

Center for Children's and Young Adult Literature (CCYAL)
Best of the Best (thus far) 2013 Workshop
Friday, July 19, 2013

Afternoon Session: Books for 7th – 12th Grades

Volunteer State Book Awards (VSBA), Middle School Division – Scot Smith

Shadow and Bone – Bardugo, Leigh [BKL+ BUL+ HRN+ KIR+ LMC+ NYT+ PWK+ SLJ* VOY+ WSH+] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Henry Holt, 2012, 358p

In this high fantasy novel set in an alternative Russia, Alina is taken from an obscure orphanage to the palace. There she is trained by a powerful magician called the Darkling who hopes to use her emerging powers to destroy the monsters of the Fold.

A Girl Named Faithful Plum: The True Story of a Dancer from China and How She Achieved Her Goals – Bernstein, Richard [BKL+ HRN+ KIR* NYT+ SLJ+] {IL 5-8, 792.802} – Knopf, c2011, RL 6.6, 270p

At the age of eleven, Zhongmei Lei won one of twelve spots at the prestigious Beijing Dance Academy. Her determination to remain in the school impressed teachers and students alike. Zhongmei, whose name means Faithful Plum, later went on to form her own dance company in New York.

The Selection – Cass, Kiera [BKL+ HRN+ PW+ SLJ+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – HarperTeen, c2012, 327p

Sixteen-year-old America Singer is living in the caste-divided nation of Illea. Her life changes when she is chosen to compete in the Selection, a contest to see which girl can win the heart of Illea's prince. However, all she really wants is a chance for a future with Aspen, her true love.

Pinned – Flake, Sharon [BKL+ BUL+ HRN* HRN+ KIR* LMC+ PWK* TEL+] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Scholastic Press, 2012, 228p

Autumn, who struggles with a learning disability and excels at wrestling, and Adonis, who is confined to a wheelchair and loves books, learn how their weaknesses can become assets.

The Paladin Prophecy – Frost, Mark [BKL+ LMC+ NYT+ PW+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Random House, c2012, 549p

A fifteen-year-old boy who has spent his entire life trying to avoid attention finds himself in the middle of a struggle between titanic forces. Will is then simultaneously recruited by an exclusive prep school and followed by sinister agents.

Spy School – Gibbs, Stuart [BKL+ BCCB+ CLW+ HRN+ SLJ+] {IL 5-8, -FIC-} – Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2012, RL 5.3, 290p

Twelve-year-old Ben Ripley leaves his public middle school to attend the CIA's highly secretive Espionage Academy. There he becomes involved in a plot to find the mole who is intent on destroying the school.

In a Glass Grimly: Companion to *A Tale Dark & Grimm* – Gidwitz, Adam [HRN+ KIR* NYT+ PWK* SLJ* VOY+] {IL 5-8, -Fic-} -- Dutton Children's Books, c2012, RL 4.8, 314p Frog joins cousins Jack and Jill in leaving their own stories to seek a magic mirror. Along the way, they encounter such creatures as giants, mermaids, and goblins.

Titanic: Voices from the Disaster – Hopkinson, Deborah [BKL+ BCCB+ HRN* KIR* LMC+ PW* SLJ* VOYA+] {IL 3-6, 910.9163} – Scholastic Press, c2012, RL 7.6, 289p This title draws on stories from survivors and archival photographs to describe the history of the Titanic from its launch to its sinking. Sibert Informational Book Honor 2013

One for the Murphys – Hunt, Lynda Mullaly [BKL+ HRN+ KIR* PWK+ VOY+] {IL 5-8, -Fic-} -- Nancy Paulsen Books, c2012, RL 3.5, 224p In a novel filled with humor and sadness, Carley struggles with being open to love after an incident of domestic abuse forces her to move in with a foster family.

See You at Harry's – Knowles, Johanna [BKL+ HRN+ KIR* LMC+ NYT+ PWX+ SLJ+ VOY+ WMJ+ WSH+] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Candlewick Press, 2012, 310p Fern's large family struggles to keep its successful restaurant open and profitable. When tragedy strikes, the entire family must bond together to cope and survive.

We've Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March – Levinson, Cynthia [BKL* HRN+ KIR* NYT+ PW* SLJ*] {IL 5-8, 323.1196} – Peachtree, c2012, RL 7.1, 176p Through the eyes of four protesters and others who participated, this book tells the little-known story of the 4,000 black elementary, middle, and high school students who voluntarily went to jail to help end segregation in Alabama.

Cinder – Meyer, Marissa [BKL+ BUL+ HRN+ KIR+ LMC+ PWK* VOY+] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Square Fish, 2013, c2012, 390p Cinder, a gifted mechanic and a cyborg with a mysterious past, is blamed by her stepmother for her stepsister's illness while a deadly plague decimates the population of New Beijing. When Cinder's life gets intertwined with Prince Kai's, she finds herself at the center of a struggle between the rulers of the Earth and the Moon.

Wonder – Palacio, R. J. [BKL* BUL+ HRN+ KIR* LMC* NYT+ SLJ* WCC+ WMJ+] {IL 3-6, -Fic-} -- Thorndike Press, 2013, RL 4.8, 481p Auggie Pullman was born with a facial deformity that has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting middle school at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid.

Splendors and Glooms – Schlitz, Laura Amy [BKL* BUL* HRN+ KIR* NEWH NYT+ PWK* SLJ* TEL+ VOY+] {IL 5-8, -Fic-} -- Candlewick Press, 2012, RL 5.1, 384p When Clara vanishes after the puppeteer Grisini and two orphaned assistants were at her twelfth birthday party, suspicion of kidnapping chases the trio away from London and soon the two orphans are caught in a trap set by Grisini's ancient rival, a witch with a deadly inheritance to shed before it is too late.

Child of the Mountains – Shank, Marilyn Sue [BKL+ BCCB+ HRN+ KIR+ LMC+ SLJ+ VOYA] {IL 3-6, -FIC-} – Delacorte Press, c2012, RL 4.7, 259p

Lydia is raised poor in the Appalachian Mountains of West Virginia with her widowed mother, her younger brother, and her Grandma in the early 1950s. When Gran and her brother die and her mother is jailed, Lydia must try to remain strong and clear her mother's name.

Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon – Sheinkin, Steve [BKL+ BUL* HRN* HRN+ KIR* NEWH NYT+ PWK* RFSW SLJ* VOY+ YNFW] {IL YA, 623.4} -- Roaring Brook Press, 2012, 266p

The narrative non-fiction title examines the history of the atomic bomb, discussing the discovery of the behavior of uranium when placed next to radioactive material, the race to build a bomb, and the impact of the weapon on societies around the world.

Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles : America's First Black Paratroopers – Stone, Tanya Lee [BKL* BUL+ HRN+ KIR* PWK* SLJ*] {IL 5-8, 940.54} -- Candlewick Press, 2013, RL 7, 147p

This book tells the story of America's first black paratroopers and the obstacles they had to overcome during WWII.

Drama – Telgemeier, Raina [BKL* BUL+ HRN+ KIR* LMC+ PWK* SLJ* STWH VOY+] {IL 5-8, 741.5} -- Graphix, 2012, RL 2.3, 233p

In this graphic novel, Callie rides an emotional roller coaster while serving on the stage crew for a middle school production of Moon over Mississippi as various relationships start and end, and others never quite get going.

Navigating Early – Vanderpool, Clare [BKL* HRN+ KIR* NYT+ PWK* SLJ*] {IL 5-8, -Fic-} -- Delacorte Press, c2013, RL 6.2, 306p

Two boys from a boarding school in Maine seek adventure on the Appalachian Trail where they deal with pirates, buried secrets, and extraordinary encounters.

Crow – Wright, Barbara [BKL+ HRN* HRN+ KIR* LMC+ PWK* SLJ* TEL+ VOY+ WCC+] {IL 5-8, -Fic-} -- Yearling, 2013, c2012, RL 5.4, 296p

Moses Thomas's summer vacation in 1898 does not go as planned. While he deals with family problems and fickle friends, Moses comes to be more aware of the escalating tension between the African American and white communities of Wilmington, North Carolina.

Good Reads for Grades 8-10 – Angela Hoffman

Nonfiction & graphic novels

Moonbird: A Year on the Wind with the Great Survivor B95 – Hoose, Phillip M. [BKL* BUL* HRN* HRN+ KIR* LMC+ PWK* RFSH SBF+ SLJ*] {IL YA, 598.072} -- Farrar Straus Giroux, 2012, 148p

Chronicles a year in the life of rufa red knot B95, also called Moonbird, following him through his migration pattern and discussing the environmental problems that caused the rufa population to collapsed by nearly eighty percent.

Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World – Kidder, Tracy [BKL+ KIR* SLJ+] {IL YA, 610} -- Delacorte Press, 2013.

Chronicles the life of Paul Farmer, focusing on his efforts to diagnose and cure infectious diseases and to bring modern medicine to the countries and people who need them most.

Outcasts United: The Story of a Refugee Soccer Team that Changed a Town – St. John, Warren [BKL+ HRN+ KIR+ LBJ* SLJ* SLJ+ WSH+] {IL YA, 796.334} -- Delacorte Press, c2012, 226p

American-educated Jordanian Luma Mufleh founds a youth soccer team comprised of children from Liberia, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Balkan states, and elsewhere in the refugee settlement town of Clarkston, Georgia, bringing the children together to discover their common bonds as they adjust to life in a new homeland.

The Warrior's Heart: Becoming a Man of Compassion and Courage – Greitens, Eric [HRN+ KIR* NYT+ SLJ+] {IL YA, 359.9} -- Houghton Mifflin, 2012, 264p

Eric Greitens shares his life journey from being an average kid to working to make a difference in the world's trouble spots and joining the Navy SEALs to protect the weak, and encourages readers to reflect on the power of choice and acts of courage.

The Bronte Sisters: The Brief Lives of Charlotte, Emily, and Anne – Reef, Catherine [BKL* BCCB+ HRN+ KIR* LMC+ NYT+ PW* SLJ+] {IL YA, 823} – Clarion Books, c2012, 231p
An exploration of the lives of the Bronte sisters and the time in which they lived.

War Brothers: The Graphic Novel – McKay, Sharon E [BKL+ KIR+ PW* SLJ*] {IL YA, 741.5} -- Annick Press, c2013 (July 26), 163p

A graphic novel adaptation of the author's novel about a group of boys in Uganda who are kidnapped and forced to join the Lord's Resistance Army, or LRA, and their desperate escape, only to return home to discover that their friends and family are afraid of them.

Boxers & Saints – Yang, Gene Luen [SLJ*] {IL YA, 741.5} – First Second, c2013 (September 10), 2-volume set

In two volumes, *Boxers & Saints* tells two parallel stories. Little Bao, inspired by visions of the Chinese gods, joins a violent uprising against Western missionaries; against all odds, their grass-roots rebellion succeeds. In the second volume, Vibiana is taken in by the missionaries and finds, for the first time, a home. As the Boxer Rebellion gains momentum, she must decide whether to abandon her friends or commit herself fully to Christianity.

Dystopian/post-apocalyptic

After: Nineteen Stories of Apocalypse and Dystopia – Datlow, Ellen and Windling, Terri, eds. [BKL+ BCCB+ HRN+ KIR+ SLJ+ VOYA+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Hyperion, c2012, 370p

An anthology of nineteen tales of teens raised after a catastrophe, either in the first few years after the change or in the distant future.

Maggot Moon – Gardner, Sally; Crouch, Julian, illus. [BKL* BCCB+ HRN* KIR+ PW* SLJ+ VOYA+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Candlewick Press, c2012, 279p

Friendship and trust inspire Standish to rise up against an oppressive regime and expose the truth about a planned moon landing.

Homeland – Doctorow, Cory [BKL* KIR* PW+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Tor Teen, c2013, 396p

When Marcus, once called M1k3y, receives a thumb drive containing evidence of corporate and governmental treachery, his job, fame, family, and well-being, as well as his reform-minded employer's election campaign, are all endangered.

Proxy (Proxy, #1) – London, Alex [KIR+ PW+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Philomel Books, c2013, 379p

Privileged teenagers Sid has a proxy, Knox, who receives punishment for Syd's wrongdoings, when Syd kills one of his friends in a car crash, it is Knox who is sentenced to death. When the two boys realize they must work together to beat the system they flee looking for answers.

Breaking Point (Article 5, #2) – Simmons, Kristen [BKL+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Tor Teen, c2013, 400p

After escaping prison, Ember Miller and Chase Jennings are taken in by the Resistance but when Ember tops the government's most-wanted list, Chase urges her to run and Ember must decide whether to hide again or fight back. Sequel to *Article 5*.

Fantasy, supernatural, paranormal, and sci-fi

Far Far Away – McNeal, Tom [BKL* KIR+ SLJ*] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Knopf, c2013, 371p

When Jeremy Johnson Johnson's strange ability to speak to the ghost of Jacob Grimm draws the interest of his classmate, Ginger Boultinghouse, the two find themselves at the center of a series of disappearances in their hometown. (publisher)

Scarlet (The Lunar Chronicles, #2) – Meyer, Marissa [BKL* BCCB+ HRN+ KIR+ PW* SLJ+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Feiwel and Friends, c2013, 454p

Scarlet Benoit and Wolf, a street fighter, who may have information about her missing grandmother, join forces with Cinder as they try to stay one step ahead of the vicious Lunar Queen Levana in this story inspired by Little Red Riding Hood.

The Madman's Daughter – Shepherd, Megan [BKL+ PWK+ SLJ*] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Balzer + Bray, c2013, 420p

Dr. Moreau's daughter, Juliet, travels to her estranged father's island, only to encounter murder, medical horrors, and a love triangle.

In the Shadow of Blackbirds: A Novel – Winters, Cat [BKL* BUL+ KIR+ PWK* SLJ*] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Amulet Books, 2013, 387p

In San Diego in 1918, as deadly influenza and World War I take their toll, sixteen-year-old Mary Shelley Black watches desperate mourners flock to seances and spirit photographers for comfort and, despite her scientific leanings, must consider if ghosts are real when her first love, killed in battle, returns.

The Sweetest Dark (The Sweetest Dark, #1) – Abe, Shana [BKL+ LJ+] {IL Adult, -FIC-} – Bantam Books, c2013, 334p

Chosen to be a charity student at a boarding school in World War I England, sixteen-year-old Lora discovers her long latent magical powers just in time to battle an evil bent on decimating the school. Also recommended: *The Deepest Night* (The Sweetest Dark, #2), out on August 13, 2013.

The Lost Sun (The United States of Asgard, #1) – Gratton, Tessa [BKL+ PW+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Random House, c2013, 352p

In an alternate U.S.A. (the United States of Asgard), Soren Bearskin, the son of an infamous berserker, and Astrid Glyn, daughter of a renowned seer, embark on a road trip to find Baldur, the missing god whose absence has caused panic throughout the country. (publisher) Also recommended: *The Blood Keeper*, also by Gratton.

The Curiosities: A Collection of Stories – Stiefvater, Maggie; Yovanoff, Brenna; Gratton, Tessa [BKL+ BCCB+ HRN+ KIR+ SLJ+ VOYA+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Carolrhoda Lab, c2012, 291p

An anthology of darkly paranormal stories, with comments by the authors on their writing process.

Realistic/contemporary

If You Find Me – Murdoch, Emily, author [BKL* KIR* NYT+ PWK+ SLJ* VOY+] {IL YA, 813} -- St. Martin's Griffin, 2013.

Living in a broken-down camper hidden in a forest, fifteen year-old Carey and her younger sister, Jenessa, just have each other. After their mentally ill mother disappears for good and they are put into foster care, Carey must face the truth of why her mother abducted her ten years ago, and find the reason why Jenessa has not spoken in over a year.

Out of Reach – Arcos, Carrie [BKL+ BUL* KIR+ SLJ+] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Simon Pulse, 2012, 250p

Accompanied by her brother's friend, Tyler, sixteen-year-old Rachel ventures through San Diego and nearby areas seeking her brother, eighteen-year-old Micah, a methamphetamine addict who ran away from home.

Golden – Kirby, Jessi [BKL* KIR+ PW+ SLJ+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Simon & Schuster, c2013, 277

Seventeen-year-old Parker Frost has never taken the road less traveled. Valedictorian and quintessential good girl, she's about to graduate high school without ever having kissed her crush or broken the rules. So when fate drops a clue in her lap – one that might be the key to unraveling a town mystery – she decides to take a chance. (publisher's blurb)

How to Love – Cotugno, Katie [KIR+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Balzer & Bray, c2013, 320p
Reena has gotten used to life without Sawyer, but just as suddenly as he disappeared, he turns up again. Reena wants nothing to do with him, though she'd be lying if she said his being back wasn't stirring something in her. After everything that's happened, can Reena really let herself love Sawyer LeGrande again?

Additional Recommended Titles by Genre

Dystopian/post-apocalyptic

In the After – Lunetta, Demitria [KIR+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – HarperTeen, c2013, 455p
In a post-apocalyptic world where nothing is as it seems, seventeen-year-old Amy and Baby, a child she found while scavenging, struggle to survive while vicious, predatory creatures from another planet roam the Earth.

Orleans – Smith, Sherri L. [BKL* HRN+ KIR+ SLJ+ VOYA+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – G.P. Putnam's Sons, c2013, 324p
Set in a futuristic, hostile Orleans landscape, Fen de la Guerre must deliver her tribe leader's baby over the Wall into the Outer States before her blood becomes tainted with Delta Fever. (publisher)

Safekeeping – Hesse, Karen [BUL+ HRN+ LMC+ PWK+ SLJ* VOY+] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Feiwel and Friends, 2012, 294p
When Radley returns to the United States after volunteering abroad, she comes back to a country under military rule with strict travel restrictions, and she must find her way back to her Vermont home through the New England woods.

Steelheart – Sanderson, Brandon [SLJ+ KIR+ PW+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Random House, c2013 (September 24), 400p
Ten years ago, Calamity came. It was a burst in the sky that gave ordinary men and women extraordinary powers. The awed public started calling them Epics. With incredible gifts came the desire to rule. Nobody fights the Epics . . . nobody but the Reckoners. A shadowy group of ordinary humans, they spend their lives studying Epics, finding their weaknesses, and then assassinating them. And David wants in.

The Testing – Charbonneau, Joelle [BKL+ KIR+ PW* SLJ+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Houghton Mifflin, c2013, 344p
Sixteen-year-old Malencia (Cia) Vale is chosen to participate in The Testing to attend the University; however, Cia is fearful when she figures out that her friends who do not pass The Testing are disappearing.

Fantasy, Supernatural, Paranormal, and Sci-fi

Crash (Visions, #1) – McMann, Lisa [BKL+ KIR+ SLJ+ VOYA+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Simon Pulse, c2013, 233p
Sixteen-year-old Jules, whose family owns an Italian restaurant and has a history of mental illness, starts seeing a recurring vision about a rival restaurant, a truck crash, and forbidden love.

Deception (Courier's Daughter #2) – Redwine, C.J. [KIR] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Balzer & Bray, c2013 (August 27), 480p

Baalboden has been ravaged. The brutal Commander's whereabouts are unknown. And Rachel, grief stricken over her father's death, needs Logan more than ever. With their ragged group of survivors struggling to forge a future, it's up to Logan to become the leader they “need” with Rachel by his side. Under constant threat from rival Carrington's army, which is after the device that controls the Cursed One, the group decides to abandon the ruins of their home and take their chances in the Wasteland. But soon their problems intensify tenfold: someone “possibly inside their ranks” is sabotaging the survivors. (publisher) Sequel to *Defiance* (Courier's Daughter #1).

Thornhill (Hemlock #2) – Peacock, Kathleen {IL YA, -FIC-} – Katherine Tegen Books, c2013 (September 10), 368p

Mackenzie's new love, Kyle, has plans to turn himself in to the Lupine Syndrome Registration Bureau and enroll in a rehabilitation camp, where he can live with other werewolves. But Mac refuses to accept his decision, especially since the camps are rumored to be torturous and unsafe. When she follows him there, she uncovers dangerous secrets buried within the walls of Thornhill--a prison for the young and infected--and realizes that the risk to the people she loves is greater than ever before. (publisher) Sequel to *Hemlock* (Hemlock #1).

Jepp, Who Defied the Stars – Marsh, Katherine [BKL+ BUL* HRN+ KIR+ LMC+ NYT+ PWK* SLJ*] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Hyperion, c2012, 385p

Jepp, a teenage dwarf living in 16th century Europe, leaves home to seek his destiny. (publisher)

The Lord of Opium – Farmer, Nancy [BKL* KIR+ PW*] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Atheneum, c2013 (September 3), 432p

Matt has always been nothing but a clone--grown from a strip of old El Patron's skin. Now, at age fourteen, he finds himself suddenly thrust into the position of ruling over his own country. The Land of Opium is the largest territory of the Dope Confederacy, which ranges on the map like an intestine from the ruins of San Diego to the ruins of Matamoros. But while Opium thrives, the rest of the world has been devastated by ecological disaster--and hidden in Opium is the cure. (publisher) Sequel to *House of the Scorpion*.

Shadows – McKinley, Robin {IL YA, -FIC-} – Nancy Paulsen Books, c2013 (August 26), 368p
Maggie knows something is off about Val, her mom's new husband. Val is from Oldworld, where they still use magic, and he won't have any tech in his office-shed behind the house. But--more importantly--what are the huge, horrible, jagged, jumpy shadows following him around? Magic is illegal in Newworld, which is all about science. The magic-carrying gene was disabled two generations ago, back when Maggie's great-grandmother was a notable magician. But that was a long time ago. Then Maggie meets Casimir, the most beautiful boy she has ever seen. He's from Oldworld too--and he's heard of Maggie's stepfather, and has a guess about Val's shadows. Maggie doesn't want to know . . . until earth-shattering events force her to depend on Val and his shadows.

Splintered: A Novel – Howard, A. G. [BKL+ BUL* PWX+ SLJ+] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Amulet Books, 2013, 371p

A descendant of the inspiration for Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, sixteen-year-old Alyssa Gardner fears she is mentally ill like her mother until she finds that Wonderland is real and, if she passes a series of tests to fix Alice's mistakes, she may save her family from their curse.

Untold (Lynburn Legacy #2) – Rees, Sarah {IL YA, -FIC-} – Random House, c2013 (September 24), 384p

The sorcerous roots of Sorry-in-the-Vale have been exposed. No one in the town is safe, and a decision must be made: pay the sorcerers' blood sacrifice, or fight. Will the townspeople (magical and not) become "owned" by the sorcerers who believe it is their right to rule? If Kami Glass has anything to say about it, evil will not win. Despite having given up her own piece of magic, she is determined to do everything she can to make a difference. And whether they want to or not, her circle of friends (and potential boyfriends) will not be able to help but go along with her unusual tactics. (publisher) Sequel to *Unspoken* (Lynburn Legacy #1)

Realistic/contemporary

Bruised – Skilton, Sarah [HRN+ KIR+ PWK* SLJ+] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Amulet Books, 2013, 274p

When she freezes during a hold-up at the local diner, sixteen-year-old Imogen, a black belt in Tae Kwan Do, has to rebuild her life, including her relationship with her family and with the boy who was with her during the shoot-out.

Fitz : A Novel – Cochrane, Mick [BKL+ BUL* SLJ+] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Knopf, c2012, 177p

Fifteen-year-old Fitz kidnaps the father he has never known, taking him from his St. Paul apartment building at gunpoint, in an attempt to address his bewildering mix of resentment and yearning.

Mojo – Tharp, Tim [BKL+ HRN+ KIR*] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Alfred A. Knopf, 2013.

A boy who feels powerless in his own life sets out to investigate the mystery of a missing high school girl in his town, who attends an elite private high school very unlike his own. (publisher)

Out of Nowhere – Padian, Maria [BKL+ BUL* KIR+ PWK+ SLJ*] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Alfred A. Knopf, c2013, 337p

Performing community service for pulling a stupid prank against a rival high school, soccer star Tom tutors a Somali refugee with soccer dreams of his own.

Two Boys Kissing – Levithan, David [KIR+ PW*] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Random House, c2013 (August 27), 208p

The based-on-true-events story of Harry and Craig, two 17-year-olds who are about to take part in a 32-hour marathon of kissing to set a new Guinness World Record – all of which is narrated by a Greek Chorus of the generation of gay men lost to AIDS. (publisher) Follow-up to *Every Day*.

High-Demand Sequels/Series

Beautiful Redemption (Caster Chronicles, #4) – Garcia, Kami and Stohl, Margaret [HRN+ VOYA+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Little, Brown, c2012, 451p

Ethan Wate finally begins to like his small Southern town of Gatlin after meeting Lena Duchannes, but when he is forced to leave everything behind, both Ethan and Lena risk everything to be together again.

Clockwork Princess (The Infernal Devices, #3) – Clare, Cassandra [BKL+ KIR+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Margaret K. McElderry Books, c2013, 570p

When seventeen-year-old orphaned shape-changer Tessa Gray is kidnapped by the villainous Mortmain in his final bid for power, the London Institute rallies to save her, but is beset by danger and betrayal at every turn.

Reached (Matched Trilogy, #3) – Condie, Allyson Braithwaite [KIR* PWK* SLJ+ VOY+] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Dutton Books, c2012, 512p

Although Cassia and Ky long to be with each other, their decision to leave Society in search of the Rising leaves Cassia working for the Rising from within Society and Ky stationed outside its borders, but things do not play out as expected.

Requiem (Delirium, #3) – Oliver, Lauren [BKL+ BUL+ HRN+ KIR*] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Harper, c2013, 391p

While Lena navigates the increasingly dangerous Wilds, her best friend, Hana, lives a safe, loveless life in Portland. (publisher)

Sever (The Chemical Garden #3) – deStefano, Lauren [BKL+ KIR+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Simon & Schuster, c2013, 371p

After modern science turns every human into a genetic time bomb with men dying at age twenty-five and women dying at age twenty, teenaged Rhine finds hope for a brighter future from a surprising source.

Through the Ever Night (Under the Never Sky #2) – Rossi, Veronica [BKL+ HRN+ SLJ+ VOYA+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Harper, c2013, 341p

Just when Aria and Perry think they will be reunited, the Tides object to Aria because she is a Dweller and Perry is losing control over the tribe.

Good Reads for Grades 10-12 – Emily Davenport

Dystopian/Sci Fi

The Darkest Minds – Bracken, Michelle [BKL+ BCCB+ HRN+ KIR+ LMC+ PW+ SLJ+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Hyperion, c2012, 488p

Sixteen-year-old Ruby breaks out of a government-run ‘rehabilitation camp’ for teens who acquired dangerous powers after surviving a virus that wiped out most American children. (publisher’s blurb)

Don't Turn Around – Gagnon, Michelle [BUL+ HRN+ KIR* SLJ* VOY+] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Harper, c2012, 310p

After waking up on an operating table with no memory of how she got there, Noa must team up with computer hacker Peter to stop a corrupt corporation with a deadly secret.

The End Games – Martin, Michael [BKL* PW+ SLJ+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Balzer & Bray, c2013, 369p

In the rural mountains of West Virginia, seventeen-year-old Michael Faris tries to protect his fragile younger brother from the horrors of the zombie apocalypse. (publisher)

This is Not a Test – Summers, Courtney [BKL+ BCCB* KIR+ PW* SLJ+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – St. Martin’s Griffin, c2012, 326p

Barricaded in Cortège High with five other teens while zombies try to get in, Sloane Price observes her fellow captives become more unpredictable and violent as time passes although they each have much more reason to live than she has.

The 5th Wave – Yancey, Rick [BKL* KIR* NYT+ PW* SLJ+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Putnam’s Sons, c2013, 457p

Cassie Sullivan, the survivor of an alien invasion, must rescue her younger brother from the enemy with help from a boy who may be one of them. (publisher)

Realistic Fiction

Thousand Words – Brown, Jennifer [BKL+ PW+ SLJ+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Little, Brown & Company, c2013, 284p

Talked into sending a nude picture of herself to her boyfriend while she was drunk, Ashleigh became the center of a sexting scandal and is now in court-ordered community service, where she finds an unlikely ally, Mack.

Love and Other Perishable Items – Buzo, Laura [BKL+ BCCB+ HRN+ KIR* KLI+ LMC+ PW+ SLJ+ VOYA] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Alfred A. Knopf, c2012

A fifteen-year-old Australian girl gets her first job and first crush on her unattainable university-aged co-worker, as both search for meaning in their lives. William C. Morris YA Debut Nominee 2013.

Call the shots – Calame, Don [HRN+ KIR* PWK+ RSL+ SLJ+ VOY+] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Candlewick Press, 2012, 457p

After finding out his parents are expecting a baby, sophomore Sean Hance, and his best friends Matt and Coop, decide to make their very own ultra-low-budget horror flick and enter it in TerrorFest and after they win the money Sean hopes he will be able to build an addition to his parents home but first they have to write, cast, film, and edit the movie with no equipment, no experience, and almost no budget.

The Moon and More – Dessen, Sarah [BKL+ KIR+ PW*] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Viking, c2013, 435p
During her last summer at home before leaving for college, Emaline begins a whirlwind romance with Theo, an assistant documentary filmmaker who is in town to make a movie. (publisher)

The Sweet Revenge of Celia Door – Finneyfrock, Karen [BKL+ KIR+ PW+ SLJ+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Viking, c2013, 259p

Fourteen-year-old Celia, hurt by her parents' separation, the loss of her only friend, and a classmate's cruelty, has only her poetry for solace until newcomer Drake Berlin befriends her, comes out to her, and seeks her help in connecting with the boy he left behind.

Just One Day – Forman, Gayle [BKL+ BUL+ KIR+ NYT+ PWK* SLJ*] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Dutton Books, c2013, 369p

"Sparks fly when American good girl Allyson encounters laid-back Dutch actor Willem, so she follows him on a whirlwind trip to Paris, upending her life in just one day and prompting a year of self-discovery and the search for true love."--Provided by publisher.

I'm with Stupid – Herback, Geoff [BKL+ KIR+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Sourcebooks Fire, c2013, 309p

It's nerd-turned jock Felton Reinstein's last year before college, and the choices he makes now will affect the rest of his life. That's a lot of pressure. Before leaving home forever, Felton will have to figure out just who he is, even if, sometimes, it sucks to be him. Sequel to *Stupid Fast*. (publisher)

The Tragedy Paper – LaBan, Elizabeth [BKL* BUL+ PWK+ SLJ+ VOY+] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Alfred A. Knopf, c2013, 312p

While preparing for the most dreaded assignment at the prestigious Irving School, the Tragedy Paper, Duncan gets wrapped up in the tragic tale of Tim Macbeth, a former student who had a clandestine relationship with the wrong girl, and his own ill-fated romance with Daisy.

Every day – Levithan, David [BKL* BUL+ HRN+ KIR* LMC* NYT+ SLJ* TEL+ VOY+] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Alfred A. Knopf, c2012, 324p

Every morning A wakes in a different person's body, in a different person's life, learning over the years to never get too attached, until he wakes up in the body of Justin and falls in love with Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon.

This Is Not a Drill – McDowell, Beck [BKL+ KIR+ LMC+ PW+ SLJ+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Nancy Paulsen Books, c2012, 216p

Two teens must work together to protect a class of first-graders when a soldier with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder takes them hostage. (publisher)

Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass – Medina, Meg [BKL+ BUL* HRN* KIR* PWX+ SLJ*] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Candlewick Press, 2013, 260p

Piddy Sanchez deals with bullying at her new school, and as the harassment escalates, she struggles to survive and to discover who she really is.

Colin Fischer – Miller, Ashley Edward [BKL+ HRN+ PW+ SLJ+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Razorbill, c2012, 228p

A boy with autism teams up with the high school bully to get to the bottom of a cafeteria crime. (publisher)

Meant to Be – Morrill, Lauren [BKL+ HRN+ SLJ+ VOYA+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Delacorte Press, c2012, 292p

Julia, a clumsy but intelligent junior in high school, gets paired with her personal nemesis Jason on a school field trip in London, and when Julie gets several romantic texts following a wild party, Jason agrees to help her track down the sender if she is willing to break a few rules.

If He Had Been With Me – Nowlin, Laura [BKL+ KIR+ SLJ+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Sourcebooks Fire, c2013, 330p

Presents a love story spanning the history of two teenagers' lives and all the moments when if one little thing had been different, their futures would have been together instead of apart.

Eleanor & Park – Rowell, Rainbow [BKL* KIR* NYT+ PWK* SLJ* VOY+] {IL YA, -Fic-} - St. Martin's Griffin, 2013, 328p

"Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits--smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try"-- Provided by publisher.

This is What Happy Looks Like – Smith, Jennifer [BKL+ BCCB+ KIR+ PW+ SLJ+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Little, Brown, c2013, 404p

Perfect strangers Graham Larkin and Ellie O'Neill meet online when Graham accidentally sends Ellie an e-mail about his pet pig, Wilbur. The two 17-year-olds strike up an e-mail relationship from opposite sides of the country and don't even know each other's first names. What's more, Ellie doesn't know Graham is a famous actor, and Graham doesn't know about the big secret in Ellie's family tree. When the relationship goes from online to in-person, they find out whether their relationship can be the real thing. (publisher)

17 & Gone – Suma, Nova Ren [BKL+ PW+ SLJ+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Dutton Books, c2013, 353p

Seventeen-year-old Lauren has visions of girls her own age who are gone without a trace, but while she tries to understand why they are speaking to her and whether she is next, Lauren has a brush with death and a shocking truth emerges, changing everything.

When You Were Here – Whitney, Daisy [KIR+ PW+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Little, Brown and Company, c2013, 261p

When his mother dies three weeks before his high school graduation, Danny goes to Tokyo, where his mother had been going for cancer treatments, to learn about the city his mother loved and, with the help of his friends, come to terms with her death.

Paper valentine – Yovanoff, Brenna [BKL+ BUL+ HRN+ PWK*] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Razorbill, c2013, 304p

Followed everywhere by the ghost of her recently deceased best friend, Hannah investigates the serial murders of young girls in her community.

The Lucy Variations – Zarr, Sarah [BKL* KIR* NYT+ PW* SLJ*] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Little, Brown and Company, c2013

Sixteen-year-old San Franciscan Lucy Beck-Moreau once had a promising future as a concert pianist. Her chance at a career has passed, and she decides to help her ten-year-old piano prodigy brother, Gus, map out his own future, even as she explores why she enjoyed piano in the first place. (publisher)

Historical Fiction

Out of the Easy – Sepetys, Ruta [BKL+ KIR* PWK* SLJ*] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Philomel Books, c2013, 346p

Josie, the seventeen-year-old daughter of a French Quarter prostitute, is striving to escape 1950 New Orleans and enroll at prestigious Smith College when she becomes entangled in a murder investigation.

Fantasy

Siege and Storm – Bardugo, Leigh [BKL+ KIR*] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Henry Holt and Company, c2013, 435p

Hunted across the True Sea and haunted by the lives she took on the Fold, Alina must try to make a life with Mal in an unfamiliar land, all while keeping her identity as the Sun Summoner a secret.

The Diviners – Bray, Libba [BKL* BUL+ HRN+ KIR* LMC* PWK+ SLJ* VOY+] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Little, Brown, 2012, 785p

Seventeen-year-old Evie O'Neill is thrilled when she is exiled from small-town Ohio to New York City in 1926, even when a rash of occult-based murders thrusts Evie and her uncle, curator of The Museum of American Folklore, Superstition, and the Occult, into the thick of the investigation.

Boundless – Hand, Cynthia [BKL+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – HarperTeen, c2013, 438p

As the battle against the Black Wings and their minions looms on the horizon, part-angel Clara Gardner is finally ready to fulfill her destiny, even though she knows she may have to make the ultimate sacrifice. (publisher)

Quintana of Charyn – Marchetta, Melina [BKL* BCCB+ KIR* PW* SLJ+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Candlewick Press, 2013, 515p

Froi and his companions travel through Charyn to find Quintana and build an army to secure her unborn child's right to rule, an effort that culminates in an ultimate showdown with Isaboe of Lumatere.

The Rithmatist – Sanderson, Brandon [BKL+ KIR* PW* SLJ+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Tor, c2013, 378p

As Wild Chalklings threaten the American Isles and Rithmatists are humanity's only defense, Joel can only watch as Rithmatist students learn the magical art that he would do anything to practice.

Dark triumph – LaFevers, Robin [BKL* BUL+ KIR* PWK* SLJ*] {IL YA, -Fic-} -- Houghton Mifflin, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013, 387p

Sybella's duty as Death's assassin in fifteenth-century France forces her return home to the personal hell that she had finally escaped. Love and romance, history and magic, vengeance and salvation converge in this sequel to Grave Mercy. (publisher)

Other (Graphic, Adult)

Reality is Broken – McGonigall, Jane [BKL+ Choice+ PW*] {IL AD, 306.4} – Penguin Press, c2011, 388p

Game designer Jane McGonigal explains how videogames can be used to help solve real-world problems, describing what game designers understand about what makes people happy, and discusses how games that feature alternative realities and problem-solving challenges can improve daily living, depression, obesity, and other twenty-first-century issues.

A Tale for the Time Being – Ozeki, Ruth [BKL* KIR* LJ+ PW+ SLJ*] {IL AD, 813} – Viking, c2013, 422p

When Ruth finds a piece of debris washed up on a beach on a remote island in the Pacific Northwest she discovers the diary of sixteen-year-old Nao, living in Tokyo, who decides that death is the only escape from her aching loneliness and her classmates' bullying, but before she ends it all, Nao first plans to document the life of her great grandmother, a Buddhist nun who's lived more than a century.

Coming Soon!

The Bitter Kingdom, Fire & Thorns Trilogy #3 – Carson, Rae [KIR* PW*] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Greenwillow Books, c2013 (August 27), 448p

Elisa, the seventeen-year-old sorcerer-queen, will travel into an unknown enemys realm to win back her true love, save her kingdom, and uncover the final secrets of her destiny.

The Infinite Moment of Us – Myracle, Lauren [KIR* PW+] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Amulet Books, c2013 (September 3), 336p

For as long as she can remember, Wren Gray's goal has been to please her parents. But as high school graduation nears, so does an uncomfortable realization: Pleasing her parents once overlapped with pleasing herself, but now . . . not so much. Wren needs to honor her own desires, but how can she if she doesn't even know what they are? (publisher)

House of Hades, Heroes of Olympus #4 – Riordan, Rick {IL 5-8, -FIC-} – Disney Hyperion, c2013 (October 8), 608p

If they can fight their way through the Gaeas forces, and Percy and Annabeth can survive the House of Hades, then the Seven will be able to seal the Doors both sides and prevent the giants from raising Gaea. But, Leo wonders, if the Doors are sealed, how will Percy and Annabeth be able to escape? They have no choice. If the demigods don't succeed, Gaeas armies will never die. They have no time. In about a month, the Romans will march on Camp Half-Blood. (publisher)

Allegiant, Divergent #3 – Roth, Veronica {IL YA, -FIC-} – Katherine Tegen Books, c2013 (October 22), 544p

What if your whole world was a lie? What if a single revelation like a single choice changed everything? What if love and loyalty made you do things you never expected? (publisher)

The Dream Thieves, Raven Boys #2 – Stiefvater, Maggie {IL YA, -FIC-} – Scholastic Press, c2013 (September 17), 416p

Now that the ley lines around Cageswater have been woken, nothing for Ronan, Gansey, Blue, and Adam will be the same. Ronan, for one, is falling more and more deeply into his dreams, and his dreams are intruding more and more into waking life. Meanwhile, some very sinister people are looking for some of the same pieces of the Cageswater puzzle that Gansey is after. (publisher)

Rose Under Fire – Wein, Elizabeth [KIR*] {IL YA, -FIC-} – Disney Hyperion, c2013 (September 10), 368p

While flying an Allied fighter plane from Paris to England, American ATA pilot and amateur poet, Rose Justice, is captured by the Nazis and sent to Ravensbruck, the notorious women's concentration camp. Trapped in horrific circumstances, Rose finds hope in the impossible through the loyalty, bravery and friendship of her fellow prisoners. But will that be enough to endure the fate that is in store for her? (publisher)