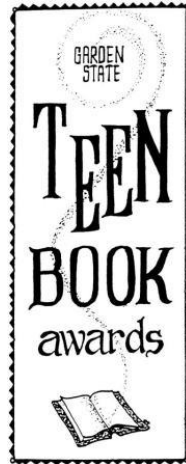


GARDEN STATE TEEN BOOK AWARD WINNERS



The Garden State Teen Book Award Nominees are chosen by librarians throughout the state of New Jersey. There are three sections: Fiction Grades 6-8, Fiction Grades 9-12 & Nonfiction Grades 6-12. Out of the 20 nominees for each section, teens from the state of New Jersey vote on the winners. (Also take a look at the Garden State Teen Book Award Nominee list.)

FICTION: GRADES 6-8

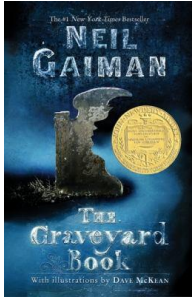
2012



THE MAZE RUNNER by Dashner (YA Dashner)

When Thomas wakes up in the heart of a giant maze, he discovers that he has no memories of his life before the maze - just like the 60 boys already living there. Soon, a girl arrives with the news that from this point on no one new will ever arrive, and the boys realize they must defeat some dangerous enemies and find a way out of the maze before it's too late. (Followed by **THE SCORCH TRIALS & THE DEATH CURE.**)

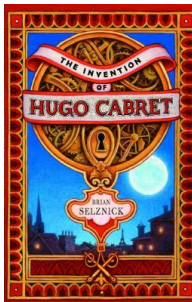
2011



THE GRAVEYARD BOOK by Gaiman (JF Gaiman)

The boy Nobody has been raised by gentle ghosts in a graveyard following his escape from his family's murderer. What will happen when the murderer returns for him?

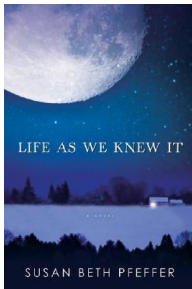
2010



THE INVENTION OF HUGO CABRET by Selznick (JF Selznick)

Orphan, clock winder, AND petty thief, twelve-year-old Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station in 1931, where his survival depends on anonymity. When he meets a girl and her godfather the toymaker, his most precious secrets are put to the test.

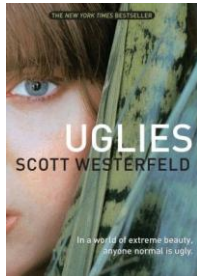
2009



LIFE AS WE KNEW IT by Pfeffer (YA Pfeffer)

Miranda is living in rural Pennsylvania when a world-wide catastrophe strikes. The moon is hit by a meteor and knocked closer to the earth, setting off a series of disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, and volcanoes. This novel chronicles the story of Miranda and her family as they struggle to survive in this new reality. (Followed by **THE DEAD & THE GONE** & **THE WORLD WE LIVE IN.**)

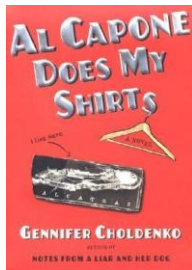
2008



UGLIES by Westerfeld (YA Westerfeld)

What would you do to be beautiful? Would you betray one group of friends to be with others? Would you risk losing part of what makes you you? These are the questions facing Tally Youngblood. (Followed by **PRETTIES, SPECIALS & EXTRAS.**)

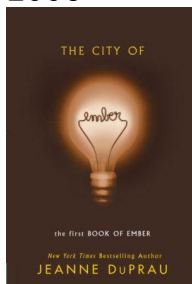
2007



AL CAPONE DOES MY SHIRTS by Choldenko (YA Choldenko, Summer)

Moose's family moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 so his autistic sister can attend a special school in San Francisco. He quickly learns that life on prison grounds isn't quite what he expected. (Followed by **AL CAPONE SHINES MY SHOES.**)

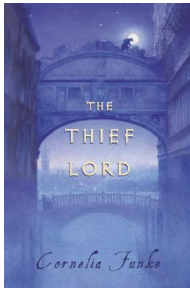
2006



CITY OF EMBER by DuPrau (JF DuPrau)

In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina and her friend Doon Harrow trade jobs on Assignment Day in an attempt to decode a secret message and save the post-holocaust city of Ember from its accelerating decay. (Followed by **THE PEOPLE OF SPARKS, THE PROPHET OF YONWOOD & THE DIAMOND OF DARKHOLD.**)

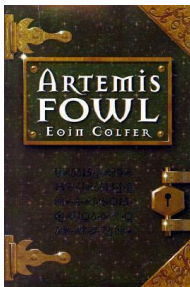
2005



THE THIEF LORD by Funke (YA Funke, Summer)

Orphans Prosper and Bo run away from their mean aunt to live together in the magical city of Venice.

2004



ARTEMIS FOWL by Colfer (YA Colfer)

When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll. (Followed by **THE ARCTIC INCIDENT**, **THE ETERNITY CODE**, **THE OPAL DECEPTION**, **THE LOST COLONY**, **THE TIME PARADOX**, **THE ATLANTIS COMPLEX**.)

2003

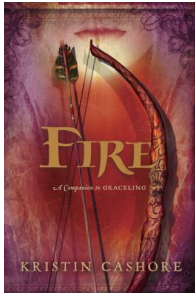


STARGIRL by Spinelli (YA Spinelli, Summer)

Leo Borlock follows the unspoken rule of conformance at Mica Area High School. Then Stargirl bursts into the tenth grade in an explosion of color and a clatter of ukulele music and shakes up everything. Eventually, the scales of popularity shift and Stargirl is shunned for her differences. Meanwhile, Leo has fallen in love with her.

FICTION: GRADES 9-12

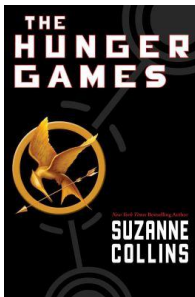
2012



FIRE by Cashore (YA Cashore)

In the fantastical world of the Dells there dwell monsters of lustrous skin with the ability to enchant humans. Fire is the last remaining human monster, a young woman of unsurpassed beauty with the ability to read minds and influence thoughts. When Fire is summoned to the palace to aid the king, she must face the horrible legacy her father has left her, avoid a king who falls in love with her, and an angry prince whose mind is impregnable. (Is prequel to **GRACELING**. Followed by **BITTERBLUE**.)

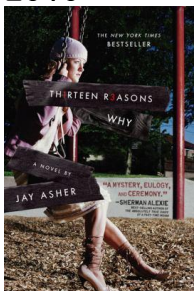
2011



THE HUNGER GAMES by Collins (YA Collins)

In Panem, winning the lottery changes the lives of 24 children each year, but not for the good. These girls and boys become contestants in The Hunger Games, a televised battle to the death. (Followed by **CATCHING FIRE & MOCKINGJAY**.)

2010



THIRTEEN REASONS WHY by Asher (YA Asher)

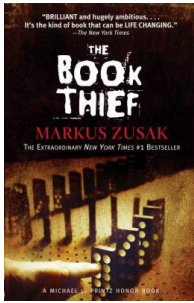
When Clay Jenkins receives a mysterious box in the mail containing seven cassette tapes, he can't help but be curious enough to listen to them. In a single night, with the tapes and a map in hand, Clay gradually discovers the thirteen reasons why his classmate and crush, Hannah Baker, killed herself.

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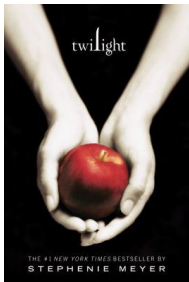
2009



THE BOOK THIEF by Zusak (YA Zusak)

In this powerful story narrated by Death, young Liesel, orphaned and struggling to survive Hitler's war in Germany, finds salvation in stolen books.

2008



TWILIGHT by Meyer (YA Meyer)

When Isabella Swan moves from sunny Phoenix to live with her father in dreary Forks, Washington, the last thing she expects is to meet someone like mysterious, alluring Edward Cullen. Edward and Bella are irresistibly drawn to one another even as Bella's very survival depends on their staying apart. (Followed by **NEW MOON, ECLIPSE & BREAKING DAWN.**)

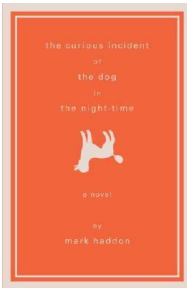
2007



SPLINTERING by Corrigan

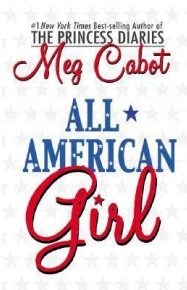
After suffering a random attack by a crazed drug addict, Paulie's family is forced to deal with the emotional scars that remain long after the physical bruises have faded.

2006



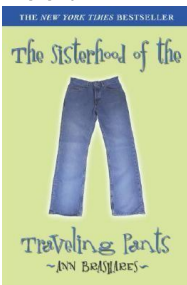
THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME by Haddon (F Haddon)
Autistic Christopher is determined to solve the mystery of who killed his neighbor's dog.

2005



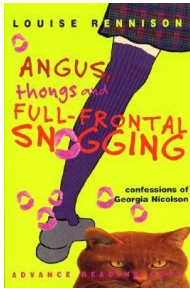
ALL-AMERICAN GIRL by Cabot (YA Cabot)
After tenth grader Samantha saves the life of the President of the United States, some aspects of her life become a lot clearer.

2004



SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS by Brashares (YA Brashares)
Four best girlfriends spend the biggest summer of their lives enchanted by a magical pair of pants. (Followed by **THE SECOND SUMMER OF THE SISTERHOOD, GIRLS IN PANTS, THE FOURTH SUMMER OF THE SISTERHOOD & SISTERHOOD EVERLASTING** (F Brashares).)

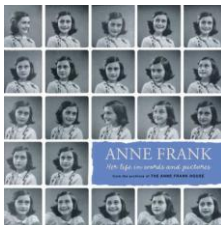
2003



ANGUS, THONGS, AND FULL-FRONTAL SNOGGING by Rennison (YA Rennison)
Rennison presents the humorous journal of a year in the life of Georgia Nicholson, a teenage British girl who tries to reduce the size of her nose, stop her mad cat from terrorizing the neighborhood animals, and win the love of handsome hunk Robbie.

NONFICTION: GRADES 6-12

2012



ANNE FRANK: HER LIFE IN WORDS AND PICTURES FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE ANNE FRANK HOUSE by Metselaar & van der Rol (YA B Frank)

Grades 6 & up

Photographs and mementos from Anne Frank's family are used to illustrate the history and background of Anne's life.

2011

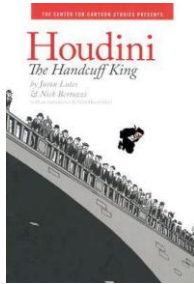


EMINEM: THE WAY I AM by Eminem (YA B Eminem)

Grades 9 & up

One of the most influential rappers of all time allows readers to gain insight into his life and his emotional struggles. The book is as raw and personal as his music.

2010

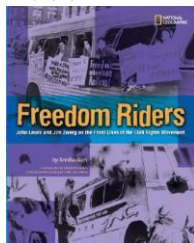


HOUDINI THE HANDCUFF KING by Lutes (JF G Lutes)

Grades 6-9

Ever wonder how Harry Houdini kept his death-defying feats a secret? Follow the great escape artist over the course of one day and one amazing stunt to learn a secret or two and understand the keys to his success.

2009

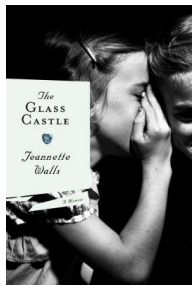


FREEDOM RIDERS: JOHN LEWIS AND JIM ZWERG ON THE FRONT LINES OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT by Bausum (J 323.092 BAU)

Grades 6-9

A compare-and-contrast method of exploring the lives of John Lewis and James Zwerg that helps teens understand the segregated experience of our country's past.

2008

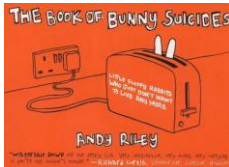


THE GLASS CASTLE by Walls (YA B Walls)

(Grades 9 & up)

This is a memoir of a young woman who has every right to be angry at the way she was raised. Her mother is a frustrated artist, her father a would-be inventor with a drinking problem. She and her siblings were uprooted time and time again and were left unfed and poorly clothed. Her mother thinks homelessness "is an adventure" and the list goes on. Despite all of this, Jeannette manages to tell her tale non-judgmentally and with love and compassion for her two crazy parents.

2007

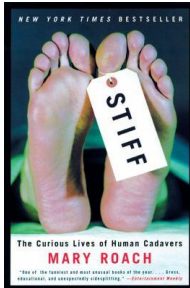


THE BOOK OF BUNNY SUICIDES by Riley

Grades 9 & up

Who knew that a copy of *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* could be so deadly? This satirical book shows the many hilarious ways that cartoon bunnies can say “Goodbye cruel world.”

2006

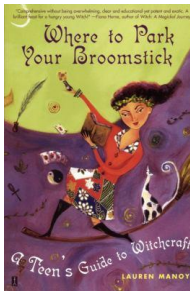


STIFF: THE CURIOUS LIVES OF HUMAN CADAVERS by Roach (YA 611 ROA)

Grades 9 & up

An oddly compelling, often hilarious exploration of the strange lives of our bodies postmortem. In this fascinating account, Mary Roach visits the good deeds of cadavers over the centuries and tells the engrossing story of our bodies when we are no longer with them.

2005



WHERE TO PARK YOUR BROOMSTICK: A TEEN'S GUIDE TO WITCHCRAFT by Manoy

Grades 7 & up

Need a spell? Check out this guide to witchcraft.

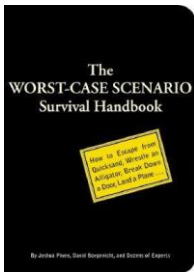
2004



MANGA MANIA by Hart (J 741.5 HAR)

A guide that details step-by-step how young and veteran artists alike can draw fantasy robots, diabolical monsters, mythical animals, and the other exciting characters that are part of the dynamic genre of manga comics.

2003



THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO SURVIVAL HANDBOOK by Piven

Grade 9 & up

From how to survive a volcanic eruption and how to escape from quicksand to how to fend off a shark attack or break down a door, this hands-on, illustrated, step-by-step instruction handbook provides frightening and funny real information in the bestselling tradition of **THE PARANOID'S GUIDE** and **HYPOCHONDRIAC'S HANDBOOK**.