**2013 Louisiana Young Readers’ choice**

**6-8th Grade Nominated List**

1. **The Dead Boys** by Royce Buckingham. 201 pages. Teddy is the new kid in town. He makes some very strange friends but eventually realizes that these boys are actually dead. The sycamore tree, which seems to have received its powers from nuclear waste, is the master villain, using its branches to grab its victims. Teddy must try to save himself and the other boys, but will he make it? This horror story will keep you reading but you might not want to read it at night! (Supernatural, horror, mystery) IL: **MG** - BL: **5.3** - AR Pts: **5.0**

Hardback. Penguin Group. 2010. 9780399252228. $16.99.

Ebook available.

1. **Heist Society** by Ally Carter. 287 pages. Kat’s friend, Hale, arranges to have her kicked out of her exclusive boarding school where she was attempting to lead a normal life away from her international jewel and art thieving family. It seems that Kat’s father needs saving from an Italian Mobster who thinks that her father stole his paintings. Book 2 in the series is *Uncommon Criminals*. (Action adventure, heists, girl interest, 1st in a series) IL: **MG+** - BL: **5.5** - AR Pts: **9.0**

Hardback. Hyperion Press. 2010. 9781423116394. $16.99.

Paperback. Hyperion Press. 20111-4231-1661-5. $8.99.

Audio book available.

Ebook available.

1. **Hide and Seek** by Katy Grant. 240 pages. When 14-year-old Chase finds hidden “treasure” in the mountains near his family’s store in Arizona, he discovers a mysterious note in a geocache. Chase encounters two small boys who “need food” and when he tries to help them he gets involved in a dangerous fight for his life. Will he find his way home and get help for himself and the boys or will they all be lost? (Action adventure, survival story, guy interest, geoaching, reluctant readers) IL: **MG** - BL: **4.5** - AR Pts: **9.0**

Hardback. Peachtree Publishers. 2010. 9781561455423. $15.95.

1. **How to Survive Middle School** by Donna Gephart. 247 pages. Eleven-year-old David Greenberg creates Talk Time videos starring his pet hamster, Hammy, and uploads them to YouTube. He is dealing with a lot of family and school drama and the videos are his outlet. David is popular online but not in school. With the growing popularity of his videos there may even be a television airing in his future. Fans of the “Wimpy Kid” books will enjoy this one. (Animal story, humorous, bullies, friendship) IL: **MG** - BL: **3.9** - AR Pts: **6.0**

Hardback. Delacorte Books for Young Readers. 2010. 0-385-73793-9. $15.99.

Paperback. Random House Children’s Books. 2011. 0-375-85411-8. $6.99.

Ebook available.

1. **The Limit** by Kristen Landon. 304 pages. In this dystopian adventure, thirteen year-old Matt is forced into a federal workhouse after his family goes over their debt limit. While there, Matt discovers that things are not as they seem. (Dystopia, conspiracy thriller, action-adventure) IL: **MG** - BL: **4.4** - AR Pts: **9.0**

Hardback. Simon & Schuster. 2010. 1-4424-0271-7. $15.99.

Compact Disk. Simon & Schuster Audio. 2010. 1-4423-3416-9. $34.99.

Paperback. Simon & Schuster . 2011. 1-4424-0272-5. $6.99.

Ebook available

1. **Little Blog on the Prairie** by Cathleen Davitt Bell. 276 pages. In an effort to bring their family closer, 13-year-old Gen’s mother signs them up for a whole summer of “Frontier Camp”, which means no iPods, no cell phones, not even electricity! When Gen sneaks her cell phone into camp and begins to send secret texts back to her friends, they start a blog and Gen’s stories get national attention. Add in a little romance with a fellow camper and a jealous girl and Gen’s summer turns out to be a lot more interesting than she ever anticipated. (Humorous, camping, girl interest) IL: **MG+** - BL: **5.1** - AR Pts: **11.0**

Hardback. Bloomsbury. 2010. 9781599902869. $16.99.

Paperback. Bloomsbury. 2011. 1-59990-677-5. $8.99.

Audio book available.

Ebook available.

1. **The Magnificent 12: The Call** (Book 1) by Michael Grant. 243 pages. Mack MacAvoy, a very ordinary twelve-year-old, has his life turned upside down when a three-thousand-year-old man appears to inform him that he must battle an evil force set to destroy the world. Mack’s mission is to travel the world to discover eleven other twelve-year-olds, all of whom are members of the Magnificent Twelve and save the world. This reluctant hero embarks on a fast-paced, hilarious adventure that will keep readers wanting more. Book two is *The Magnificent 12: The Trap*. (Fantasy Adventure, Humorous, 1st in a new series) IL: **MG** - BL: **4.7** - AR Pts: **6.0**

Hardback. HarperCollins. 2010. 9780061833663. $16.99.

Paperback. HarperCollins. 2011. 0061833673. $5.99.

Audio book available.

Ebook available.

1. **Max Cassidy: Escape From Shadow Island** by Paul Adam. 304 pages. Only 14 years old, Max is the world’s foremost escape artist. By following in his father’s footsteps he’s learned there is nothing he can’t get himself out of. But with his father presumed dead and his mother imprisoned for his murder, he is tested to his limit when he is visited by a mysterious man claiming that Max’s father is still alive. Left with an eight digit clue, Max leaves London for Santo Domingo and the impenetrable fortress of Shadow Island for his greatest escape act yet. (Mystery, action adventure, escape artist) IL: **MG** - BL: **4.9** - AR Pts: **9.0**

Hardback. HarperCollins. 2010. 0-06-186323-8. $16.99.

Paperback. HarperCollins. 2011. 0061863254. $5.99.

Ebook available.

1. **Ninth Ward** by Jewell Parker Rhodes. 224 pages. This story of Hurricane Katrina is told through the eyes of 12-year-old Lanesha. She lives in the ninth Ward with Mama Ya-Ya who is a seer and also the midwife who delivered Lanesha. Mama Ya-Ya took her in and raised Lanesha since her mother died when she was born. Lanesha can see and speak to spirits and as the water rises, she uses her special gifts to escape and even rescue others. (Louisiana Interest, African American, Hurricane Katrina, Coretta Scott Honor) IL: **MG** - BL: **3.3** - AR Pts: **4.0**

Hardback. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 2010. 9780316043076. $15.99.

Compact Disk. Recorded Books. 2010. 1-4498-0735-6. $46.75.

Ebook Available.

1. **The Strange Case of Origami Yoda** by Tom Angleberger. 141 pages. Tommy and some of his fellow sixth graders keep a journal about Dwight, the class loser, and his talking finger puppet. Is it the seemingly inept Dwight spouting this sage advice or is Origami Yoda real? (Humorous, Guy interest, school relations, realistic fiction)

IL: **MG** - BL: **4.7** - AR Pts: **3.0**

Hardback. Abrams. 2010. 9780810984257 $12.95.

Paperback. Amulet. 2011. 978-0810998773. $9.66.

Compact Disk. 2011. 1-4498-4504-5. $30.75.

Ebook available.

1. **Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer** by John Grisham. 263 pages. Theodore has been around judges, lawyers and policemen all of his life and his parents are attorneys. When any of his friends need advice they often turn to Theo because of his interest and knowledge of legal matters. There is a highly publicized murder trial going on and Theo gets more involved than he had ever planned. The student he has been tutoring explains that his cousin is a key witness in this trial but afraid to say anything. Book 2 is *The Abduction*. (Mystery, law and crime, 1st in a new series) IL: **MG** - BL: **5.2** - AR Pts: **8.0**

Hardback. Penguin Group. 2010. 9780525423843. $16.99.

Paperback. Penguin. 2011. 014241722X. $7.99.

Audio book available.

Ebook available.

1. **Smile** by Raina Telgemeier. 224 pages. In this light-hearted graphic account, 11-year-old Raina is taken through a three year dental rollercoaster of retainers, braces and corrective surgeries following an accident involving her two front teeth, all the while having to navigate middle school, boys, changing friendships and a Major Earthquake. (Graphic novel, humorous, girl interest) IL: **MG** - BL: **2.6** - AR Pts: **1.0**

Hardback. Scholastic. 2010. 978-0-545-13205-3. $21.99.

Paperback. Scholastic. 2010. 978-0-545-13206-0. $10.99.