

Buckeye Children's & Teen Book Award Nominees – 2014

Additional information and resources

Grades K-2

Carnivores by Aaron Reynolds, ill. Dan Santat (Chronicle, 2013)



Summary: . . . it's lonely at the top of the food chain. It's difficult to fit in when plant eaters can be so cruel—just because you ate a relative of theirs that one time! What's a carnivore to do? Aaron Reynolds's roaringly funny text is perfectly paired with Dan Santat's mouthwatering illustrations, creating a toothsome book that's sure to stand out from the herd. (Taken from Amazon.com)

Author's website: <http://www.aaron-reynolds.com/carnivores.html>

- Book trailer: <http://youtu.be/Mgt8k8Dle-Q>
- http://www.chroniclebooks.com/landing-pages/pdfs/ChronicleClassroom/Carnivores_TeachersGuide_4.pdf

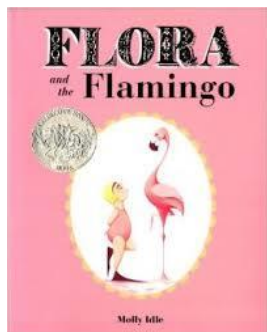


The Dark by Lemony Snicket, illus. by Jon Klassen (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2013)

Summary: Laszlo is afraid of the dark. The dark lives in the same house as Laszlo. Mostly, though, the dark stays in the basement and doesn't come into Laszlo's room. But one night, it does. This is the story of how Laszlo stops being afraid of the dark. (Taken from Amazon.com)

Book trailer: <http://youtu.be/bgiRc3CytPM>

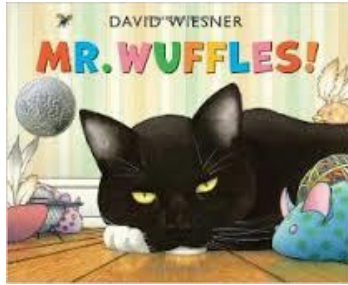
<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/lemony-snicket-talks-about-the-dark> Common Sense Media reviews both author and illustrator.



Flora and the Flamingo by Molly Idle (Chronicle, 2013)

Summary: In this innovative wordless picture book with interactive flaps, Flora and her graceful flamingo friend explore the trials and joys of friendship through an elaborate synchronized dance. With a twist, a turn, and even a flop, these unlikely friends learn at last how to dance together in perfect harmony. Full of humor and heart, this stunning performance (and splashy ending!) will have readers clapping for more! (Taken from Amazon.com)

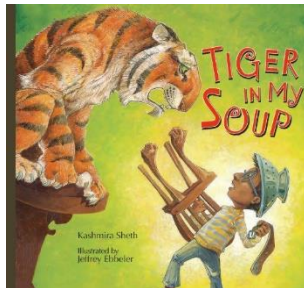
- Book trailer: <http://youtu.be/kOSA8w7F730>
- Book demo video: <http://youtu.be/9d3llsrs7tc>



Mr. Wuffles by David Wiesner (Clarion, 2013)

Summary: In a near wordless masterpiece that could only have been devised by David Wiesner, a cat named Mr. Wuffles doesn't care about toy mice or toy goldfish. He's *much* more interested in playing with a little spaceship full of actual aliens— (Taken from Amazon.com)

- <http://www.hmhbooks.com/wiesner/process.html> This site takes you through how David Wiesner creates this book!
- Book trailer: <http://youtu.be/-5Z5JII7u68>



Tiger in my Soup by Kashmire Sheth, III. By Jeffery Ebbeler (Peachtree, 2013)

Summary: When a boy is left in the care of his older sister, he begs her to read him his favorite book, but she's too absorbed in her own reading to pay him any attention. She won't be distracted, even when the boy finds a ravenous tiger hiding in his soup! His sister misses all the action; only after the steamy beast is slain does she return to the table with her brother and finally agree to read to him. But is the tiger really gone?

- Publisher site: <http://peachtree-online.com/index.php/book/tiger-in-my-soup.html>
- Author's site: http://kashmirasheth.com/books/picture/tiger_in_my_soup.php
- Illustrator's site: <http://www.jeffillustration.com/tiger.html>

Grades 3-5

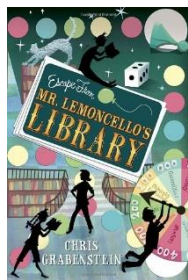


Boy on the Porch by Sharon Creech (HarperCollins, 2013)

Summary: When a young couple finds a boy asleep on their porch, their lives take a surprising turn. Unable to speak, the boy Jacob can't explain his history. All John and Marta know is that they have been chosen to care for him. And, as their connection and friendship with Jacob grow, they embrace his exuberant spirit and talents. The three of them blossom into an unlikely family and begin to see the world in brand-new ways.

Author web page: <http://www.sharoncreech.com/>

- <http://www.harpercollinschildrens.com/books/Boy-Porch-Sharon-Creech/?isbn13=9780061892356&tctid=100>



Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein (Random House Books for Young Readers, 2013)

Summary: In this cross between *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *A Night in the Museum*, Agatha Award winner Chris Grabenstein uses rib-tickling humor to create the perfect tale for his quirky characters. Old fans and new readers will become enthralled with the crafty twists and turns of this ultimate library experience. (Taken from Amazon.com)

- Author's site: <http://www.chrisgrabenstein.com/kids/escape-from-mr-lemoncellos-library.php>
 - <http://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=35889&a=1> More ways to use this book with students.



Jake and Lily by Jerry Spinelli (Balzer & Bray, 2012)

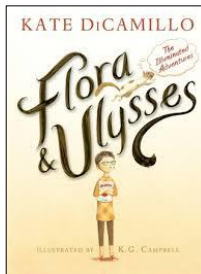
Summary: Jake and Lily are twins. Despite their slightly different interests and temperaments, they feel exactly the same—like two halves of one person. But the year they turn eleven, everything changes. Their parents announce it's time for separate bedrooms. Jake starts hanging out with a pack of boys on the block. And Lily is devastated, not to mention angry. Who is she without Jake? And as her brother falls under the influence of the neighborhood bully, he also must ask himself—who is the real Jake?

- Author bio: http://www.jerryspinelli.com/newbery_008.htm
- Publisher site: <http://www.harpercollinschildrens.com/books/Jake-Lily-Jerry-Spinelli/?isbn13=9780060281359&tctid=100>



Cupcakes, Cookies and Pie, Oh My! By Karen Tack & Alan Richardson

- [Creating an Artist's Palette Or a "Mise en Place" to get ready for cupcake decorating](#)
- [Round Cake \(or possibly Cupcake Decorating Challenge\)](#) -- Read how creators Karen Tack and Alan Richardson challenge themselves to decorate a simple round cake in a unique way each day using simple candies and then challenge yourself or your readers to see what they come up with, either individually or in small groups.
- Locate the article, "You Can Have Your Cake Contest -- And Eat It Too!" by Annie Ruefle, published in *Teacher Librarian*, Feb. 2007, to find out how to hold a school or community-wide cake decorating contest to promote literacy, have fun, AND raise money for your organization or other literacy charities. (For free access to this article, talk to your school or public librarian).
- Hold a "Grands are Sweet" Cupcake Decorating Event -- Children are encouraged to invite a "Grand" (any older loved one: parent, grandparent, aunt, babysitter, etc.) to come and participate in cupcake decorating and reading activities. Possibly give prizes to best cupcake related to reading, or best new design, etc.
- [Get the "Hello Cupcake" app for your iPhone or iPad.](#) - Fun animations and step-by-step instructions for cupcake decorating.
- Curriculum Tie-ins:
 - Art (Colors, Designs, etc)
 - Math (Measuring, Fractions, etc.)
 - Language Arts (Connect with book characters, Reading and Following Instructions, Writing Directions for an New Design, etc.)
 - Science (Chemical and Physical Changes, Temperatures/Baking, Food Safety, Nutrition, etc)



Flora and Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo, Ill. By K.G. Campbell

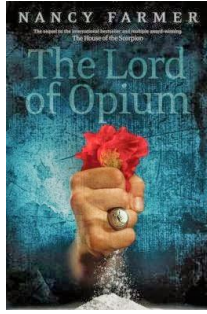
(Candlewick, 2013)

Summary: It begins, as the best superhero stories do, with a tragic accident that has unexpected consequences. The squirrel never saw the vacuum cleaner coming, but self-described cynic Flora Belle Buckman, who has read every issue of the comic book *Terrible Things Can Happen to You!*, is the just the right person to step in and save him. What neither can predict is that

Ulysses (the squirrel) has been born anew, with powers of strength, flight, and misspelled poetry — and that Flora will be changed too, as she discovers the possibility of hope and the promise of a capacious heart. (Taken from Amazon.com)

- Book trailer: <http://youtu.be/j6cdkkJvgaA>
- Author's site: <http://www.katedicamillo.com/books/flora.html>
- Teacher's Guide: http://www.floraandulysses.com/media/fu_teachersguide.pdf

Grades 6-8



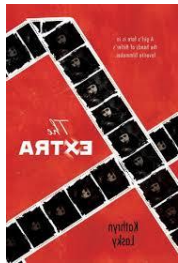
The Lord of Opium by Nancy Farmer. (Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2013)

Summary: As the teenage ruler of his own country, Matt must cope with clones and cartels in this riveting sequel to the modern classic *House of the Scorpion*, winner of the National Book Award, a Newbery Honor, and a Printz Honor.

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. (Taken by Amazon.com)

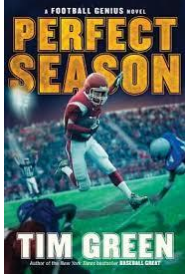
- Publisher site: <http://shar.es/Tkxpi>
- Discussion guide: http://d28hgpri8am2if.cloudfront.net/tagged_assets/12846_lord%20of%20opium_cg.pdf
- You may also want to read the companion book, *The House of Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer
 - View a book trailer for *The House of the Scorpion* here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hYlfVFWt7ko>



The Extra by Kathryn Lasky (Candlewick, 2013)

Summary: One ordinary afternoon, fifteen-year-old Lilo and her family are suddenly picked up by Hitler's police and imprisoned as part of the "Gypsy plague." Just when it seems certain that they will be headed to a labor camp, Lilo is chosen by filmmaker Leni Riefenstahl to work as a film extra. Life on the film set is a bizarre alternate reality. The surroundings are glamorous, but Lilo and the other extras are barely fed, closely guarded, and kept in a locked barn when not on the movie set. And the beautiful, charming Riefenstahl is always present, answering the slightest provocation with malice, flaunting the power to assign prisoners to life or death. Lilo takes matters into her own hands, effecting an escape and running for her life. In this chilling but ultimately uplifting novel, Kathryn Lasky imagines the lives of the Gypsies who worked as extras for the real Nazi filmmaker Leni Riefenstahl, giving readers a story of survival unlike any other. (Taken from Amazon.com)

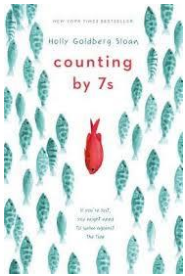
- Publisher site: <http://www.candlewick.com/cat.asp?browse=Title&mode=book&isbn=0763639729&pix=n>
- "Building an Unforgettable Character" by Kathryn Lasky <http://www.adventuresinyapublishing.com/2013/10/building-unforgettable-character-by.html>
- A book talk by Kent District Librarian <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l9zHLFn7Ny8>
- "Take 5 Q&A with Kathryn Lasky, the author of The Extra & Giveaway" <http://www.whorublog.com/?p=2426>



Perfect Season (Football Genius #6) by Tim Green (HarperCollins, 2013)

Summary: Troy's dreams of the big time have backfired. Sure, he's moved to New Jersey to start his new job as "genius" for the New York Jets, but his dad has taken his entire salary, leaving Troy and his mom broke. Now Troy has no hope of going to private school and playing for a football powerhouse with his cousin Ty. Instead he's going to be part of a team with an unbroken losing streak. But Troy fights back. (Taken from Amazon.com)

- To learn more about Tim Green's other books, scheduling school visits, or Skype visits with Tim Green - <http://timgreenbooks.com/books/perfect-season/>
- If you like Tim Green, you might also like: Mike Lupica, John Feinstein, Geoff Herbach, Dan Gutman, or Rich Wallace



Counting by 7's by Holly Goldberg Sloan (Dial, 2013)

Summary: Willow Chance is a twelve-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. It has never been easy for her to connect with anyone other than her adoptive parents, but that hasn't kept her from leading a quietly happy life . . . until now.

Suddenly Willow's world is tragically changed when her parents both die in a car crash, leaving her alone in a baffling world. The triumph of this book is that it is *not* a tragedy.

This extraordinarily odd, but extraordinarily endearing, girl manages to push through her grief. Her journey to find a fascinatingly diverse and fully believable surrogate family is a joy and a revelation to read. (Taken from Amazon.com)

- Author's site: <http://hollygoldbergsloan.com/aboutcountingby7s.html>
- Book Trailer: <http://youtu.be/OAhkvNQ8IZ4>



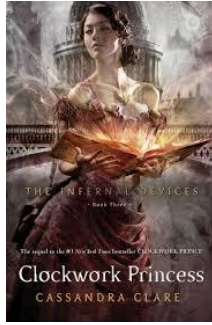
Whatever After (#3): Sink or Swim by Sarah Mlynowski (Scholastic 2013)

Summary: Once again my brother and I are in hot water . . .

We weren't planning to mess up the fairy tales. The first two times we did it by accident. But when our magic mirror pulls us into the story of the Little Mermaid, we have no choice but to try and rewrite it. Let's just say the original story does NOT end happily! (Taken from Amazon.com)

- Author page: <http://www.sarahm.com/>
- Scholastic page (including *BookAlike* to find similar books) <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/book/whatever-after-sink-or-swim#cart/cleanup>

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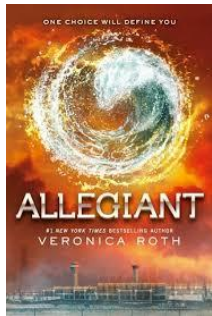
Clockwork Princess (Infernal Devices #3) by Cassandra Clare (Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2013)

Summary: Danger and betrayal, love and loss, secrets and enchantment are woven together in the breathtaking finale to the #1 *New York Times* bestselling Infernal Devices Trilogy, prequel to the internationally bestselling *Mortal Instruments* series. (Taken from Amazon.com)

- *The Shadowhunters' Chronicles* wiki, includes a book trailer and online discussion of the series.

http://shadowhunters.wikia.com/wiki/Clockwork_Princess

- For promotional items, email shadowhunters@simonandschuster.com.
- <http://www.cassandraclare.com/books/book-three-clockwork-princess/>
- *The Clockwork Princess* quiz <http://www.goodreads.com/quizzes/25900-clockwork-princess>



Allegiant (Book 3 of Divergent Series) by Veronica Roth (Katherine Tegen Books, 2013)

Summary: What if your whole world was a lie?

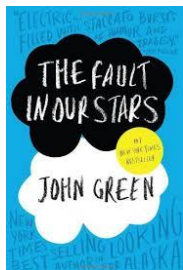
What if a single revelation—like a single choice—changed everything?

What if love and loyalty made you do things you never expected? Conclusion to Divergent series. (Taken from Amazon.com)

- Spoiler Interview with Veronica Roth about *Allegiant*

<http://www.mtv.com/news/1716300/allegiant-veronica-roth-divergent-conclusion/>

- Quiz <http://www.goodreads.com/quizzes/31193-allegiant-divergent-trilogy-by-veronica-roth>
- <http://veronicarothbooks.blogspot.com/>



Fault in our Stars by John Green (Dutton Books, 2012)

Summary: Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten. (Taken from Amazon.com)

- <http://johngreenbooks.com/questions-about-the-fault-in-our-stars-spoilers/>

- Movie Trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ltBvH5J6ss>
- Movie Clip <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=642IKXC97c4>
- Discussion Guide <http://www.litlovers.com/reading-guides/15-young-adult-fiction/8711-fault-in-our-stars-green?start=3>
- Discussion Questions <http://www.shmoop.com/fault-in-our-stars/questions.html>
- Discussion Questions <http://bestsellers.about.com/od/bookclubquestions/a/The-Fault-In-Our-Stars-By-John-Green-Book-Club-Discussion-Questions.htm>

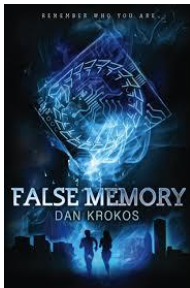


Unravel Me (Shatter Me #2) by Tahereh Mafi (HarperCollins, 2013)

Summary: Juliette is still haunted by her deadly touch. But now that she has teamed up with other rebels with powers of their own, she'll be able to fight back against The Reestablishment to save her broken world. With the help of these new allies, she'll also finally learn the secret behind Adam's—and Warner's—immunity to her killer skin. (Taken from Amazon.)

- <http://www.harperteen.com/books/Unravel-Me-Tahereh-Mafi/?isbn=9780062085535>

- <http://shelf-life.ew.com/2013/02/06/tahereh-mafi-unravel-me-qa-shatter-me-sequel/>
- <http://www.goodreads.com/quizzes/24297-the-unravel-me-quiz>



False Memory by Dan Krokos (Disney Hyperion, 2013)

Summary: Miranda wakes up alone on a park bench with no memory. In her panic, she releases a mysterious energy that incites pure terror in everyone around her. Except Peter, a boy who isn't at all surprised by Miranda's shocking ability. She discovers she was trained to be a weapon and is part of an elite force of genetically-altered teens who possess flawless combat skills and powers strong enough to destroy a city. (Taken from Amazon.com)

- <http://dankrokos.tumblr.com/books>
- <http://www.sfsignal.com/archives/2013/09/interview-dan-krokos-author-of-false-memory-and-false-sight/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c5spbbpmEbLY>
- <http://www.publishingcrawl.com/2012/09/20/interview-with-dan-krokos-author-of-false-memory/>