

12. **The Red Bandanna (Young Readers Adaptation)** by Tom Rinaldi. This book, adapted for young readers, presents the story of 9/11 hero Welles Crowther, highlighting his faith, position as a volunteer in his local fire department, and how he sacrificed his life to save people trapped above the airplane embedded in the South Tower.

### 2018-2019 LYRC 6-8th Grade Winner

#### **Ghosts**

by Raina Telgemeier



### Voting Machines

You may request a voting machine from the Secretary of State's Office. Students may cast their vote for their favorite book on these real voting machines. The Secretary of State believes that this is an excellent civic and educational opportunity.

*Please note that due to the popularity of the voting machines, they may not be able to accommodate every request.*

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**When requesting the voting machines please include:**

- Contact name and phone number
- School's name and address
- Grade level(s) participating
- Approximate number of students participating in each grade level
- Be sure to send in your request **NO LATER THAN** December 8, 2019

### Voting Procedures

- **Votes must be submitted by March 1, 2020.**
- **Each student may vote only once and vote for only one book.**
- **To be qualified to vote, each student**
  - Must read or listen to three or more titles on the list.
  - Must live in Louisiana.
  - Must be in grades 6-8th (or equivalent).
- **Students who read every title on their nominated list may receive a certificate of achievement from the State Library.**
- **Submit Your Vote**
  - Submit votes directly from the State Library web site at <http://www.state.lib.la.us/literacy-and-reading/louisiana-young-readers-choice/voting>.
  - Fill out the form, then click "submit".
  - Voting Machine results may be faxed to 225.342.3547.
  - Each student may vote individually from their participating school, public library, home computer, etc.
  - Teachers and librarians may total the votes of their class or group and submit the tally instead of individual votes.
  - The tally form must be filled out completely. Incomplete forms will not be counted.

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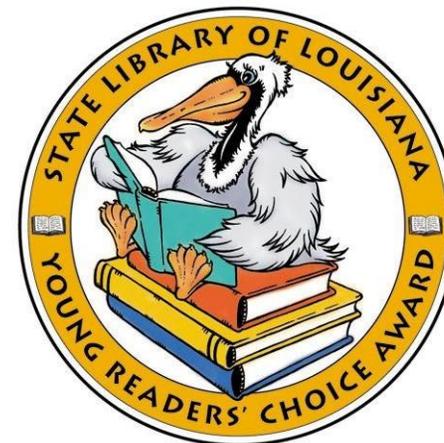
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# Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award 6-8th Grade 2019-2020

*Nominated List and Details*



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*A reading enrichment program of the  
Louisiana Center for the Book in the  
State Library of Louisiana.  
Grades 6-8*

## LOUISIANA YOUNG READERS' CHOICE AWARD PROGRAM

The Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award (LYRC) is a reading enrichment program of the Louisiana Center for the Book in the State Library of Louisiana. The purpose of the program is to foster a love of reading in the youth of Louisiana by motivating them to participate in the recognition of outstanding books.

Committees of Louisiana librarians and educators compile lists of recommended books each year. Suggestions for titles to be considered may be submitted to

Angela Germany, [agermany@slol.lib.la.us](mailto:agermany@slol.lib.la.us).

The lists are well-balanced selections of high-quality fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. Students may read or listen to the books and vote for their favorite one. They need to read or listen to a minimum of three nominated titles from the list in order to vote. This is a great way to involve students in literature and get them excited about reading for pleasure. The books that receive the most votes from the students are the Award Winners. The books with the second most votes are the Honor Books.

### Timeline

**Summer / Fall 2019:** Begin reading books on 2019-2020 lists.

**Nov 2, 2019:** Louisiana Book Festival in Baton Rouge, [www.LouisianaBookFestival.org](http://www.LouisianaBookFestival.org)

**March 1, 2020:** Deadline for submitting votes.

**Spring 2020:** Announcement of the 2019-2020 award winners.

### Webpage

Details about the program, print materials, study guides, PowerPoint presentations, book trailers and booktalks, and other additional resources for the titles are available on our website

<http://www.state.lib.la.us/literacy-and-reading/louisiana-young-readers-choice>.

### Promotional materials

Free promotional materials for the nominated list, including posters, bookmarks and seals for award books, are available from the State Library. Complete the Young Readers' Choice order form on the website, to request these materials.

## 2019-2020 School Year 6-5th Nominated List (12 Titles)

1. **All's Faire in Middle School** by Victoria Jameson. Homeschooled by Renaissance fair enthusiasts, sixth grader Imogene has a hard time fitting in when her wish to enroll in public school is granted.
2. **Beyond the Bright Sea** by Lauren Wolk. Twelve-year-old orphan Crow embarks on a journey to discover who her parents were and why they abandoned her on a small boat as an infant. In her search she encounters an angry criminal, buried treasure, and discovers that family is not always related by blood.
3. **Brave** by Svetlana Chmakova. In his daydreams, Jensen is the biggest hero that ever was, saving the world and his friends on a daily basis. But his middle school reality is VERY different - math is hard, getting along with friends is hard, and even finding a partner for the class project is a big problem when you always get picked last. Will those daring daydreams of his finally work in his favor, or will he have to find real solutions to his real life problems?
4. **Clayton Byrd Goes Underground** by Rita Williams-Garcia. Clayton feels most alive when he's with his grandfather, Cool Papa Byrd, and the band of Bluesmen -- he can't wait to join them, just as soon as he has a blues song of his own. But then the unthinkable happens. Cool Papa Byrd dies, and Clayton's mother forbids Clayton from playing the blues. Clayton knows that's no way to live. Armed with his grandfather's brown porkpie hat and his harmonica, he runs away from home in search of the Bluesmen, hoping he can join them on the road. But on the journey that takes him through the New York City subways and to Washington Square Park, Clayton learns some things that surprise him.
5. **Forget Me Not** by Ellie Terry. When her mother breaks up with yet another boyfriend, Calliope meets Jinsong at her latest middle school, who becomes her friend despite her Tourette Syndrome and the embarrassment it can cause.
6. **Frogkisser!** by Garth Nix. Princess Anya has a big problem: Duke Rikard, her step-stepfather is an evil wizard who wants to rule the kingdom and has a bad habit of changing people into frogs. Her older sister Morven, the heir, is a wimp. So Anya goes on a quest with the help of several unlikely friends and a magical carpet, to find the ingredients for the magical lip balm to turn these frogs back into humans and maybe even save the kingdom.
7. **Greetings from Witness Protection!** by Jake Burt. Thirteen-year-old Nikki Demere is an orphan and a kleptomaniac, making her the perfect girl to portray the Trevors' daughter in witness protection.
8. **In the Shadow of the Sun** by Anne Sibley O'Brien. Twelve-year-old Mia is on a five-day tour of North Korea with her older brother, Simon, and their father, Mark, a food aide worker, but she is scared because her father keeps sneaking off at night and terrified that her brother's sullen, rebellious behavior is going to get them in trouble. Things get much worse when she is pulled into a deadly political game that seeks to expose North Korean atrocities, and her father is arrested.
9. **Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus** by Dusti Bowling. New friends and a mystery help Aven, thirteen, adjust to middle school and life at a dying western theme park in a new state, where her being born armless presents many challenges.
10. **Refugee** by Alan Gratz. Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.
11. **Slider** by Pete Hautman. Hoping to win a cash prize in a pizza eating contest after racking up a tab on his mother's credit card, David must juggle his competitive eating training with the responsibility of looking after his autistic younger brother.