**2009 Winner**

*A Curse Dark As Gold*
by Bunce
(YA Bunce) Grades 8 & up
Rumpelstiltskin, set at the dawn of the Industrial Revolution and centering it around the life of Charlotte Miller.

**Honor Books**

*Graceling* by Cashore
(YA Cashore) Grades 9 & up
In the Seven Kingdoms, those born with eyes of two different colors are Gracelings who develop intense and powerful skills. Katsa’s Grace is killing.

*Absolute Brightness*
by Lecesne
(YA Lecense) Grades 8 & up
When Phoebe’s flamboyant, effeminate cousin, Leonard, moves to her New Jersey town, he brings a confusing mix of beauty and irritation.

*Madapple*
by Meldrum
(YA Meldrum) Grades 9 & up
Aslaug was raised in isolation by a mother who was both strange and ill. Her mother’s death brings an onslaught of new experiences.

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WHERE THINGS COME BACK by Whaley (YA Whaley) Grades 8 & up
Cullen's tired of small-town life, and expects to spend the summer before his senior year with friends fighting off boredom and dreaming of girls - then his younger brother disappears.

THE FREAK OBSERVER by Woolston (YA Woolston) Grades 8 & up
While trying to take care of her family and make it through school, Loa ponders the laws of physics as she tries to understand what can never make sense.

THE GIRL OF FIRE AND THORNS by Carson (YA Carson) Grades 7 & up
After being kidnapped, Princess Elisa, bearer of the Godstone, and secret wife of a king, is forced to hike across a desert and ends up in a horrific war.

PAPER COVERS ROCK by Hubbard (YA Hubbard) Grades 9 & up
Alex, a junior at an exclusive boarding school, uses his journal to relate the disturbing events that led to the drowning of a classmate.

UNDER THE MESQUITE by McCall (YA McCall) Grades 7 & up
When Lupita's mother is diagnosed with cancer, the whole family shifts, bringing big changes for this tight-knit Mexican-American family.

BELOW SHADES OF GRAY by Sepetys (YA Sepetys) Grades 8 & up
Lina and her family are taken from their home in Lithuania and sent to Siberia where, despite horrific conditions, Lina hopes that she will survive.

FINALISTS
HUSH by Chayil (YA Chayil) Grades 8 & up
But when her best friend, Devory, hangs herself after being sexually abused, Gittel's faith in her Chassidic Jewish community is challenged.

GUARDIAN OF THE DEAD by Healey (YA Healey) Grades 9 & up
Ellie is just trying to make it through her last year of high school, but a chance interaction with the school's weirdo puts her on a very different path.

HOLD ME CLOSER, NECROMANCER by McBride (YA McBride) Grades 8 & up
Sam thinks his life working in a fast food restaurant is awful. But when he's confronted by a powerful necromancer, he learns that everything he thought was true about his life - isn't.

CROSSING THE TRACKS by Stuber (YA Stuber) Grades 6-8
In the 1920s, Iris’ emotionally distant father sends her to rural Missouri to act as a companion to an elderly woman while he heads to Kansas City with his fiance.

FINALISTS
FLASH BURNOUT by Madigan (YA Madigan) Grades 9 & up
Blake's a sophomore in high school with a girlfriend and a friend who is a girl. One of them loves him. One of them needs him. Can he please them both?

ASH by Lo (YA Lo) Grades 8 & up
When the fairy Sidhean appears, Ash hopes that he will steal her away to his enchanted world; but when she meets the King's Huntress, Kaisa, she realizes that staying in her own realm can also lead to beauty, romance, perhaps even love.

BEAUTIFUL CREATURES by Garcia (YA Garcia) Grades 7 & up
While coping with the loss of his mother, a father who spends all of his time in his study, and high school, Ethan's world turns upside down with the arrival of Lena, a new girl with whom he seems to share a psychic connection.

THE EVERAFTER by Huntley (YA Huntley) Grades 7-10
Maddy is a ghost, surrounded by things she lost when she was alive. By touching these objects, she relives the episodes in her life where she lost them.

HOLD STILL by LaCour (YA LaCour) Grades 10 & up
After Ingrid commits suicide, Caitlin has a hard time making sense of the loss. She finds Ingrid's journal and slowly allows herself to read it and learn about why Ingrid felt the need to end her life.