

FAMILY READ ALOUDS

“Extensive research has proven that reading aloud to a child is the single most important factor in raising a reader.”

Jim Trelease

THE READ-ALoud HANDBOOK

2011 GOLDEN SOWER NOMINEES - GRADES 4-6

CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

by Mary Downing Hahn

Clarion, 2009

recommended by *Wilson’s Catalog* for grades 5-6



“When thirteen-year-old Logan and his family move into a run-down old house in rural Virginia, he discovers that a woman was murdered there and becomes involved with his neighbor Arthur in a dangerous investigation to try to uncover the killer.”

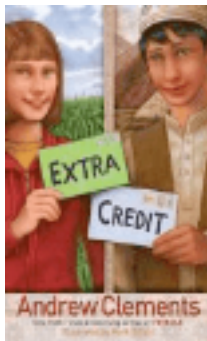
School Library Journal

EXTRA CREDIT

by Andrew Clements

Atheneum, 2009

recommended by *School Library Journal* for grades 4-6



“As letters flow back and forth - between the prairies of Illinois and the mountains of Afghanistan, across cultural and religious divides - sixth-grader Abby and eleven-year old Sadeed begin to speak and listen to each other.”

Publisher’s Weekly

KENNY AND THE DRAGON

by *Tony DiTerlizzi*

Simon & Schuster, 2008

recommended by *Wilson's Catalog* for grades 4-7



“Book-loving Kenny the rabbit has few friends in his farming community, so when one, bookstore owner George, is sent to kill another, gentle dragon Grahame, Kenny must find a way to prevent their battle while satisfying the dragon-crazed townspeople.”

Publisher's Weekly

DYING TO MEET YOU

by *Kate Klise*

Harcourt, 2009

recommended by *Wilson's Catalog* for grades 3-6



“In this story told mostly through letters, children’s book author, I. B. Grumpy, gets more than he bargained for when he rents a quiet place to write for the summer.”

School Library Journal

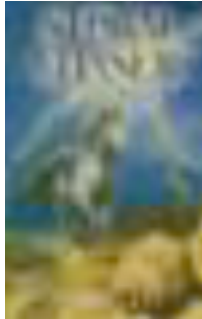
Another title in this series is: *Over My Dead Body*

STORM CHASER

by *Chris Platt*

Peachtree, 2009

recommended by *School Library Journal* for grades 4-6



“When a fire forces her family to turn their home into a guest ranch, aspiring horse trainer Jessica finds herself working once again with her favorite horse, Storm Chaser, to tame the wild filly for snobbish, spoiled Ariel, Storm Chaser’s new owner.”

Bound to Stay Bound

SHOOTING THE MOON

by *Frances O’Roark Dowell*

Atheneum, 2008

recommended by *Wilson’s Catalog* for grades 4-7



“When her brother is sent to fight in Vietnam, twelve-year-old Jamie begins to reconsider the army world that she has grown up in.”

School Library Journal

JAKE RANSOM AND THE SKULL KING'S SHADOW

by *James Rollins*

HarperCollins, 2009

recommended by *Wilson's Catalog* for grades 5-8



“Connecticut middle-schooler Jake and his older sister Kady are transported by a Mayan artifact to a strange world inhabited by a mix of people from long-lost civilizations who are threatened by prehistoric creatures and an evil alchemist, the Skull King.”

Publisher's Weekly

Another title in the series is: *Jake Ransom and the Howling Sphinx*

THE MAGIC THIEF

by *Sarah Prineas*

HarperCollins, 2008

recommended by *Wilson's Children* for grades 4-7



“Conn is a thief but, through desire and inevitability, becomes a wizard.”

Booklist

More titles in the series are: *Loser* (2009) and *Found* (2010)

2010 GOLDEN SOWER WINNER - GRADES 4-6

STOLEN CHILDREN

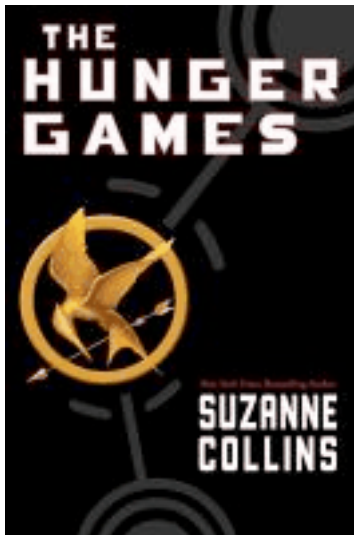
by Peg Kehret



2010 GOLDEN SOWER WINNER - GRADES 7-8

THE HUNGER GAMES

by Suzanne Collins



2011 GOLDEN SOWER NOMINEES - GRADES 7-8

ANYTHING BUT TYPICAL

by *Nora Raleigh Baskin*

Simon & Schuster, 2009

recommended by *The Bulletin* for grades 6-8.



“Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.”

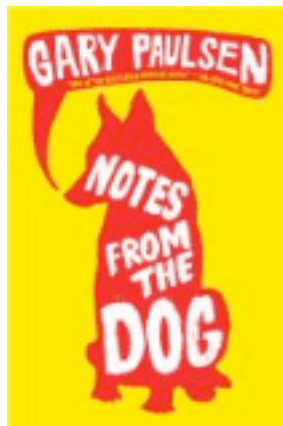
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NOTES FROM THE DOG

by *Gary Paulsen*

Wendy Lamb Books, 2009

recommended by *Wilson's Middle and Junior High Catalog* for grades 5-8



“When Johanna shows up at the beginning of summer to house-sit next door to Finn, he has no idea of the profound effect she will have on his life by the time summer vacation is over.”

Publisher's Weekly

JUVIE THREE

by *Gordon Korman*

Hyperion, 2008

recommended for gr. 7-8



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

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KALEIDOSCOPE EYES

by *Jennifer Bryant*

Alfred A. Knopf, 2009

recommended in *School Library Journal* for grades 5-8



“In 1968, with the Vietnam War raging, thirteen-year-old Lyza inherits a project from her deceased grandfather, who had been using his knowledge of maps and the geography of Lyza’s New Jersey hometown to locate the lost treasure of Captain Kidd.”

Voice Youth Advocates

GOOD ENOUGH

by Paula Yoo

HarperCollins, 2008

recommended in *School Library Journal* for grades 7-up



“A Korean American teenager tries to please her parents by getting into an Ivy League college, but a new guy in school and her love of the violin tempt her in new directions.”

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