

Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award 1993 Nominees

Beauty by Bill Wallace

She was an old horse, but she could still run like a champ. Grampa warned him to be careful with Beauty, but Luke didn't listen. He'd told her all about his hopes, dreams, and fears -- secrets Beauty would never reveal. She was his pal, who went skinny dipping with him in forbidden ponds and galloping after cattle in dangerous cowboy games he knew he shouldn't play. Until the night of the wild storm, when Beauty raced through the barn doors he'd forgotten to close into a terrible trap, and Luke ran into the blinding rain desperate to save the best friend he'd ever have...

Dealing With Dragons by Patricia Wrede

Cimorene is everything a princess is not supposed to be: headstrong, tomboyish, smart. . . . And bored. So bored that she runs away to live with a dragon . . . and finds the family and excitement she's been looking for.

Erin McEwan, Your Days Are Numbered by Alan Ritchie

In danger of flunking sixth grade because of math, Erin takes a job in a deli where she is told to help with the bookkeeping.

The Face on the Milk Carton by Caroline B. Cooney

No one ever really paid close attention to the faces of the missing children on the milk cartons. But as Janie Johnson glanced at the face of the ordinary little girl with her hair in tight pigtails, wearing a dress with a narrow white collar—a three-year-old who had been kidnapped twelve years before from a shopping mall in New Jersey—she felt overcome with shock. She recognized that little girl—it was she. How could it possibly be true? Janie can't believe that her loving parents kidnapped her, but as she begins to piece things together, nothing makes sense. Something is terribly wrong. Are Mr. and Mrs. Johnson really Janie's parents? And if not, who is Janie Johnson, and what really happened?

Last Wolf of Ireland by Elona Malterre

In Ireland in the 1780s, a young boy and girl who find a wolf's den in the forest vow to protect the animals from the superstitious townspeople and the greed of the hunters.

Lisa's War by Carol Matas

During the Nazi occupation of Denmark, Lisa and other teenage Jews become involved in an underground resistance movement and eventually must flee for their lives.

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.

Mermaid Summer by Mollie Hunter

With the help of her brother, Jon, nine-year-old Anna daringly seeks to discover the secret means to undo a mermaid's curse upon their grandfather.

On the Devil's Court by Carl Deuker

Joe, who's never succeeded at anything, suddenly has everything going his way. He's playing varsity basketball, making straight As, is popular at school, and is able to stand up to his father's abuse. But what kind of bargain did Joe make--and with whom?

R-T Margaret and the Rats of NIMH by Jane Conly

When Margaret and her younger brother, Artie, get lost in the woods on a family camping trip, they are rescued by rats - the superintelligent rats of NIMH. Taken into the rats' community, the children are safe for the time being. But winter is coming. Margaret and Artie have to get back home. And when they do, they must protect the rats who have helped them. Everything depends on their silence...but it's hard to evade questions forever.

Scorpions by Walter Dean Myers

Lately everybody's messing with Jamal. His teachers, the kids at school, even his dad. And now that Jamal's brother Randy's in the slam, Crazy Mack has a crazy idea. He wants Jamal to take control of the Scorpions and run crack. All the gang jive—Jamal has no use for it. Unless, like some say, it's the only way to cop the bread for Randy's appeal... The story of twelve-year-old Jamal, whose life changes drastically when he acquires a gun. Though he survives the experience, it's not without sacrificing his innocence and possibly his relationship with his best friend.

Seeing Earth From Space by Patricia Lauber

Seeing Earth from Space gives readers an opportunity to soar away from our planet and view it as astronauts do. It gives them a chance to study images formed from data collected by satellites.

Shades of Gray by Carolyn Reeder

The Civil War may be over, but for twelve-year-old Will Page, the pain and bitterness haven't ended. How could they have, when the Yankees were responsible for the deaths of everyone in his entire immediate family? And now Will has to leave his comfortable home in the Shenandoah Valley and live with relatives he has never met, people struggling to eke out a living on their farm in the war-torn Virginia Piedmont. But the worst of it is that Will's uncle Jed had refused to fight for the Confederacy. At first, Will regards his uncle as a traitor -- or at least a coward. But as they work side by side, Will begins to respect the man. And when he sees his uncle stand up for what he believes in, Will realizes that he must rethink his definition of honor and courage.

Tall Enough to Own the World by Berniece Rabe

Unable to read, ten-year-old Joey is often in trouble at school for his rebellious behavior until a series of circumstances involving a remedial reading teacher, a neighbor, a cat, and his new stepfather help him conquer his problem.

This Island Isn't Big Enough for the Four of Us by Gery Greer

Pete and Scott are horrified when they find Sunny and Jill camping with Jill's aunt on Turtle Island, the same "deserted" wilderness where Pete and Scott planned to have a few death-defying adventures. Alone. Every time the boys mess up, Sonny and Jill are there, taking the picture. This is war — boys against girls! With the help of an eccentric recluse who lives on the island, the boys plan one final battle — a wacky contest of wit, skill, and revenge — to determine the champions of Turtle Island.

Toughboy and Sister by Kirkpatrick Hill

The death of their drunken father strands ten-year-old Toughboy and his younger sister at a remote fishing cabin on the Yukon River near Ruby, Alaska, where they spend a summer trying to cope with dwindling food supplies and hostile wildlife.

True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi

As the only passenger, and the only female, on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, thirteen-year-old Charlotte finds herself caught between a murderous captain and a mutinous crew.

Voyage of the Frog by Gary Paulsen

Fourteen-year-old David Alspeth intended only to fulfill his uncle's last wish when he set sail in the Frog, but when a savage storm slams the tiny sailboat, David is stranded. No wind. No radio. Little water. Seven cans of food. And the storm is just the first challenge David must face...

Weasel by Cynthia DeFelice

Alone in the frontier wilderness in the winter of 1839 while his father is recovering from an injury, eleven-year-old Nathan runs afoul of the renegade killer known as Weasel and makes a surprising discovery about the concept of revenge.