**2019 LYRC 6-8th Grade Committee Consideration List**

*\*\*Note: The following titles were strongly considered but were*

*not included on the final list of 12 nominated titles.*

36 titles

1. **As Brave as You** by Jason Reynolds, 9781481415903, 410 pgs. 2016. Atheneum Books for Young Readers. IL: **MG** - BL: **4.8** - AR Pts: **11.0 [African-American male protagonist, blind grandfather, 2017** Schneider Family Book Award Winner, 2017 Coretta Scott King Author Honor Book]
2. **The Bitter Side of Sweet** by Tara Sullivan, 9780399173073, 320 pgs. 2016. Putnam. IL: **UG** - BL: **5.1** - AR Pts: **12.0**. [realistic fiction, male African protagonist, human rights, child labor slavery, Mali/Ivory Coast, multicultural, some violence, slight cursing “damn-it” said a few times]
3. **Caveboy Dave: More Scrawny Than Brawny** by Aaron Reynolds, 9780147516589, 256 pgs. 2016. Penguin Young Readers Group. IL: **MG** - BL: **2.5** - AR Pts: **1.0** [ male protagonist, STEM, prehistoric, humorous, inventions, graphic novel]
4. **Compass South** by Hope Larson, 9780374300432, 224 pgs. 2016. Farrar Straus Giroux, IL: **MG** - BL: **2.4** - AR Pts: **1.0 [graphic novel, New York gang, twin protagonists: a boy and girl, lost pirate treasure, missing father, New Orleans tie-in, ]**
5. **Enter a Glossy Web** by McKenna Ruebush, 9781627793704, 389 pgs. 2016. Henry Holt & Company, No AR yet, [fantasy, female protagonist, magic, adventure, time]
6. **Falling into the Dragon’s Mouth** by Holly Thompson, 9781627791342, 335 pgs. 2016. Henry Holt & Company. No AR yet. [young Caucasian boy growing up in rural Japan get relentlessly teased and bullied, written in verse, excellent reviews, timely, fast read]
7. **Falling over Sideways** by Jordan Sonneblick, 9780545863247, 257 pgs. 2016. Scholastic. AR Quiz No. 184768. IL: **MG** - BL: **5.4** - AR Pts: **8.0. [Booklist Starred Review, from the author of *Drums, Girls + Dangerous Pie,* road trip, 13 yr old female protagonist, bullies, family relationships, humor, some mild language]**
8. **Finding Perfect** by Elly Swartz, 9780374303129, 296 pgs. 2016. Farrar, Straus & Giroux.

IL: **MG** - BL: **3.7** - AR Pts: **6.0**. [emotions, self-awareness, self-esteem, OCD, female protagonist]

1. **The Firefly Code** by Megan Frazer Blakemore, 9781619636361, 340 pgs., Bloomsbury.

IL: **MG** – BL: **4.6** – AR Pts: **11.0**. [dystopia, male and female protagonists, sell to fans of Lois Lowry's *The Giver* series and Margaret Peterson Haddix's sci-fi books]

1. **Five Elements: The Emerald Tablet, Book 1** by Dan Jolley, 9780062411655, 294 pgs. HarperCollins. IL: **MG** – BL: **5.4** – AR Pts: **11.0**. [fantasy, male protagonist, first in a new series, sell to fans of Rick Riordan]
2. **FRAMED! A T.O.A.S.T. Mystery** by James Ponti, 9781481436304,292 pgs. Simon & Schuster. IL: **MG** – BL: **5.0** – AR Pts: **8.0**. [male protagonist with female friend try to discover who is stealing paintings from museums, action adventure, secret agent]
3. **The Genius Factor: How to Capture an Invisible Cat** by Paul Tobin, illustrated by Thierry Lafontaine, 9781619638402, 272 pgs. 2016. Bloomsbury. No AR yet. [STEM, friendship, action, science fiction, Funny, Male and Female Protagonists]
4. **The Girl in the Well is Me** by Karen Rivers, 9781616205690, 244 pgs. 2016. Algonquin.

IL: **MG** – BL: **4.7** – AR Pts: **6.0**. [female protagonist, realistic fiction, hazing, bullying, survival, family, loss, has some language]

1. **Haunted House Project** by Tricia Clasen. 9781510707122.  221 pgs, Sky Pony Press. No AR yet. [realistic fiction, adolescence, Family loss; a 13-year old girl's unique attempt to keep her family emotionally together in the aftermath of her mother's sudden death in a car crash.]
2. **The Inn Between** by Marina Cohen, illustrated by Sarah Watts, 9781626722026, 208 pgs. 2016. Roaring Brook. IL: **MG** - BL: **4.3** - AR Pts: **5.0**. [female protagonist, friendship, change, mystery, horror]
3. **The Inquisitor’s Tale or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog** by Adam Gidwitz, 9780525426165, 384 pgs. 2016. Penguin Young Readers’ Group, IL: **MG** - BL: **4.5** - AR Pts: **11.0, [**Children , Dogs , Miracles , Saints , Rumors , Storytelling , Nuns , Religious persecution , Faith , Friendship, diversity, fantasy, 2017 Newbery Honor Book]
4. **Into the Lion’s Den (Devlin Quick Mysteries #1)** by Linda Fairstein, 9780399186431, 312 pgs. Dial Books. IL: **MG** – BL: **5.1** – AR Pts: **9.0**. [female detective, mystery, first book in a series]
5. **Jacky Ha-Ha** by James Patterson, 9781478911692, 384 pgs. 2016. Little Brown and Company. IL: **MG** – BL: **4.7** – AR Pts: **6.0**. [middle school female protagonist, she has six sisters, family, humor, speech impediment]
6. **Just Like Me** by Nancy J. Cavanaugh, 9781492604273, 242 pgs. 2016. Sourcebooks, Jabberwocky, IL: **MG** - BL: **5.4** - AR Pts: **6.0, [girl interest, friendships, summer camps, international adoption, Chinese-American, multicultural]**
7. **Mayday** by Karen Harrington, 9780316298018, 352 pgs. 2016. Little, Brown. IL: **MG** – BL: **4.2** – AR Pts: **9.0**, [realistic fiction, family, communication, positivity, loss, could be a more challenging read on our list, realistic fiction, guy interest]
8. **A Most Magical Girl** by Karen Foxlee, 9780553512854, 296 pgs. 2016. Alfred A. Knopf, IL: **MG** - BL: **5.1** - AR Pts: **10.0, [missing mother, magic, another world, Victorian England setting, saving London from dark magic]**
9. **My Seventh-Grade Life in Tights** by Brooks Benjamin, 9780553512502, 304 pgs. 2016. Random House. IL: **MG** – BL: **4.1** – AR Pts: **8.0**, [realistic fiction, male protagonist wants to dance instead of play football, family and friendship conflicts, identity, creativity, scholarships]
10. **A Patron Saint for Junior Bridesmaids** by Shelley Tougas, 9781626724037, 263 pgs. 2016. Roaring Brook Press, No AR yet, [female protagonist, girl interest, bullying, humorous, family relationships, Christian, marriage]
11. **Riding Chance** by Christine Kendall, 9780545924047, 212 pgs. 2016. Scholastic Press. IL: **MG** – BL: **4.1** – AR Pts: **6.0**, [13 year old African-American male protagonist, young man sentenced to work in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park stables finds an interest and skill in playing polo, relationships]
12. **The Secret of Dreadwillow Carse** by Brian Farrey, 9781616205058, 243 pgs., Algonquin Young Readers, IL: **MG** - BL: **5.1** - AR Pts: **7.0, [adventure, friendship, modern fairy tale, princess, quest, family , royalty]**
13. **The Seventh Wish** by Kate Messner, 9781619633766, 228 pgs. Bloomsbury. IL: **MG** – BL: **4.4** – AR Pts: **7.0**, [female protagonist, magic realism, deals with some heavy themes such as her sister’s heroin addiction but in a gentle way, she catches a wishing fish that grants wishes]
14. **Sticks and Stones** by Abby Cooper, 9780374302870, 280 pgs. 2016. Farrar Straus Giroux,
IL: **MG** – BL: **4.8** – AR Pts: **8.0**, [self-esteem, power of words, self-acceptance, friendship, school]
15. **The Story of Seeds : From Mendel's garden to your plate, and How there's More of Less to Eat Around the World** by Nancy Castaldo, 9780544320239, 144 pgs. 2016. HMH Books. IL: **MG+** - BL: **7.6** - AR Pts: **4.0.** AR Quiz No. 179469 [non-fiction, importance of seeds, preservation of our food and future, Booklist starred review]
16. **Threads** by Ami Polonsky. 9781484746905. 240 pgs, 2016. Disney-Hyperion. IL: **MG** – BL: **5.1** – AR Pts: **9.0**, [Human Trafficking for work bondage in factories; told in alternating voices, a note pleading for help unexpectedly found in a purse in a department store in Illinois leads a 12-year old girl across the world in the hope of finding and rescuing whoever wrote it. China, multicultural]
17. **Towers Falling** by Jewell Parker Rhodes, 9780316262224, 240 pgs. 2016. Little, Brown and Company. IL: **MG** - BL: **3.3** - AR Pts: **4.0**. Quiz No. 182917 [female protagonist, multicultural interest, realistic fiction, September 11th]
18. **The Uncommoners** by Jennifer Bell, 9780553498431, 309 pgs. 2016. Random House Children’s Books, No AR yet, [male and female protagonist, kidnappings, death threats, mystery, adventure, magic]
19. **When the Sea Turned to Silver** by Grace Lin, 9780316125925, 384 pgs. Little, Brown. IL: **MG** – BL: **5.3** – AR Pts: **9.0**, [male and female protagonists, multicultural, Asian fairy-tale type adventure]
20. **The Wild Robot** by Peter Brown, 9780316382014, 228 pgs. Little, Brown & Co., IL: **MG** – BL: **5.1** – AR Pts: **5.0**. [science fiction, robot, nature and the environment, survival, adoption, animals, it is somewhat reminiscent of Pixar’s *WALL.E* ]
21. **Wing & Claw #1 – Forest of Wonders** by Linda Sue Park, 9780062327383, 343 pgs. HarperCollins. IL: **MG** – BL: **5.3** – AR Pts: **6.0**. [male protagonist, fantasy, magic, apothecary, talking animals, relationship between humans and animals, chapter book]
22. **Wish** by Barbara O’Connor, 97803743002733, 227 pgs. 2016. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, IL: **MG** – BL: **5.0** – AR Pts: **6.0**. [human-animal relationship, family, dogs, female protagonist deals with going to live with a relative she has never met]
23. **Wolf Hollow** by Lauren Wolk, 9781101994825, 304 pgs. 2016. Penguin. IL: **MG** – BL: **4.9** – AR Pts: **9.0**. [historical fiction, female protagonist, veterans, bullying, 2017 Newbery Honor Book]