2010 Nominees

Recommended for Middle School Students

***Darkside* by Thomas Becker**
Jonathan's father is in an asylum. He finds secret messages from his father that lead him to the Darkside of London that is ruled by Jack the Ripper's children. Can he survive?

***Keeping Corner* by Kashmira Sheth**
When Leela is unexpectedly widowed at age 12, her carefree life ends. But with India changing, can Leela learn what she needs to change her circumstances, too?

***Schooled* by Gordon Korman**
When Capricorn's hippie grandmother falls ill and she can no longer continue to homeschool him, he must attend public school and experience life with his peers for the first time.

***Waiting for Normal* by Leslie Connor**
Addie lives in a small trailer with her neglectful mother, but she longs for a normal family and to live with her step-father and half-sisters.

Recommended for All Students

***The Adoration of Jenna Fox* by Mary E. Pearson**
Jenna is a 17 year old who awakens from a coma after a serious accident only to learn a startling truth about herself in this novel where technology knows no bounds.

***The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks* by E. Lockhart**
Frankie Landau-Banks turns her boarding school's secret society traditions upside down in this fun, feminist, and highly disreputable romp!

***The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins**
Welcome to the Hunger Games, a Capitol-endorsed reality TV show in which Katniss can only prevail by killing the other players … even Peeta, who once saved her from starvation.

***The Patron Saint of Butterflies* by Celia Galante**
When her grandmother takes Agnes, her brother, and her friend Honey from a religious commune, Agnes clings to faith as Honey looks toward a future free of control and cruelty.

***Pemba's Song: A Ghost Story* by Tonya C. Hegamin & Marilyn Nelson**
As Pemba adjusts to leaving Brooklyn for a small town, a black history specialist helps her research the ghostly images pulling her into the life of a slave who lived in her new house.

***Shift* by Jennifer Bradbury**
When best friends Chris and Win go on a cross-country bicycle trek the summer after graduating and only one of them returns, the FBI wants to know what happened.

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***Unwind* by Neal Shusterman**
An orphan, a rebel, and a Chosen One join forces while trying to escape being unwound, a process in which a person is harvested for parts. Will Risa, Conor, and Lev escape the insanity of their society?

Recommended for High School Students

***Audrey, Wait!* by Robin Benway**
Audrey's ex-boyfriend has written a hit song about their break-up, and now she has become an unwilling paparazzi magnet.

***Bog Child* by Siobhan Dowd**
At the height of Northern Ireland's "troubles," Fergus is distracted by his imprisoned brother's hunger strike, being a courier for terrorists, and the body he discovered in a bog.

***Child of Dandelions* by Shenaaz Nanki**
In 1972, the Ugandan president gives 90 days for all Indians to exit the country. Sabine and her family try to preserve a normal life as soldiers terrorize them and people disappear.

***Freeze Frame* by Heidi Ayarbe**
Kyle must re-examine his own memory through the eyes of famous movie directors to solve the mystery of whether he killed his best friend on purpose.

***My Most Excellent Year: A Novel of Love, Mary Poppins, & Fenway Park* by Steve Kluger**
Follow T.C., Augie and Alejandra for a year as they find their places in the world while navigating through new friendships and first loves.

***Newes from the Dead: Being a True Story of Anne Green, Hanged for Infanticide at Oxford Assizes in 1650, Restored to the World and Died Again in 1665* by Mary Hooper**
After being convicted, Anne is executed, sealed in a coffin, and awaits autopsy and dissection, but she can't awaken from a coma to stop the doctors from cutting her up alive.

***Paper Towns* by John Green**
Quentin goes on an all-night romp with Margo, on whom he has a crush, before she disappears, leaving Q to spend his final of weeks of high school hunting down obscure clues to find her.

***Streams of Babel* by Carol Plum-Ucci**
Six teens face a bioterrorist attack as four are infected with a mysterious disease and two computer techies assist the US Intelligence Coalition in tracking the perpetrators.

***Ten Cents a Dance* by Christine Fletcher**
When her family's rent needs to be paid, Ruby drops out of school to be a taxi hall dancer in 1940s Chicago, where the jazz is hot and the boys are bad.

***Three Little Words: A Memoir* by Ashley Rhodes-Courter**
Nine years of being tossed around in a terribly flawed foster care system could have ruined Ashley's life forever, but three little words changed her fate.

***Two Parties, One Tux, and a Very Short Film about the Grapes of Wrath* by Steven Goldman**
Mitch, a shy and awkward junior, negotiates the difficult social situations he encounters, both with girls and with his best friend David, after David reveals to him that he is gay.

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