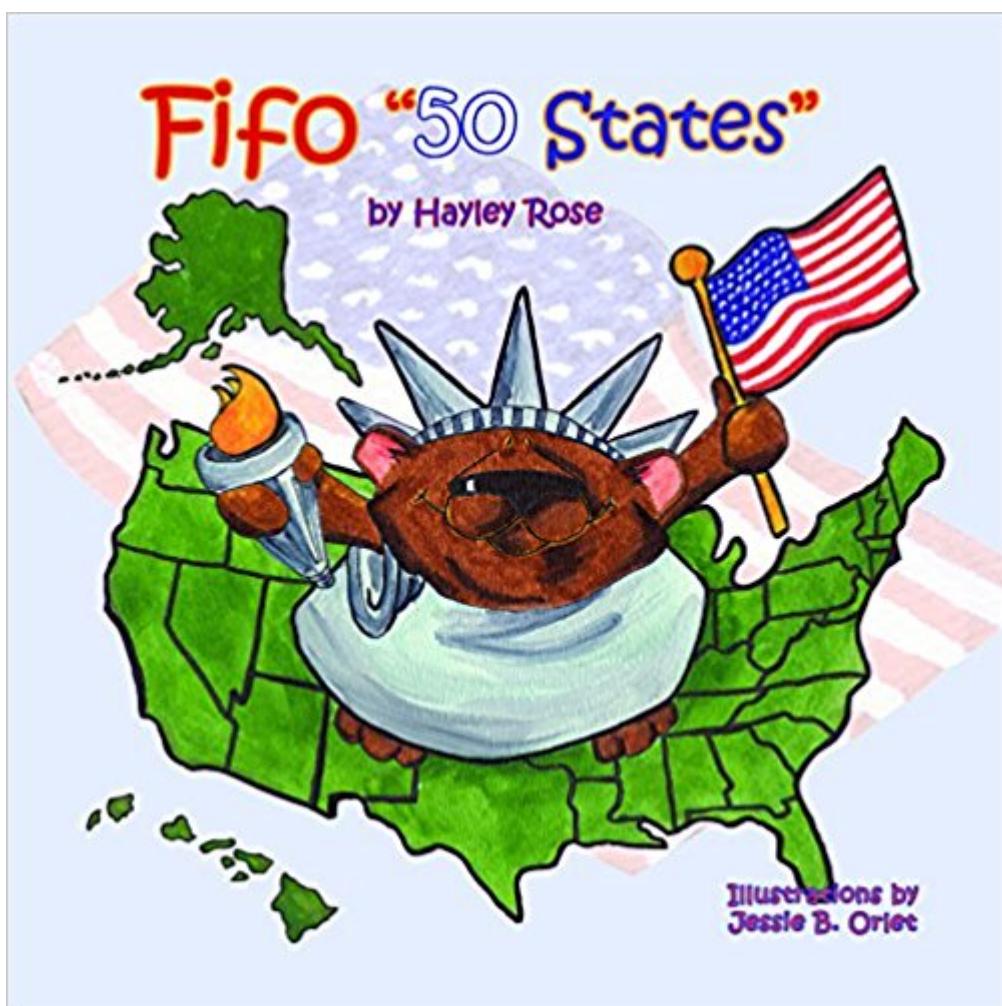


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# Fifo 50 States (Mom's Choice Award Recipient, 1st Place Purple Dragonfly Awards, National Indie Excellence Award Finalist)



## Synopsis

Fifo's been bitten by the travel bug! Digging up diamonds in Arkansas, looking for fossils in Kansas, enjoying a delicious bowl of gumbo in Louisiana, and even seeing a Broadway show in New York. America is an exiting place! In Fifo's second book, told in rhyme, Fifo dreams about visiting all 50 states. A colorful reference-like book, Fifo discovers the wonders each state has to offer. He learns along the way each state's capital, shape, flag, motto, and much, much more. The possibilities are endless! So, come along with Fifo and you'll soon discover the beauty of America one state to another. Fifo "50 States" has won the following Awards: Mom's Choice Awards for Fifo "50 States" - Silver in Peoples, Places, & Cultures Purple Dragonfly Awards for Fifo "50 States" -- 1st Place in Children's Picture Books 6+ Purple Dragonfly Awards for Fifo "50 States" --- 2nd Place in Educational/Instructional National Indie Excellence Awards for Fifo "50 States" Finalist in Children's Picture Books Readers Favorite Awards for Fifo "50 States" - Bronze in Children's Concept Category 2011 K.A.R.T. Kids Book List Winner for Fifo "50 States" - Early Grade School K - 3rd (Ages 5 - 9) USA Best Books 2011 • Awards Finalist - Children's Educational USA Best Books 2011 • Awards Finalist - Children's Picture Book: Softcover Non-Fiction Royal Dragonfly Book Awards - 1st place in Best Illustrations Royal Dragonfly Book Awards - 2nd place in Childrens Picture Book 6+ Royal Dragonfly Book Awards - 2nd place in Travel Royal Dragonfly Book Awards - Honorable Mention in Education 2012 International Book Awards- Winner in Childrens Non-Fiction 2012 International Book Awards - Finalist in Childrens Educational

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Fifo 50 States is a recipient of the prestigious Mom's Choice Award. The Mom's Choice Awards honors excellence in family-friendly media, products and services. An esteemed panel of judges includes education, media and other experts as well as parents, children, librarians, performing artists, producers, medical and business professionals, authors, scientists and others. A sampling of the panel members includes: Dr. Twila C. Liggett, Ten-time Emmy-winner, professor and founder of Reading Rainbow; Julie Aigner-Clark, Creator of Baby Einstein and The Safe Side Project; Jodee Blanco, New York Times Best-Selling Author; LeAnn Thieman, Motivational speaker and coauthor of seven Chicken Soup For The Soul books; and Tara Paterson, Certified Parent Coach, and founder of the Mom's Choice Awards. Parents and educators look for the Mom's Choice Awards seal in selecting quality materials and products for children and families. This book/product has been honored by this distinguished award. --Mom's Choice AwardsThe National Indie Excellence Awards has selected Fifo "50 States" as a finalist in Children's Picture Books. Excellence is not easy to achieve and the book industry needs it more than ever...the NIEA salutes authors and publishers who make excellence a priority. --National Indie Excellence Awards I highly recommend Fifo "50 States" by Hayley Rose.Â Â Learning should always be this much fun. --The Children's and Teen's Book ConnectionThe Readers Favorite Book Reviews and Awards Contest has awarded Fifo "50 States" by Hayley rose "Bronze"Â in the Children. --Concept category.Â Purple Dragonfly Book Awards ContestÂ The judges of the Purple Dragonfly Book Awards contest, which recognizes excellence in children's literature, have spoken, and Fifo "50 States" by Hayley Rose has won First Place in the Children's Picture Books Six and Older, and Second Place in the Educational/Instructional categories. We want to help parents give their children only the best in reading excellence. Geared toward stories for children between the ages of four and 10, the Purple Dragonfly Book Awards are designed to bring families together with great children's literature, and a Purple Dragonfly seal on a book's cover lets parents choose new titles for their bookshelves with confidence," explains Linda Radke, president of Five Star Publications, the sponsor of the Dragonfly Book Awards. Winning any place in the Purple Dragonfly Contest is a huge honor because in order to maintain the integrity of the Dragonfly Book Awards, a minimum score of 72 out of 80 must be earned for a 1st Place award, 64 out of 80 for a 2nd Place and 56 out of 80 for an Honorable Mention even if it is the sole entry in a category. Competition is steep, too, because there is no publication date limit as long as the book is still in print. --Purple Dragonfly AwardsFifo "50 States" is a handy bear's alphabetical travelogue featuring all 50 of the United States of America as toured by the bear, Fifo. Told in verse, illustrated in quirky color miniature travel posters, Fifo "50 States" is the second book in this multi-award winning series. Designed to be memorable and enjoyable, Fifo "50

States" packs lots of U.S. history and geography into 100+ pages of illustrated verse. Children age 4-10 will learn lots of fascinating things about all 50 states as they follow Fifo in his dreams of exploring the United States of America. -- Midwest Book Review

Award-winning author, Hayley Rose, grew up in the beach side town of Pacific Palisades, California, to a family of visual artists. In the early 90's she traveled the U.S. with her band Crush Violet. In 1994, after a family reunion, she was inspired to write a children's book. Her first book, Fifo When I Grow Up was published in 2002. Fifo "50 States" is the second in the Fifo series. Along with writing children's books, Hayley has been working in entertainment business management for the past 15 years specializing in concert touring. She has worked with many A list musicians, and hopes to one day soon release an album of children's songs. She is currently a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, and resides in Los Angeles, CA.

fifo fifty states is a very colorful, child friendly informative book for ALL ages. i bought it for my grandchildren but have enjoyed it, too.

Review can also be found in [chillandreadblog.wordpress.com](http://chillandreadblog.wordpress.com) Fifo is a brown bear who dreams about visiting all 50 states and learn all he can about them! Our friend, Fifo, is travelling all around the country, from one state to the other in alphabetical order. Every page is about a state and there is a really nice picture too! Through this lovely journey, children get to learn a few things about each state in a rhythm! There is the state name and the capital and its numbering too! There is also the state flower, tree and bird in that little poem! In the bottom of the page, our little friends can read the state's motto!!! On the other page, that hosts a picture about the state, there is always Fifo, doing what somebody would do in that state, like surfing in Hawaii or canoeing in Idaho! All the nice things that are part of the poem are visible in the picture too! As well as the state map is drawn somewhere highlighted with the state initials! There is also a bit of the state's history hidden in there along with any kind of activities or festivities that make the state known! One can also see the crops, orchards or animals to be found in the state, which is very nice for the children to see! The illustration is done by Jesse B. Orlet and is really enjoyable! The lovely bear, the beautiful state scenes, the animals, birds and nature represent each state quite lovely!

The illustrations in this book are what really caught my eye. The pictures are vivid, whimsical, and so well detailed, with different scenes that capture the character of each state. The book itself is

simple to read and features a repeating rhyme that acts as a container for the facts within. Even as an adult I learned something while reading, because I'm shamefully inept at remembering the state capitols. Along with the basic facts on each state, though, I would have loved to see something a little quirkier, like a fun fact for each state. I think this would have helped break up the repetition of the narrative, which at times felt a bit restrictive to me. Overall, though, I think this book is a great educational resource for schools, and I could certainly see it as a staple on the bookshelves of elementary-age children. **Disclaimer:** I received a copy of this book for free in exchange for writing a review. I was not obligated to give a positive review, and all thoughts are my own.

Fifo "50 States" has everything you could want in a children's book: colorful art, sing-songy text, and informational dialogue. The artistry of the book is truly delightful; each image is simplistic in style and yet full of cuddly characters and rich scenes. They capture the imagination and supplement the words nicely. Fifo, himself, is a great character for children to follow. They come along as he travels all over the country and tells them about each place. There are key, easily remembered bits of information such as the capitals of the states, state flowers, and other small details. Each section is composed like a poem, with the first four lines almost identically matching that of the other states. It easily sets up the homey ambiance of any children's novel. I would highly recommend it as an introduction to different states for kids. It doesn't tell a story so much as just bounce from state to state, so there definitely needs to be some interest in the subject matter. **DISCLAIMER:** I received a copy of this book for free in exchange for writing a review. I am not obligated to give a positive review, and all thoughts are my own.

Hayley Rose does it again with her award-winning *Fifo "50 States,"* illustrated by Jessie B. Orlet. In its pages, Rose takes young readers on a journey across the continental 48, with a jaunt to Alaska in the far northwest, as well as one to Hawaii in the far southwest. Set out in alphabetical order, the information for each state includes the number of its entry into the union, the name of its capital, and details about its state flower, tree, bird, and slogan. The illustrations in *Fifo "50 States,"* provide added details that emphasize what each state is best known for, ranging from unusual weather, to natural wonders, to industry. It will open doors for parents to discuss the details with their children, helping to acquaint them with the states and with interesting tidbits about each, perhaps preparing them for their own journeys of discovery in the future.

We received this book to give an honest review. K and I really enjoyed this book. K doesn't really know all the states and he didn't even know they had a number. So when we were reading it together it was a great eye opening learning event for him. With each state we get to learn what the state rose is, tree and bird. The book also rhymes a bit. K and I had fun looking at the pictures and searching for the bird, flower and tree. K noticed that some birds were in other states as well which opened up discussions about state birds. I think this is a great book to learning all the states I will be reading it to A when she is a bit older.

I absolutely loved this book. Very colorful, and you learn something about each state. It's cute and fun to have around. My three year old loved how the writing was. It was kinda like a song that you could sing about the states. He can't wait till I read it again. A awesome book to have and it will teach your children some facts about every state. Definitely would recommend this book to my friends. This is a very cute read. Disclaimer: I volunteered to review a arc of this book to give an honest review. All Reviews are my own.

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