the savannas were only "Once Upon a Time". After working with the Columbus Zoo to write a different kind of elephant book, Stanek knew she was not done telling the story of these magnificent creatures. Readers learn how important elephants are through the eyes of other animals in the habitat. Bersani's illustrations bring the savanna to life with detailed realism.



This is the tenth anniversary for the awards sponsored by the Children's Book Council and Every Child a Reader. Online voting runs through the end of Children's Book Week on May 7th. The finalists were chosen through a process overseen by the International Literacy Association where 36,000 children participated nationwide.

You can vote for *Once Upon an Elephant* through the virtual voting booth until May 7th. Teachers and librarians are able to submit votes for their groups as well. Finalists must wait until BookExpo to learn the results. Winners will be announced on May 31st during a special ceremony featuring Gene Luen Yang, the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature. The CBC will also donate 50 copies of each winner and finalist to children in need across the country.

Once Upon an Elephant is available in hardcover (9781628557312, \$17.95), paperback (9781628557381, \$9.95), and ebook (9781628557664, \$6.95). A Spanish language edition is available in (paperback, \$9.95) and ebook (9781628557732, \$6.95) through all major booksellers. Arbordale has extensive teaching activities, quizzes and related resources free for educators to download from the book's homepage.