

When Zachary Beaver Came to Town

About the Author:

KIMBERLY WILLIS HOLT, Author of the novel:

In the five years that Kimberly Willis Holt has been writing books for young people, she has published, on average, one book per year: (My Louisiana Sky, Mister and Me, When Zachary Beaver Came to Town, Dancing in Cadillac, and Keeper of the Night). All have been honored with starred reviews and numerous state and national awards.

Her first novel, My Louisiana Sky, was made into a film, and in addition to having won an Emmy for best children's program, was also selected as the recipient of the Andrew Carnegie Medal by the American Library Association.

The young adult novel, When Zachary Beaver Came to Town, was published in hardcover by Henry Holt and received five-starred reviews from the children's book industry's most prestigious literary journals: an extremely rare feat. Random House first published Zachary Beaver as a Dell Yearling paperback in April 2001. They have been so pleased with the book's performance that they chose to release the book in a second paperback edition in May 2003, as part of their prestigious "Reader's Circle" publishing program. Zachary Beaver was re-released as a Dell Laurel-Leaf paperback, in the company of such notable books as Louis Sachar's Holes and Lois Lowry's The Giver.

The following is a list of accolades for Zachary Beaver:

Winner of the National Book Award for Young People's Literature
Winner of the 2002 Michigan Reader's Choice Award
An American Library Association Best Book for Young Adults – Top 10
An American Library Association Notable Book
A Booklist Editor's Choice
A Horn Book Fanfare
A School Library Journal Best Book Of the Year
An American Bookseller "Pick of the List"
Pennsylvania Young Readers Choice Awards Master List

New Mexico land of Enchantment Book Award YA Master List
Tennessee Volunteer State Award Master List
Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List
Finalist for Illinois Rebecca Caudill Young Reader's Book Award
Finalist for the Kansas Heartland Award for Excellence in YA Literature
Finalist for the Maud Hart Lovelace Book Award

Kimberly's books are available in audio (through Random House's Listening Library) and large print editions, as well as German, Danish, Japanese, Chinese, Italian, French and Spanish.

Kimberly's books are also available through the Junior Library Guild, Book of the Month Club, Children's Book of the Month Club and Scholastic Book Club.