

Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award **1992 Nominees**

Appointment with a Stranger by Jean Thesman

Deeply self-conscious about her severe asthma attacks, high school student Keller Parrish finds solace in the company of an attractive but mysterious boy at a remote pond, unaware that he is an insubstantial echo of a forty-year-old tragedy.

Bill Peet: An Autobiography by Bill Peet

The well-known author and illustrator relates the story of his life and work, including his years with Disney, with illustrations on every page.

Blade of the Poisoner by Douglas Hill

Twelve-year-old Jarral and three friends with strong psychic Talents fight the evil of Prince Mephtik the Poisoner, who serves the Demon-Driver.

Good-bye My Wishing Star by Vicki Grove

Twelve-year-old Jens, who adores the farm where she has lived all her life, is devastated when severe financial problems may force her family to sell out and move to the city.

Hedgehogs in the Closet by Joan Carris

Unhappy with his family's move to England, eleven-year-old Nick slowly begins to thrive in the very British setting of his new home and school.

Her Own Song by Ellen Howard

When her adoptive father is hospitalized after an accident, Mellie is befriended by Geem-Wah, owner of a Chinese laundry, who holds the key to the events surrounding Mellie's birth eleven years ago.

Leave it to Christy by Pamela Swallow

Kind-hearted Christy enters seventh grade worrying about what to do for a science project, yearning for the attention of a gorgeous male classmate, surprisingly winning the lead in "Peter Pan," and helping out a boy with really serious problems.

My Daniel by Pamela Conrad

Wandering through the Natural History Museum with her grandchildren, Julia Creath feels the presence of her dead brother, Daniel. She remembers a time when fossil fever hit everyone, old and young - a time when even people would kill for those old bones under the ground. Julia becomes the Nebraska farm girl she once was, as she weaves together the story of the great dinosaur rush - an adventurous tale of love and treachery, but most of all the story of her own childhood, and of the older brother she loved more than anything. Daniel had a dream: to save their family farm by finding a dinosaur. It was a dream that Julia shared - and that she alone would see come true.

My Mother Got Married: And Other Disasters by Barbara Park

Charlie Hingle's life has become a three-ring circus. Why did his mom have to get remarried anyway? Now there are way too many people in one house. First there's his new stepfather, the nature guy. Then there's his five-year-old stepbrother, Thomas the Pest, who's Charlie's new roommate. Worst of all, Charlie has to deal with his stepsister, Lydia the phone-hog. His mom assures him that things will work out eventually. But Charlie isn't interested in eventually. He wants things back the way they used to be — right now!

Nightmare Mountain by Peg Kehret

It should have been a "dream" trip. Instead, Molly Neuman's vacation on her Aunt and Uncle's llama ranch in the wilderness of Washington becomes a nightmare. Cousin Glendon hates her on sight. Then Aunt Karen falls ill and is taken to a distant hospital. Molly and Glendon are alone when she discovers a llama thief in the barn! Armed and desperate, he drags them to the top of the mountain and triggers an avalanche with a gunshot when they try to run! The thief escapes and they're left to battle a tidal wave of snow. Then Glendon disappears. Now it's up to Molly to find him and save them both from being buried alive!

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

Park's Quest by Katherine Paterson

Park can't figure out why his mother refuses to talk about his father who died in Vietnam eleven years ago. Park has no memory of him. ... But he is determined to find the answers to his questions. When Park's search finally takes him to his grandfather's farm in rural Virginia, he meets obstacles beyond his imagining. Instead of being welcomed as the long lost heir, he is taunted by a young Vietnamese girl. Who is she and what is she doing on the family farm? And will Park be able to accept the ultimate truth he has sought?

Princess in the Pigpen by Jane Thomas

After tossing feverishly on her sick-bed in seventeenth-century England, Elizabeth, daughter of the Duke of Umberland, awakens to find herself mysteriously transported to a farm in twentieth-century Iowa.

Red Dog by Bill Wallace

In the rugged Wyoming territory, the red pup is Adam's best friend. Adam and his family live in a lonely cabin in the mountains, facing the dangers of the wilderness alone. One day, Adam's stepfather announces that he must leave for a weeklong trip to Cheyenne. Adam is put in charge of the family. Everything goes smoothly until three cutthroat gold prospectors come crashing into the cabin and hold the family at gunpoint. Late that night, Adam manages to escape. Unfortunately, the men let the red pup loose, and the one thing that dog does best is track Adam...Will the pup lead the men to Adam? And if he does, can Adam still save his family?

Redwall by Brian Jacques

When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.

Riddle of Penncroft Farm by Dorothea Jensen

Lars Olafson moves with his parents to the old family farm near Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, to live with his aged aunt Cass. Lars is miserable--until he meets Geordie, a ghost whose stories of the Revolutionary War are as exciting as those of an eyewitness. When Aunt Cass dies suddenly, Lars is faced with a mystery linked to the Revolutionary War--and Geordi's ghostly stories are his only chance of solving it.

Roots in the Outfield by Jane Z. Felder

Josh, the worst player on his baseball team, attempts to escape ridicule by staying with his father for the summer, but things at the lakeside cottage have changed with the addition of a new stepmother and stepsister.

Say Goodnight, Gracie by Julie Deaver

There are friends we can't imagine living without. Morgan and Jimmy were kids together, whirling around the porch on hot summer days. They've been friends forever, and by now they know each other inside out. They do everything together—from cutting high school to go into the city to coaching each other at dance auditions and acting workshops. They even argue well. A perfect friendship. Best friends. For life. So how could life be so right and then be so wrong? After a terrible accident, Morgan suddenly has to face life alone. Without Jimmy around, though, it's like the best part of her has died. How could he do this to her? And why is love so hard?

Stinker From Space by Pamela Service

In the middle of an outerspace battle, space warrior Tsynq Yr is forced to land on earth and switch into the body of a skunk. But earth is no place for him. Thank goodness Karen stops by. With her computer-whiz friend Jonathan, the three of them hatch a hair-raising scheme involving all the local skunks and even the space shuttle to get their new friend back into orbit!

What Could Go Wrong? by Willo Davis Roberts

During a frightening trip spent in airplanes and airports between Seattle and San Francisco, eleven-year-old Gracie and her two cousins, Charlie and Eddie, get involved with sinister characters, identical flight bags, and an assault on an innocent old lady.