



## Nebraska Golden Sower Award Nominee Titles 2010-2011

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### 2010-2011 Primary Nominees

Becker, Bonny. *A VISITOR FOR BEAR*.

Illustrated by Kady MacDonald Denton. Candlewick Press, 2008. ISBN 0763628077

Bear's efforts to keep out visitors to his house are undermined by a very persistent mouse.

Crisp, Marty. *TITANICAT*.

Illustrated by Robert Papp. Sleeping Bear Press, 2008. ISBN 1585363553

A boy who has signed on as cabin boy aboard the Titanic helps ready the ship for its maiden voyage, but when it is time to set sail and he cannot find the ship's cat on board, he leaves the vessel to search for her.

Deedy, Carmen Agra. *MARTINA THE BEAUTIFUL COCKROACH: A CUBAN FOLKTALE*.

Illustrated by Michael Austin. Peachtree, 2007. ISBN 1561453994 [also available with bilingual audio: ISBN 9781561454686; Spanish edition: ISBN 9781561454259]

A humorous retelling of a Cuban folktale in which a cockroach interviews her suitors in order to decide whom to marry.

Henson, Heather. *THAT BOOK WOMAN*.

Illustrated by David Small. Atheneum, 2008. ISBN 1416908129

A family living in the Appalachian Mountains in the 1930s gets books to read during the regular visits of the "Book Woman"—a librarian who rides a pack horse through the mountains, lending books to the isolated residents.

## 2010-2011 Primary Nominees (con't)

Hest, Amy. ***THE DOG WHO BELONGED TO NO ONE.***

Illustrated by Amy Bates. Abrams, 2008. ISBN 0810994836

The hard-working daughter of two bakers and a perfectly nice stray dog live lonely lives in the same town, until they meet one very stormy day.

Hopkinson, Deborah. ***ABE LINCOLN CROSSES A CREEK: A TALL THIN TALE (INTRODUCING HIS FORGOTTEN FRONTIER FRIEND).***

Illustrated by John Hendrix. Schwartz & Wade Books, 2008. ISBN .37583768X

In Knob Creek, Kentucky, in 1816, seven-year-old Abe Lincoln falls into a creek and is rescued by his best friend, Austin Gollaher.

Laminack, Lester L. ***SNOW DAY!***

Illustrated by Adam Gustavson. Peachtree, 2007. ISBN 1561454184

Someone is very excited about the possibility of missing school due to snow, and plans a whole day of sledding, building forts, reading, and sipping hot chocolate rather than going to school for that test on chapter ten.

Lies, Brian. ***BATS AT THE LIBRARY.***

Illustrated by the author. Houghton Mifflin, 2008. ISBN 061899923X

Bored with another normal, inky evening, bats discover an open library window and fly in to enjoy the photocopier, water fountain, and especially the books and stories found there.

Madison, Alan. ***VELMA GRATCH AND THE WAY COOL BUTTERFLY.***

Illustrated by Kevin Hawkes. Schwartz & Wade, 2007. ISBN 0375835970

Velma starts first grade in the shadow of her memorable older sisters, and while her newfound interest in butterflies helps her to stand out, it also leads to an interesting complication.

Urbanovic, Jackie. ***DUCK SOUP.***

Illustrated by the author. HarperCollins, 2008. ISBN 0061214418

Maxwell Duck is trying to invent a soup that everyone will remember him for, but when he goes out to look for the missing ingredient and his friends show up, they think he has fallen into the soup.



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### 2010-2011 Intermediate Nominees

Broach, Elise. *MASTERPIECE*.

Illustrated by Kelly Murphy. Henry Holt, 2008. ISBN 0805082700 [paperback: Square Fish, March 2010; ISBN 0312608705]

After Marvin, a beetle, makes a miniature drawing as an eleventh birthday gift for James, a human with whom he shares a house, the two new friends work together to help recover a Durer drawing stolen from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Hart, Alison. *GABRIEL'S HORSES*.

Peachtree, 2007. ISBN 1561453986 [paperback: Peachtree, Feb. 2010; ISBN 9781561455287]

In Kentucky, during the Civil War, the twelve-year-old slave Gabriel contends with a cruel new horse trainer and skirmishes with Confederate soldiers as he pursues his dream of becoming a jockey.

Hill, Kirkpatrick. *DO NOT PASS GO*.

Margaret K. McElderry, 2007. ISBN 1416914005

When Deet's father is jailed for using drugs, Deet learns that prison is not what he expected, nor are other people necessarily the way he thought they were.

## 2010-2011 Intermediate Nominees (con't)

Jonell, Lynne. *EMMY AND THE INCREDIBLE SHRINKING RAT*.

Illustrated by Jonathan Bean. Henry Holt, 2007. ISBN 080508150X [paperback: Square Fish, 2008; ISBN 0312384602]

When Emmy discovers that she and her formerly loving parents are being drugged by their evil nanny with rodent potions that can change people in frightening ways, she and some new friends must try everything possible to return things to normal.

Kehret, Peg. *STOLEN CHILDREN*.

Dutton, 2008. ISBN 0525478353 [paperback: Puffin, Feb. 2010; ISBN 0142415138]

When 14-year-old Amy fills in for a wealthy family's nanny, she and her three-year-old charge, Kendra, are kidnapped. Amy uses her wits to keep Kendra safe, send clues to the police, and also try to escape from the kidnappers.

Korman, Gordon. *SWINDLE*.

Scholastic, 2008. ISBN 0439903440 [paperback: Scholastic, 2009; ISBN 0439903459]

After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palomino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, sixth-grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the SmartPick fruit picker.

Law, Ingrid. *SAVVY*.

Dial, 2008. ISBN 0803733062 [paperback: Puffin, March 2010; ISBN 0142414336]

As Mibs Beaumont awaits her thirteenth birthday when her "savvy"—a magical power unique to each member of her family—will be revealed, her father is injured in a terrible accident.

Lupica, Mike. *LONG SHOT*.

Dial, 2007. ISBN 0399247173 [paperback: Puffin, March 2010; ISBN 0142415200]

Pedro, an avid basketball player, decides to run for class president, challenging a teammate who is also one of the most popular boys in school.

Ryan, Pam Munoz. *PAINT THE WIND*.

Illustrated by Carson Ellis. Little, Brown, 2007. ISBN 0439873622 [paperback: Scholastic, 2009; ISBN 054510176X]

After her overprotective grandmother has a stroke, Maya, an orphan, leaves her extremely restricted life in California to stay with her mother's family on a remote Wyoming ranch, where she discovers a love of horses and encounters a wild mare that her mother once rode.

Sanderson, Brandon. *ALCATRAZ VS. THE EVIL LIBRARIANS*.

Harcourt, 2007. ISBN 0439925509 [paperback: Scholastic, 2008; ISBN 0439925525]

On his thirteenth birthday, foster child Alcatraz Smedry receives a bag of sand which is immediately stolen by the evil Librarians who are trying to take over the world, and Alcatraz is introduced to his grandfather and his own special talent, and told that he must use it to save civilization.



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### 2010-2011 Young Adult Nominees

Anderson, Laurie Halse. *CHAINS*.

Simon & Schuster, 2008. ISBN 1416905855 [paperback: Atheneum, Jan. 2010; ISBN 1416905863]

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

Applegate, Katherine. *HOME OF THE BRAVE*.

Feiwel & Friends, 2007. ISBN 0312367651 [paperback: Feiwel & Friends, 2008; ISBN 0312535635]

Kek, an African refugee, is confronted by many strange things at the Minneapolis home of his aunt and cousin, as well as in his fifth grade classroom, and longs for his missing mother, but finds comfort in the company of a cow and her owner.

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. *THE BOY WHO DARED*.

Scholastic, 2008. ISBN 0439680131

In October 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hubener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people.

## 2010-2011 Young Adult Nominees (con't)

Bauer, Joan. *PEELED*.

G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2008. ISBN 0399234756 [paperback: Speak, 2009; ISBN 0142414301]

In an upstate New York farming community, high school reporter Hildy Biddle investigates a series of strange occurrences at a house rumored to be haunted.

Burg, Shana. *A THOUSAND NEVER EVERS*.

Delacorte, 2008. ISBN 0385734700 [paperback: Yearling, March 2010; ISBN 0440422094]

As the civil rights movement in the South gains momentum in 1963—and violence against African Americans intensifies—the black residents, including seventh-grader Addie Ann Pickett, in a small town in Mississippi, begin their own courageous struggle for racial justice.

Collins, Suzanne. *THE HUNGER GAMES*.

Scholastic, 2008. ISBN 0439023483

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

Hobbs, Will. *GO BIG OR GO HOME*.

HarperCollins, 2008. ISBN 0060741414 [paperback: HarperCollins, Sept. 2009; ISBN 0060741430]

Fourteen-year-old Brady and his cousin Quinn love extreme sports, but nothing could prepare them for the aftermath of Brady's close encounter with a meteorite after it crashes into his Black Hills, South Dakota, bedroom.

Pearson, Ridley. *STEEL TRAPP: THE CHALLENGE*.

Disney Editions, 2008. ISBN 1423106407 [paperback: Hyperion, 2009; ISBN 1423108035]

On a two-day train trip to enter his invention in the National Science Competition in Washington, D.C., fourteen-year-old Steven "Steel" Trapp, possessor of a remarkable photographic memory, becomes embroiled in an international plot of kidnapping and bribery that may have links to terrorists.

Supplee, Suzanne. *ARTICHOKE'S HEART*.

Dutton, 2008. ISBN 0525479023 [paperback: Speak, 2009; ISBN 0142414271]

Rosemary, nearly sixteen, decides she is sick of being overweight, mocked at school and at her mother's beauty salon, and feeling out of control. As she slowly loses weight, she realizes that she is able to cope with her mother's cancer, having a boyfriend for the first time, and discovering that other people's lives are not as perfect as they seem from the outside.

Varrato, Tony. *FAKIE*.

Lobster Press, 2008. ISBN 9781897073797 [only available in paperback]

Alex Miller helped put a man in jail. Now he and his mother are in the Witness Relocation Program and must keep running to stay ahead of his enemies. His latest identity as a skateboarder is not easy, and he has to catch on quickly to blend in and stay alive.