

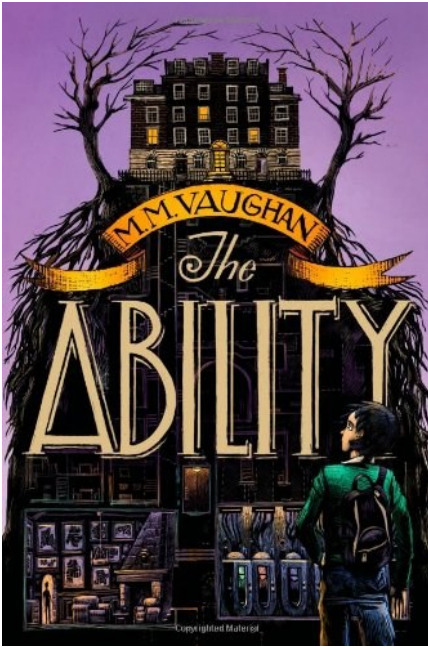
SD YARP 2015-16 TEEN CHOICE LIST MIDDLE SCHOOL

Voting Instructions

Students can vote online from Oct. 19th-April 1st at the South Dakota State Library webpage for the SD Teen Choice books. Students give each book they read a five star rating; please make sure they fill out the entire form. Winners will be announced during National Library Week.

Ideas for Increasing Student Participation

Interested in joining the YARP committee or have questions? Contact Kerri Smith at kerri.smith@k12.sd.us. Copies of this document and the presentation can be found on the SDLA website or my blog at <http://teenreadingrocks.weebly.com/>. Book trailers for many of the books on the list can be found on my Pinterest page or specifically at <https://www.pinterest.com/smithker/yarp-middle-school-titles-cumulative/>.



Margaret K. McElderry Books
DATE: 2013
AGE RANGE: 8-12
LEXILE: 920L
ISBN: 9781442452015

The Ability *Vaughn, M.M.*

SUMMARY:

No one has any confidence in twelve-year-old Christopher Lane. His teachers discount him as a liar and a thief, and his mom doesn't have the energy to deal with him. But a mysterious visit from the Ministry of Education indicates that Chris might have some potential after all: He is invited to attend the prestigious Myers Holt Academy.

When Christopher begins at his new school, he is astounded at what he can do. It seems that age twelve is a special time for the human brain, which is capable of remarkable feats--as also evidenced by Chris's peers Ernest and Mortimer Genver, who, at the direction of their vengeful and manipulative mother, are testing the boundaries of the human mind.

But all this experimentation has consequences, and Chris soon finds himself forced to face them--or his new life will be over before it can begin.



Amazon Children's Publishing
DATE: 2014
AGE RANGE: 10-14
LEXILE: 710L
ISBN: 9781477847251

The Blood Guard *Roy, Carter*

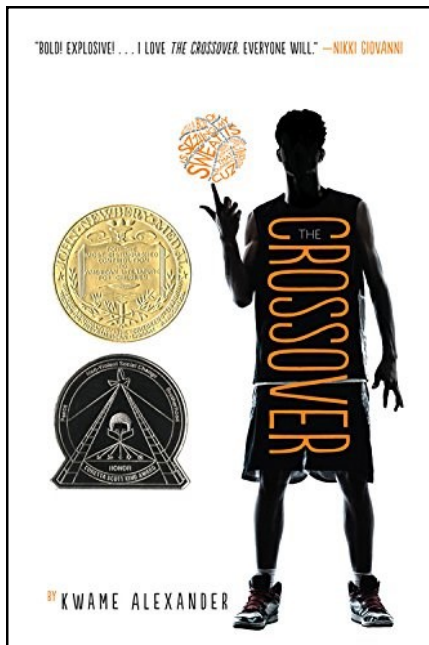
SUMMARY:

When thirteen-year-old Ronan Truelove's seemingly ordinary mom snatches him from school, then sets off on a high speed car chase, Ronan is shocked. His quiet, nerdy dad has been kidnapped? And the kidnapers are after him, too?

His mom, he quickly learns, is anything but ordinary. In fact, she's a member of an ancient order of knights, the Blood Guard, a sword-wielding secret society sworn to protect the Pure--thirty-six noble souls whose safety is crucial if the world as we know it is to survive.

Now all those after-school activities--gymnastics, judo, survival training--she made him take, make sense. For suddenly Ronan is swept up in a sometimes funny, sometimes scary, but always thrilling adventure--dashing from one danger to the next, using his wits to escape the Bend Sinister, a posse of evil doers with strange powers. Falling in with two unlikely companions, Greta, a scrappy, strong-willed girl he's never much liked and Jack, a devil-may-care teenage pickpocket, Ronan is left with only his wits and his mom's last words of advice: Trust no one.

That's a lot for an ordinary kid to deal with. But then again, maybe Ronan's not ordinary at all.



Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

DATE: 2014

AGE RANGE: 9-12

LEXILE: 750L

ISBN: 9780544107717

The Crossover Alexander, Kwame

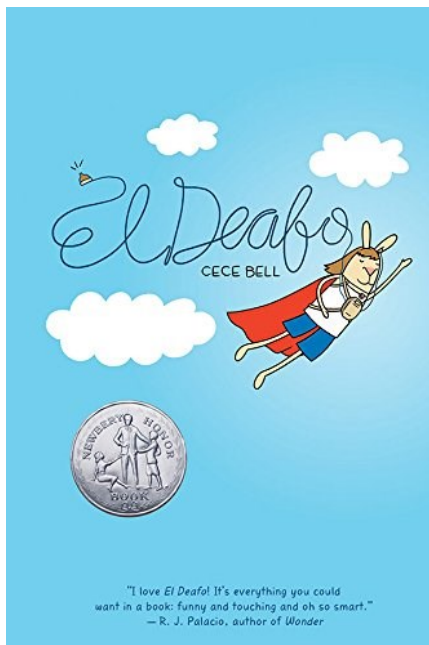
SUMMARY:

"With a bolt of lightning on my kicks... The court is SIZZLING. My sweat is DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. Cuz tonight I'm delivering," announces dread-locked, 12-year old Josh Bell. He and his twin brother Jordan are awesome on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he's got mad beats, too, that tell his family's story in verse.

Josh and Jordan must come to grips with growing up on and off the court to realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price, as their story's heart-stopping climax proves a game-changer for the entire family.

2015 Newbery Medal Winner

2015 Coretta Scott King Honor Award Winner



Amulet/Abrams

DATE: 2014

AGE RANGE: 8-12

ISBN: 9781419710209

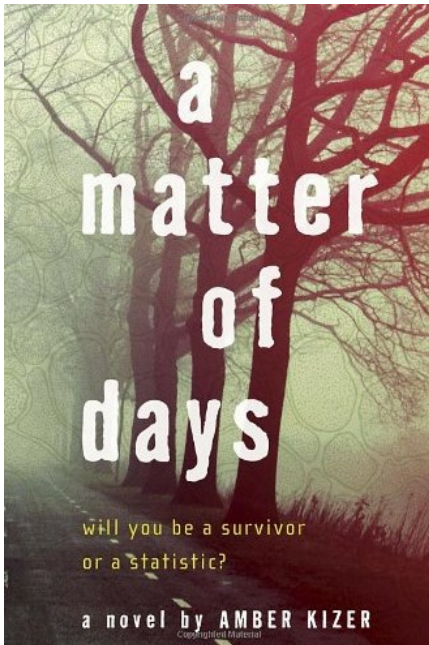
El Deafo Bell, Cece

SUMMARY:

Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful--and very awkward--hearing aid.

Phonic Ear gives Cece the ability to hear--sometimes things she shouldn't--but also isolates her from her classmates. She really just wants to fit in and find a true friend, someone who appreciates her as she is. After some trouble, she is finally able to harness the power of the Phonic Ear and become "El Deafo, Listener for All." And more importantly, declare a place for herself in the world and find the friend she's longed for.

*2015 Newbery Honor Book
graphic novel*



A Matter of Days *Kizer, Amber*

SUMMARY:

On Day 56 of the pandemic called BluStar, sixteen-year-old Nadia's mother dies, leaving her responsible for her younger brother Rabbit. They secretly received antivirus vaccines from their uncle, but most people weren't as lucky. Their deceased father taught them to adapt and survive whatever comes their way. That's their plan as they trek from Seattle to their grandfather's survivalist compound in West Virginia. Using practical survival techniques, they make their way through a world of death and destruction until they encounter an injured dog; Zack, a street kid from Los Angeles; and other survivors who are seldom what they seem. Illness, infections, fatigue, and meager supplies have become a way of life. Still, it will be worth it once they arrive at the designated place on the map they have memorized. But what if no one is there to meet them?

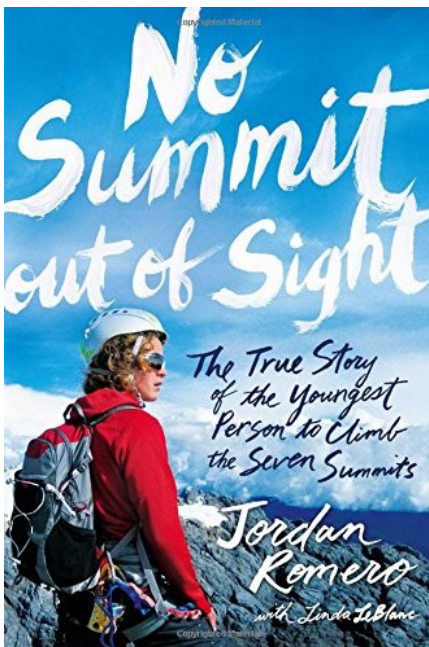
Delacorte Press

DATE: 2013

AGE RANGE: 12 & up

LEXILE: HL640L

ISBN: 9780385739733



No Summit Out of Sight *Romero, Jordan*

SUMMARY:

On May 22, 2010, at the age of thirteen, American teenager Jordan Romero became the youngest person to climb to the summit of Mount Everest. At fifteen, he became the youngest person to reach the summits of the tallest mountains on each of the seven continents.

In this energizing memoir for young adults, Jordan, recounts his experience, which started as a spark of an idea at the age of nine and, many years of training and hard work later, turned into a dream come true.

Simon & Schuster Books For
Young Readers

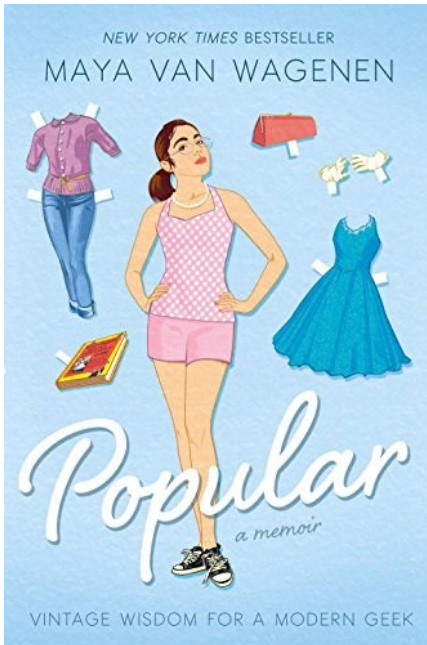
DATE: 2014

AGE RANGE: 12-17

LEXILE: 850L

ISBN: 9781476709628

nonfiction; memoir



Popular: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek

Van Wagenen, Maya

SUMMARY:

Stuck near the bottom of the social ladder at "pretty much the lowest level of people at school who aren't paid to be here," Maya has never been popular. But before starting eighth grade, she decides to begin a unique social experiment: spend the school year following a 1950s popularity guide, written by former teen model Betty Cornell.

The real-life results are hilarious, painful, and filled with unexpected surprises. Told with humor and grace, Maya's journey offers readers of all ages a thoroughly contemporary example of kindness and self-confidence, along with a better understanding of what it means to be popular.

Penguin Young Readers Group

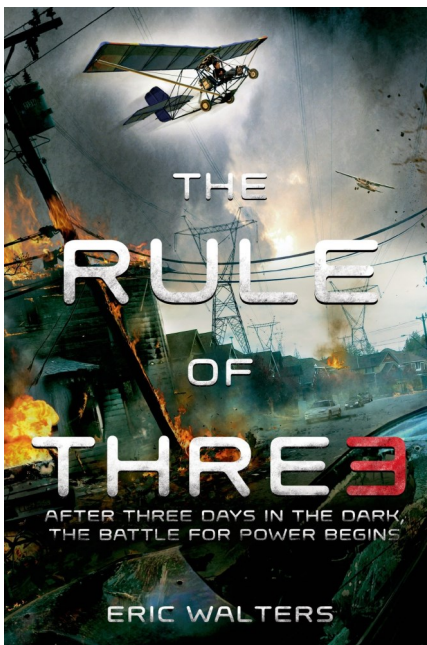
2015 YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction

DATE: 2014

AGE RANGE: 12-17

LEXILE: 730L

ISBN: 9780525426813



The Rule of Three

Walters, Eric

SUMMARY:

One shocking afternoon, computers around the globe shut down in a viral catastrophe. At sixteen-year-old Adam Daley's high school, the problem first seems to be a typical electrical outage, until students discover that cell phones are down, municipal utilities are failing, and a few computer-free cars like Adam's are the only vehicles that function. Driving home, Adam encounters a storm tide of anger and fear as the region becomes paralyzed.

Soon--as resources dwindle, crises mount, and chaos descends--he will see his suburban neighborhood band together for protection. And Adam will understand that having a police captain for a mother and a retired government spy living next door are not just the facts of his life but the keys to his survival.

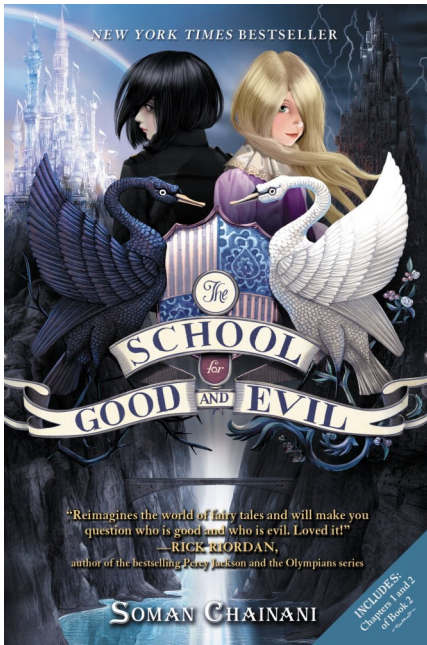
Farrar, Straus and Giroux

DATE: 2014

AGE RANGE: 12-17

LEXILE: 720L

ISBN: 9780374355029



HarperCollins Publishers

DATE: 2013

AGE RANGE: 8-12

LEXILE: 830L

ISBN: 9780062104892

The School for Good and Evil

Chainani, Soman

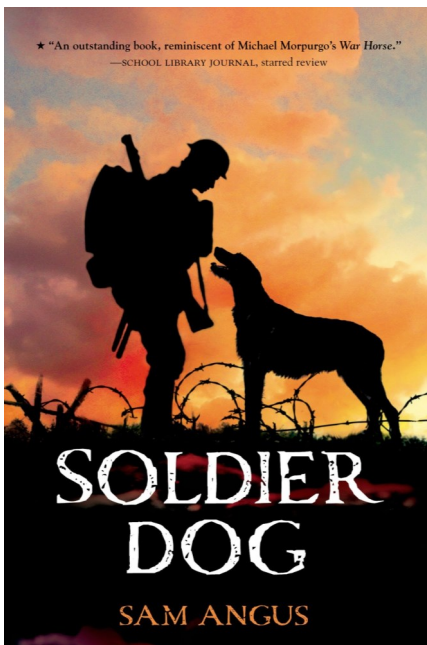
SUMMARY:

Welcome to the School for Good and Evil, where best friends Sophie and Agatha are about to embark on the adventure of a lifetime.

With her glass slippers and devotion to good deeds, Sophie knows she'll earn top marks at the School for Good and join the ranks of past students like Cinderella, Rapunzel, and Snow White. Meanwhile, Agatha, with her shapeless black frocks and wicked black cat, seems a natural fit for the villains in the School for Evil.

The two girls soon find their fortunes reversed--Sophie's dumped in the School for Evil to take Uglification, Death Curses, and Henchmen Training, while Agatha finds herself in the School for Good, thrust among handsome princes and fair maidens for classes in Princess Etiquette and Animal Communication.

But what if the mistake is actually the first clue to discovering who Sophie and Agatha really are?



Feiwel and Friends

DATE: 2013

AGE RANGE: 9-12

LEXILE: 870L

ISBN: 9781250018649

Soldier Dog

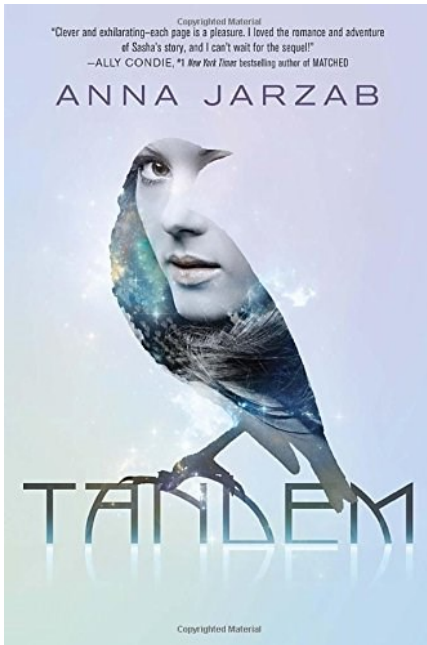
Angus, Sam

SUMMARY:

With his older brother gone to fight in the Great War, and his father prone to sudden rages, 14-year-old Stanley devotes himself to taking care of the family's greyhound and puppies. Until the morning Stanley wakes to find the puppies gone.

Determined to find his brother, Stanley runs away to join an increasingly desperate army. Assigned to the experimental War Dog School, Stanley is given a problematic Great Dane named Bones to train. Against all odds, the pair excels, and Stanley is sent to France.

But in *Soldier Dog* by Sam Angus, the war in France is larger and more brutal than Stanley ever imagined. How can one young boy survive World War I and find his brother with only a dog to help?



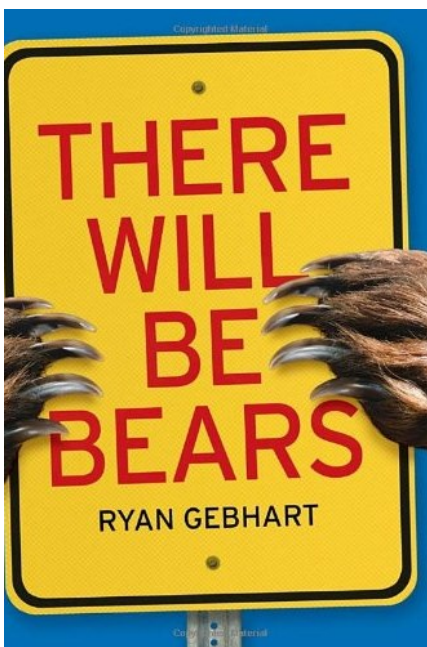
Random House
Children's Books
DATE: 2013
AGE RANGE: 12-17
LEXILE: HL770L
ISBN: 9780385742771

Tandem *Jarzab, Anna*

SUMMARY:

Sixteen-year-old Sasha Lawson has only ever known one small, ordinary life. When she was young, she loved her grandfather's stories of parallel worlds, inhabited by girls who looked like her but led totally different lives. Sasha never believed such worlds were real --until now, when she finds herself thrust into one against her will.

To prevent imminent war, Sasha must slip into the life of an alternate version of herself, a princess who has vanished on the eve of her arranged marriage. If Sasha succeeds in fooling everyone, she will be returned home; if she fails, she'll be trapped in another girl's life forever. As time runs out, Sasha finds herself torn between two worlds, two lives, and two young men vying for her love--one who knows her secret, and one who believes she's someone she's not.



Candlewick Press
DATE: 2014
AGE RANGE: 10-14
LEXILE: 640L
ISBN: 9780763665210

There Will Be Bears *Gebhart, Ryan*

SUMMARY:

Thirteen-year-old Tyson loves hanging out with his roughneck Grandpa Gene, who's a lot more fun than Tyson's ex--best friend, Brighton. These days, Bright just wants to be seen with the cool jocks who make fun of Tyson's Taylor Swift obsession and dorky ways. So when Grandpa Gene has to move to a nursing home that can manage his kidney disease, Tyson feels like he's losing his only friend.

Not only that, but Tyson was counting on Grandpa Gene to take him on his first big hunt. So in defiance of Mom and Dad's strict orders, and despite reports of a scary, stalking, man-eating grizzly named Sandy, the two sneak off to the Grand Tetons. Yes, there will be action, like shooting and dressing a six-hundred-pound elk. Is Tyson tough enough? There will be heart-pounding suspense: is Grandpa Gene too sick to handle the hunt, miles away from help? And, oh yes, there will be bears. . . .