

2010-2011 SCASL JBA Nominees



The Amaranth Enchantment Julie Berry

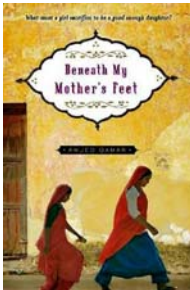
Orphaned at age five, Lucinda, now fifteen, stands with courage against the man who took everything from her, aided by a thief, a clever goat, and a mysterious woman called the Witch of Amaranth, while the prince she knew as a child prepares to marry, unaware that he, too, is in danger.

Fantasy: Lexile 610



The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod: Ninth Grade Slays Heather Brewer

While half-vampire Vlad, his best friend Henry, and Henry's cousin Joss make their way through their freshman year at Bathory High, a hired vampire slayer seeks to destroy Vlad.



Beneath My Mother's Feet Amجد Qamar

When her father is injured, fourteen-year-old Nazia is pulled away from school, her friends, and her preparations for an arranged marriage, to help her mother clean houses in a wealthy part of Karachi, Pakistan, where she finally rebels against the destiny that is planned for her.

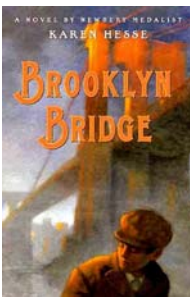
Realistic Fiction: Lexile 770



Flygirl Sherri Smith

A young African-American woman yearns to fly for her country during WWII as a WASP.

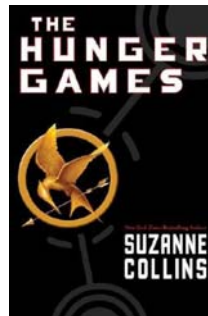
Historical fiction: Lexile 680



Brooklyn Bridge: A Novel Karen Hesse

In 1903 Joseph Michtom is fourteen, living in Brooklyn, NY. His life changes when his immigrant parents invent the teddy bear. He narrates the story, filled with drama, a ghost story, and adventure.

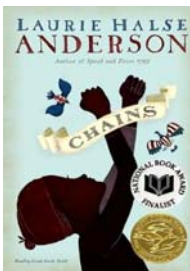
Historical Fiction: Lexile 680



The Hunger Games Suzanne Collins

In the country of Panem – formerly known as North America – 12 districts reside. Each year, everyone between the ages of 12 and 18 must participate in a draw. The names of one boy and one girl from each district are drawn, and those children must participate in the Hunger Games.

Fantasy: Lexile 810



Chains Laurie Halse Anderson

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

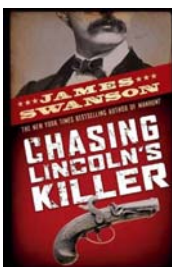
Historical Fiction: Lexile 780



The Juvie Three Gordon Korman

Gecko, Arjay and Terrence, all in trouble with the law, must find a way to keep their halfway house open in order to stay out of juvenile detention.

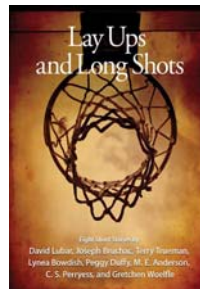
Adventure: Lexile 730



Chasing Lincoln's Killer James L. Swanson

This book recounts the twelve-day pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth, covering the chase through Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, with a discussion of Abraham Lincoln as a father, husband, and friend that examines the impact of his death on those close to him.

Non Fiction: Lexile 760

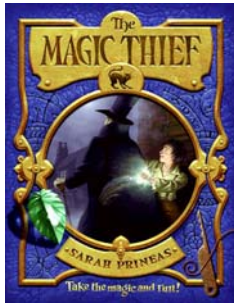


Lay-ups and Long Shots Joseph Bruchac

A collection of nine short stories about middle-schoolers and sports. They range from basketball, to running, Ping-Pong, dirt biking, surfing, kayaking, place kicking, soccer and a game of "H-O-R-S-E."

Short Stories/sports: Lexile 760

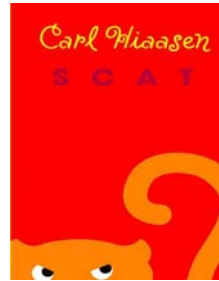
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Magic Thief
Prineas, Sarah

A young thief enters a life of magic and adventure after stealing from Nevery Flingas, a wizard who has returned from exile to reverse the troubling decline of magic in Wellmet City.

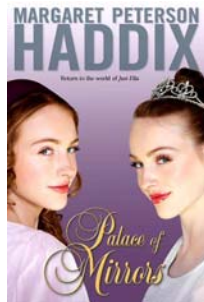
Fantasy: Lexile 680



Scat
Carl Hiaasen

Mrs. Starch may be the most loathed teacher in Truman School, but now she is missing and Nick and Marta set out to solve the mystery. This is a great teen thriller, involving a rare panther, a couple of inept detectives, a class bully, and a tree-hugging millionaire

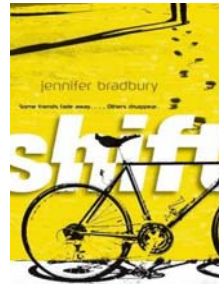
Mystery: Lexile 810



Palace Of Mirrors
Margaret Peterson Haddix

Fourteen-year-old Cecilia has always known she is the true princess of Suala, but when she and her best friend, Harper, decide to speed up her ascendancy to the throne, they find danger and many imposters who challenge her claim.

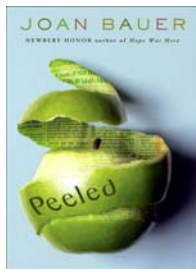
Fantasy: Lexile 820



Shift
by Jennifer Bradbury

When best friends Chris and Win go on a cross country bicycle trek the summer after graduating and only one returns, the FBI wants to know what happened.

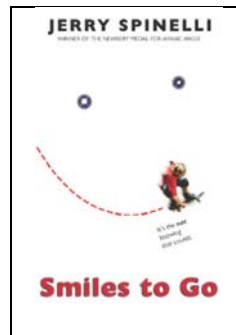
Mystery: Lexile 770



Peeled
By Joan Bauer

Hildy and Zach, reporters for "The Core", the school newspaper, find themselves pitted against the local newspaper and land developers when a ghost moves into the old Ludlow place.

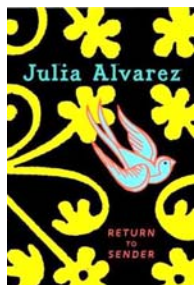
Ghost Story: Lexile 620



Smiles to Go
Jerry Spinelli

Will Tuppence's life has always been ruled by science and common sense but in ninth grade, shaken up by the discovery that protons decay, he begins to see the entire world differently and gains new perspective on his relationships with his little sister and two closest friends.

Realistic Fiction: Lexile 490



Return to Sender
Julia Alvarez

After his family hires migrant Mexican workers to help save their Vermont farm from foreclosure, eleven-year-old Tyler befriends the oldest daughter, but when he discovers they may not be in the country legally, he realizes that real friendship knows no borders.

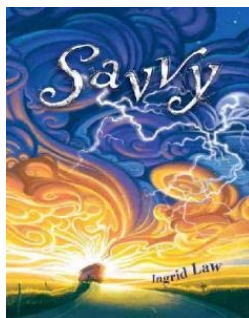
Realistic Fiction: Lexile 890



Stolen
Vivian Vande Velde

A girl finds herself running through the forest at the edge of a village with no memory of anything, even her own name, and later learns that she might be twelve-year-old Isabelle, believed to be stolen by a witch six years before.

Fantasy: Lexile 860



Savvy
Ingrid Law

Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy" —a magical power unique to each member of her family—just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.

Fantasy: Lexile 1070



The White Gates
Bonnie Ramthun

When his mother becomes the doctor in Snow Park, Colorado, twelve-year-old Tor learns of a curse placed on the town's doctors many years ago by an eccentric Ute woman, but suspects that a modern-day villain is hiding behind that curse.

Realistic Fiction: Lexile 790