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### Texas Book Club Grabs 'Bull Rider' by the Horns

Students at Kelly Lane Elementary School in Pflugerville, Tex., read Suzanne Morgan Williams's first novel, *Bull Rider* (S&S/McElderry, 2009) for summer reading, and Val Escobar, the grandmother of one of the students, organized a summer book club so that students could discuss the book. The novel, which made the Lone Star State reading list, tells the story of Ben, a skateboarder who has no interest in the family sport of bull-riding until his brother comes home paralyzed from Iraq, and Ben has a chance to win needed award money by riding. Students, seen here, also viewed a documentary on injured Iraq veterans as part of the book club



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**Suzanne Morgan Williams** receiving a Western Heritage Award for *Bull Rider*, April 2010, from the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. *Bull Rider* won the award for best Juvenile Book of 2009. She joins authors such as Marguerite Henry, Russell Freeman, and Louise Erdrich who are previous winners. See Suzanne's website for other photos and information: [www.suzannemorganwilliams.com](http://www.suzannemorganwilliams.com)

