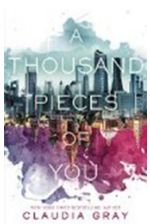


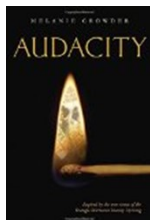
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(M=Middle school, 6<sup>th</sup> grade & up) (J=Junior high, or 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders & up) (H=high school)



**A Thousand Pieces of You**, by Claudia Gray (sequel: Ten Thousand Skies Above You; book 3 coming)

An epic dimension-bending trilogy about a girl who must chase her father's killer through multiple dimensions. Marguerite's physicist parents' invention, the Firebird, allows users to jump into multiple universes. But then Marguerite's father is murdered, and the killer--her parents' handsome assistant Paul--escapes into another dimension before the law can touch him. Marguerite refuses to let the man who destroyed her family go free, and races after Paul through different universes, always leaping into another version of herself. But she also meets alternate versions of the people she knows--including Paul, whose life entangles with hers in increasingly familiar ways. Before long she begins to question Paul's guilt--as well as her own heart. And soon she discovers the truth behind her father's death is far more sinister than she expected. (J/H)



**Audacity**, by Melanie Crowder

A historical fiction novel in verse detailing the life of Clara Lemlich and her struggle for women's labor rights in the early 20th century in New York. Set in the same setting as Margaret Peterson Haddix's book Uprising. First winner of the "Rudini," the Arnold Adoff Poetry Award for New Voices. (M)



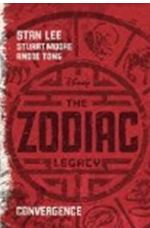
**Booked**, by Kwame Alexander

Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams. A novel in verse with sports action and fun characters, as well as some really unusual words from the past. (M)



**Burning Midnight** by Will McIntosh

Years after mysterious colorful alien spheres have suddenly appeared all over the world, teens Sully, Hunter, Dom, and Mandy team up in a race against unscrupulous billionaire CEO Alex Holliday to locate one particular rare, collectible sphere, which may have a very steep price. "Burning" two identical spheres endows a person with special abilities, but a new color means an unknown ability may or may not appear. (J but some language)



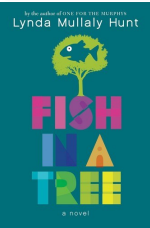
**Convergence: Zodiac Legacy**, by Stan Lee, Stuart Moore, and Andie Tong \*  
nominated for Buckeye Children's Book Award

Follows the experiences of a Chinese-American teen who is thrown into the middle of an epic global chase involving the release of twelve magical superpowers based on the Chinese Zodiac. Comic book-style illustrations add to excitement. (M)



**Everything Everything**, by Nicola Yoon

The story of a teenage girl who's literally allergic to the outside world. When a new family moves in next door, she begins a complicated romance that challenges everything she's ever known. The narrative unfolds via vignettes, diary entries, texts, charts, lists, illustrations, and more. (J/H)



**Fish In a Tree**, by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read. "Everybody is smart in different ways. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its life believing it is stupid." Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is

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afraid to ask for help; after all, how can you cure dumb? However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker. With his help, Ally learns not to be so hard on herself and that dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of. (M)

### **Free Verse** by Sarah Dooley

When her older brother dies, 12 year old Sasha has no one left, and nowhere to turn. With no parents, he was her last caretaker. They'd always dreamed of leaving Caboose, West Virginia together someday, but instead she's in foster care, feeling more stuck and broken than ever. But then Sasha discovers family she didn't know she had, and finally has something to hold onto, especially sweet little Mikey, who's just as broken as she is. She is slowly learning to cope with her brother's death through writing poetry, finding a new way to express herself when spoken words just won't do. But when tragedy strikes the mine her cousin works in, Sasha fears the worst and takes Mikey and runs, with no plans to return. (M)

**Hour of the Bees** by Lindsay Eager At first, twelve-year-old Carol is not happy to be spending the summer helping her parents move her grandfather to an assisted living home, but as the summer wears on, she finds herself drawn to him, fascinated by his amazing stories. (M)

### **Hunter**, by Mercedes Lackey

A teenage girl leaves home to join the legendary Hunters, who protect the people from the terrifying monsters that have overrun their world. (M)

### **Illuminae (the Illuminae Files #1)** by Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff (J)**Free Verse** by Sarah Dooley

The planet Kerenza is attacked, and Kady and Ezra find themselves on a space fleet fleeing the enemy, while their ship's artificial intelligence system and a deadly plague may be the end of them all. Fun mix of *Star Wars*, *2001: A Space Odyssey* and other space operas, with a little zombie action thrown in there too! (M)

### **Losers Take All** by David Klass

At a sports-crazy NJ high school where all kids must play on a team, a group of rebels start a soccer team designed to undermine the jock-culture of the school. (J)

### **Love And Other Foreign Words**, by Erin McCahan

Brilliant fifteen-year-old Josie has a knack for languages, but her sister's engagement has Josie grappling with the nature of true love, her feelings for her best friend Stu, and how anyone can be truly herself, or truly in love, in a social language that is not her own. (J)

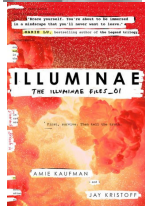
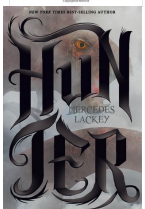
### **Orbiting Jupiter**, by Gary Schmidt

Jack, 12, tells the gripping story of Joseph, 14, who joins his family as a foster child. Damaged in prison, Joseph wants nothing more than to find his baby daughter, Jupiter, whom he has never seen. When Joseph has begun to believe he'll have a future, he is confronted by demons from his past that force a tragic sacrifice. (H)

**Salt to the Sea** by Ruta Sepetys As World War II draws to a close, refugees from what is left of Poland, Lithuania, and Prussia, try to escape the war's final dangers in northeastern Germany, only to find themselves aboard a ship with a target on its hull. Based on the true story of the greatest maritime disaster in history. (J/H)

### **Shadowshaper** by Daniel José Older

When the murals painted on the walls of her Brooklyn neighborhood start to change and



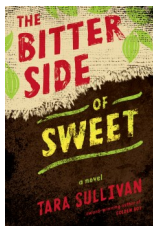
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fade in front of her, Sierra Santiago realizes that something strange is going on. Then she discovers that her Puerto Rican family are shadowshapers, and she finds herself in a battle with an evil anthropologist for the lives of her family and friends. (J)



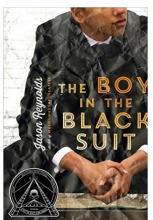
### **Six Months Later**, by Natalie D. Richards

Chloe didn't think about it much when she nodded off in study hall on that sleepy summer day. But when she wakes up, snow is on the ground and she can't remember the last six months of her life. Before, she'd been a mediocre student. Now, she's on track for valedictorian and being recruited by Ivy League schools. Before, she never had a chance with super jock Blake. Now he's her boyfriend. Before, she and Maggie were inseparable. Now her best friend won't speak to her. What happened to her? And why can't she remember? (J)



### **The Bitter Side of Sweet** by Tara Sullivan

They only wanted to make some money during the dry season to help their impoverished family; instead they were tricked into forced labor on a plantation in the Ivory Coast. For two years what has mattered are the number of cacao pods Amadou and his younger brother, Seydou, can chop down in a day. Then Khadija comes, the first girl who has ever come to camp, and she's a wild thing. She fights, but the bosses break her. Now the three band together as family and try just once more to escape. (J)



### **The Boy in the Black Suit** by Jason Reynolds

Soon after his mother's death, Matt takes a job at a funeral home in his tough Brooklyn neighborhood and, while attending and assisting with funerals, begins to accept her death and his responsibilities as a man. (J/H)



### **The Emperor of Any Place**, by Tim Wynne-Jones

When Evan's father dies suddenly, he finds the book his father had been reading, a diary of a Japanese soldier stranded on a Pacific Island during World War II. There was also an American soldier stranded there, and as Evan reads the journal, he learns how the Japanese and American soldiers' lives interconnect, and what this has to do with his stern demanding grandfather. (J/H)



### **The Fill-In Boyfriend**, by Kacie West \* nominated for Buckeye Teen Book Award

When Gia Montgomery's boyfriend, Bradley, dumps her in the parking lot of her high school prom, she decides to do the unthinkable...convince the cute guy waiting to pick up his sister to pretend to be her boyfriend for the night. The task is simple: two hours, zero commitment, a few white lies. The problem is that days after prom, she can't stop thinking about her fill-in boyfriend. But can Gia turn her fake boyfriend into a real one without exposing her lie and possibly destroying her friendships and her newfound relationship? (J)

### **Truthwitch**, by Susan Dennard

On a continent ruled by three empires, some are born with a 'witchery,' a magical skill that sets them apart from others. In the Witchlands, there are almost as many types of magic as there are ways to get in trouble--as two desperate young women know all too well. (J)



For future reading: (comes out September 2016)

**The Female of the Species** by Mindy McGinnis Edgar Award–winning author Mindy McGinnis delivers a dark and riveting contemporary YA novel that blends the unflinching honesty of Laurie Halse Anderson's *Speak* with the relentless pacing and alternating perspectives of *Gone Girl*. A stunning, unforgettable page-turner. Alex Craft knows how to kill someone. And she doesn't feel bad about it.

Three years ago, when her older sister, Anna, was murdered and the killer walked free,

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## **Buckeye Children's and Teen Book Award 2016 nominees:**

Grades 6-8:

The Sword of Summer (Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard #1) by Rick Riordan (Disney-Hyperion, 2015)

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander (HMH Books for Young Readers, 2014)

Everblaze (Keeper of the Lost Cities #3) by Shannon Messenger (Aladdin, 2014)

Convergence (The Zodiac Legacy: #1) by Stan Lee, Stuart Moore & Andie Tong (Disney Press, 2015)

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt (Nancy Paulsen Books/Penguin, 2015)

Teen:

Four: A Divergent Collection by Veronica Roth (Katherine Tegen Books, 2014)

I'll Give You the Sun by Jandy Nelson (Dial Books, 2014)

The Shadow Prince (Into the Dark #1) by Bree Despain (Carolrhoda Lab, 2014)

The Infinite Sea (The 5th Wave #2) by Rick Yancey (G. P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, 2014)

The Fill-In Boyfriend by Kasie West (HarperTeen, 2015)

Voting runs from September 1 to November 10, on the website: <http://www.bcbookaward.info>  
Nominating for 2017 is going on NOW! Through March 2017!

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- Christina's Library Thing <http://librarything.com> "Goldiebug"
- YALSA's The Hub: <http://www.yalsa.ala.org/thehub/>
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