

2013 Nominee Lists

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All the Water in the World/George Ella Lyon; Katherine Tillotson, ill.

Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2011..

A poetic description of the water cycle with encouragement to keep it clean for everyone to use.

The Bear Who Shared/Catherine Rayner.

Dial Books for Young Readers, 2010.

Norris the bear has been waiting patiently for the last ripe fruit to fall from the tree, and when it does he decides to share it with his two new friends.

Gilbert Goldfish Wants a Pet/Kelly DiPucchio; Bob Shea, ill.

Dial Books for Young Readers, 2011.

Gilbert has everything a goldfish could want except a pet of his own, but none of the animals who come near his fishbowl seem quite right until Fluffy, with his long tail and whiskers, appears.

The Gingerbread Man Loose in the School/Laura Murray; Mike Lowery, ill.

G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2011.

A gingerbread man searches all over the school for the group of children that made him and then left him behind.

Me-- Jane/Patrick McDonnell.

Little, Brown, 2011.

Holding her stuffed toy chimpanzee, young Jane Goodall observes nature, reads Tarzan books, and dreams of living in Africa and helping animals. Includes biographical information about the prominent zoologist.

Otis and the Tornado/Loren Long.

Philomel Books, 2011.

When a tornado threatens the farm, Otis the tractor must try to save the animals, including the unfriendly bull.

Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes/Eric Litwin; James Dean, ill.

Harper, 2011.

Pete the Cat wears his school shoes when visiting the library, the lunchroom, the playground and more while singing his special song.

Planting the Wild Garden/Kathryn Galbraith; Wendy Halperin, ill.

Peachtree Publishers, 2011.

An exploration of the different ways seeds are dispersed into the environment.

Three Hens and a Peacock/Lester Laminack; Henry Cole, ill.

Peachtree Publishers, 2011.

When life on the Tucker farm is disrupted by the arrival of a peacock, whose shrieking and strutting bring many welcome visitors, the hens complain that they are doing all of the work until the hound suggests a trade.

Won-Ton: A Cat Tale Told in Haiku/Lee Wardlaw; Eugene Yelchin, ill.

Henry Holt, 2011.

A cat arrives at a shelter, arranges to go home with a good family, and settles in with them, all the while letting them know who is boss and, finally, sharing his real name.

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Justin Case: School, Drool, and Other Daily Disasters/Rachel Vail; Matthew Cordell, ill.
Feiwel and Friends, 2010.

Justin is very nervous about starting third grade and must make the best of things when he does not get the teacher he wanted, his best friend is in another class, and his favorite stuffed animal disappears.

P.S. Brothers/Maribeth Boelts.
Harcourt, 2010.

Sixth-graders Russell and Shawn, poor and picked on, work together scooping dog droppings to earn money for a Rottweiler puppy to protect them from bullies, but when they learn the puppies' owner is running an illegal dog-fighting ring, they are torn about how to respond.

Smile/Raina Telgemeier.
Graphix, 2010.

The author relates, in graphic form, her experiences after she injured her two front teeth and had to have surgeries and wear embarrassing braces and headgear, all while also dealing with the trials and tribulations of middle school.

Sylvia and Aki/Winifred Conkling.
Tricycle Press, 2011.

At the start of World War II, Japanese-American third-grader Aki and her family are sent to an internment camp in Poston, Arizona, while Mexican-American third-grader Sylvia's family leases their Orange County, California, farm and begins a fight to stop school segregation.

A Tale of Two Castles/Gail Carson Levine.
HarperCollins, 2011.

Twelve-year-old Elodie journeys to Two Castles in hopes of studying acting but instead becomes apprentice to a dragon, who teaches her to be observant and use reasoning, thus helping her to uncover who is poisoning the king.

Troublemaker/Andrew Clements; Mark Elliott, ill.
Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2011.

When his older brother gets in serious trouble, sixth-grader Clay decides to change his own mischief-making ways, but he cannot seem to shake his reputation as a troublemaker.

Waiting for the Magic/Patricia MacLachlan; Amy June Bates, ill.
Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2011.

In absence of their father, a brother and sister adopt four dogs and a cat in an attempt to save their family.

Walking Home to Rosie Lee/A. LaFaye; Keith D. Shepherd, ill.
Cinco Puntos Press, 2011.

At the end of the Civil War, young Gabe meets many other former slaves getting a feel for freedom whose kindness helps him in his quest to find his mother, who was sold away.

Which Side Are You On?: the Story of a Song/George Ella Lyon; Christopher Cardinale, ill.

Cinco Puntos Press, 2011.

A woman defends her children and writes a song as men hired by the coal company for which her husband works shoot bullets through the windows and walls in retaliation for his fight for the rights of workers.

Wonderstruck: a Novel in Words and Pictures/Brian Selznick.

Scholastic, 2011.

Relates the stories of twelve-year-old Ben, who loses his mother and his hearing in a short time frame and decides to leave his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he has never known in New York City; and Rose, who lives with her father but feels compelled to search for what is missing in her life. Ben's story is told in words; Rose's in pictures.

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Addie on the Inside/James Howe.

Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2011.

Outspoken thirteen-year-old Addie Carle learns about love, loss, and staying true to herself as she navigates seventh grade, enjoys a visit from her grandmother, fights with her boyfriend, and endures gossip and meanness from her former best friend.

The Apothecary/Maile Meloy; Ian Schoenherr, ill.

G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2011.

Fourteen-year-old Janie Scott, newly arrived in London from Los Angeles in 1952, becomes friends with a mysterious apothecary and his son, Benjamin Burrows, and is drawn into a dangerous adventure with Benjamin when his father is kidnapped and Russian spies try to steal his book of secrets.

The Fourth Stall/Chris Rylander.

Walden Pond Press, 2011.

Sixth-graders Mac and Vince operate a business charging schoolmates for protection from bullies and for help to negotiate conflicts peacefully, with amazing challenges and results. Described by the publisher as *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* meets *The Sopranos*.

Legend/Marie Lu.

Putnam's, 2011.

In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, fifteen-year-olds Day, a famous criminal, and prodigy June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover that they have a common enemy.

Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25 /Richard Paul Evans.

Mercury Ink/Simon Pulse, 2011.

Fourteen-year-old Michael discovers he has special electrical powers and, with the help of his best friends, becomes aware that there are other teens with similar powers, but something or someone is hunting them. After Michael's mother is kidnapped, he will need to rely on his powers and his friends to rescue his mom, protect himself, and save the others.

A Monster Calls/Patrick Ness.

Candlewick Press, 2011.

Thirteen-year-old Conor awakens one night to find a monster outside his bedroom window, but not the one from the recurring nightmare that began when his mother became ill--an ancient, wild creature that wants him to face truth and loss.

Okay for Now/Gary D. Schmidt.
Clarion Books, 2011.

Fourteen-year-old Doug Swieteck faces many challenges, including an abusive father, a brother traumatized by Vietnam, suspicious teachers and police officers, and isolation, but when he meets a girl known as Lil Spicer, he develops a close relationship with her and finds a safe place at the local library. This novel is a companion to Schmidt's *The Wednesday Wars*.

*Same Sun Here*Silas House and Neela Vaswani.
Candlewick Press, 2012.

A twelve-year-old Indian immigrant in New York City and a Kentucky coal miner's son become pen pals, and eventually best friends, through a series of revealing letters exploring such topics as environmental activism, immigration, and racism.

Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different: A Biography/Karen Blumenthal.
Feiwei & Friends, 2012.

Steve Jobs' story has become legend: a college dropout who started a wildly successful tech company in his parents' garage. A devoted husband, father, and Buddhist, he battled cancer for over a decade, became the ultimate CEO, and made the world want every product he touched. Here is the complex man behind the myth.

True (...sort of)/Katherine Hannigan.
Greenwillow Books, 2011.

For most of her eleven years, Delly has been in trouble without knowing why, until her little brother, R.B., and a strange, silent new friend, Ferris, help her find a way to be good--and happy--again

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Between Shades of Gray /Ruta Sepetys.
Philomel Books. 2011.

In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil. Based on the author's family, includes a historical note.

Boy21/Matthew Quick.
Little, Brown. 2012.

Finley, an unnaturally quiet boy who is the only white player on his high school's varsity basketball team, lives in a dismal Pennsylvania town that is ruled by the Irish mob, and when his coach asks him to mentor a troubled African American student who has transferred there from an elite private school in California, he finds that they have a lot in common in spite of their apparent differences.

Daughter of Smoke and Bone /Laini Taylor.
Little, Brown. 2011.

Seventeen-year-old Karou, a lovely, enigmatic art student in a Prague boarding school, carries a sketchbook of hideous, frightening monsters--the chimaerae who form the only family she has ever known.

Divergent /Veronica Roth.

Katherine Tegen Books. 2011.

In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all.

DJ Rising /Love Maia.

Little, Brown. 2012.

Sixteen-year-old Marley Diego-Dylan's career as "DJ Ice" is skyrocketing, but his mother's heroin addiction keeps dragging him back to earth.

The Fault in Our Stars /John Green.

Dutton Books, 2012.

Sixteen year old Hazel, who has cancer, meets Augustus at a kids-with-cancer support group and as they fall in love they both wonder how they will be remembered.

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children /Ransom Riggs.

Quirk Books, 2011.

Sixteen-year-old Jacob, having traveled to a remote island after a family tragedy, discovers an abandoned orphanage, and, after some investigating, he learns the children who lived there may have been dangerous and quarantined and may also still be alive.

The Name of the Star /Maureen Johnson.

G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2011.

Rory, of Boueuxlieu, Louisiana, is spending a year at a London boarding school when she witnesses a murder by a Jack the Ripper copycat and becomes involved with the very unusual investigation.

Recovery Road/Blake Nelson.

Scholastic Press, 2011.

Seventeen-year-old Maddie meets Stewart in a rehabilitation facility for drug and alcohol abuse, and they begin a relationship, which they try to maintain after they both finish treatment.

What Can(t) Wait /Ashley Hope Perez.

Carolrhoda Books, 2011.

Marooned in a broken-down Houston neighborhood--and in a Mexican immigrant family where making ends meet matters much more than making it to college--smart, talented Marissa seeks comfort elsewhere when her home life becomes unbearable.