

2005 AWARD WINNERS



Newbery Award

Kira-Kira

By Cynthia Kadohata

Two sisters have trouble adjusting when their parents move the family from Iowa to a small town in rural Georgia, where they are among only 31 Japanese-Americans.

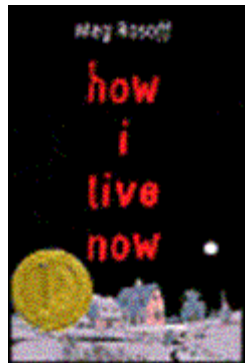


Coretta Scott King Award

Remember

By Toni Morrison

A treasure chest of archival photographs that depict the historical events that inspired this remembrance of school desegregation



Michael Printz Award

How I Live Now

By Meg Rosoff

A troubled New York City teen with a distant father, a wicked stepmother, and an eating disorder, is sent to England to stay with her deceased mother's sister's family.



Mildred Batchelder Award

The Shadows of Ghadames

By Joelle Stoltz

Malika is dreading her twelfth birthday when, according to her family's Berber customs, she will be close to marriageable age and confined to the world of women. In Ghadames that means restriction to the rooftops.



Suggestions

For

Summer Reading

From the Middle Schools
of the
Elmira City School District

2005



POETRY



Blushing

By Paul Janeczko

A new compilation of love poems for teens that collects the most poignant and moving musings about love from a diverse group of classic poets.



Here in Harlem

By Walter Dean Myers

In each poem, a resident of Harlem speaks in a distinctive voice, offering a story, a thought, a reflection, or a memory.



Hoop Kings

By Charles Smith

Combines digitally altered photos and staccato, rap-style lyrics into a celebration of the pleasures of basketball.



Revenge and Forgiveness

By Patrice Vecchione

Inspired by the events of 9/11, Patrice Vecchione presents a powerful group of poems, all of which address the timeless and uniquely human desires for revenge and for forgiveness.

SPORTS—FACT AND FICTION



Travel Team

By Mike Lupica

After he is cut from his travel basketball team--the very same team that his father once led to national prominence--twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.



Going for the Record

By Julie Swanson

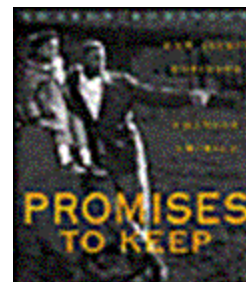
Soccer is Leah Weiczynkowski's life. All her hard work is finally paying off as she earns a spot on the Midwest Regional Team, with a shot at making the National Team.



Tony Hawk: Skateboarding Legend

By Jeff Savage

Tony Hawk, is one of skateboarding's most prominent stars. This biography traces his participation from childhood, withstanding his peers' teasing for competing in a game few people took seriously.

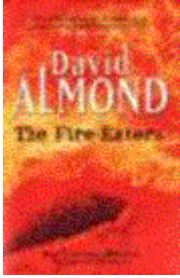


Promises to Keep

By Sharon Robinson

Jackie Robinson's daughter shares memories of her father, the baseball player who changed America.

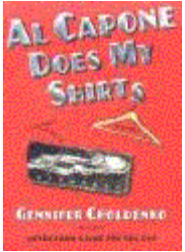
HISTORICAL FICTION



The Fire Eaters

By David Almond

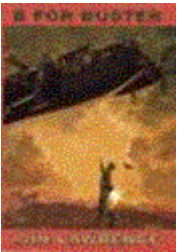
A bizarre character shakes young Bobby Burns as he contemplates the end of the world. The year is 1962 and the U.S. and Soviet Union seem to be heading toward nuclear war.



Al Capone Does My Shirts

By Jennifer Choldenko

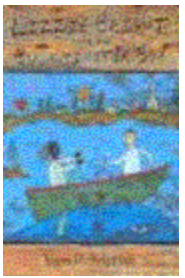
Set in 1935, when guards and their families actually lived on Alcatraz Island, all Moose wants to do is protect his sister, Natalie, live up to his parents' expectations, and stay out of trouble.



B for Buster

By Iain Lawrence

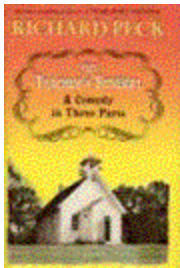
Filled with Buck Rogers-inspired dreams, 16-year-old Kak lies about his age to enlist in the Canadian Air Force in 1943.



Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy

By Gary Schmidt

In 1912 no one will let Turner Buckminster forget that he's a minister's son; then he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin, a girl from a poor nearby island.



The Teacher's Funeral

By Richard Peck

In rural Indiana in 1904, 15-year-old Russell's teacher Miss Myrt Arbuckle, is dead. To his utter horror, a new teacher is hired and it's none other than his extremely bossy older sister.

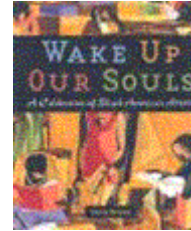
FACT



An American Plague

By Jim Murphy

This Newbury Honor Book describes the yellow fever epidemic in 1793 Philadelphia.



Wake Up Our Souls

By Tonya Bolden

Highlights influential and important African American 20th Century artists.



The Race to Save the Lord God Bird

By Phillip Hoose

Extinction is explained through the dramatic story of a legendary bird.



With Courage and Cloth

By Ann Bausum

Illustrated with vintage photographs, this book details the American women's suffrage movement from 1906 to 1920.



George Washington, Spymaster

By Thomas Allen

Traces Washington's use of spies, invisible ink, codes, and double agents, and makes a convincing case for the pivotal role that espionage played in defeating the British.

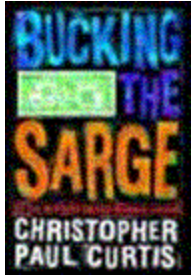
FICTION, FICTION . . .



Heartbeat

By Sharon Creech

Twelve-year-old Annie ponders the many rhythms of life the year that her mother becomes pregnant, her grandfather begins faltering, and her best friend becomes distant.



Bucking the Sarge

By Christopher Paul Curtis

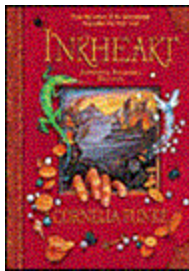
Fourteen-year-old Luther keeps a sense of humor running the Happy Neighbor Group Home For Men, while dreaming of going to college and becoming a philosopher.



Hanging on to Max

By Margaret Bechard

When his girlfriend decides to give their baby away, seventeen-year-old Sam is determined to keep him and raise him alone.



Inkheart

By Cornelia Funke

Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters tries to force him into service.



Turnabout

By Margaret Peterson Haddix

At age 100, Melly and the other Riverside nursing home residents are injected with a drug to make them "unage" yet find that they cannot stop the process.

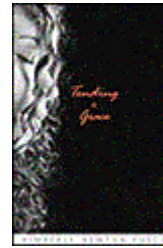
AND MORE FICTION



Hidden Talents

By David Lubar

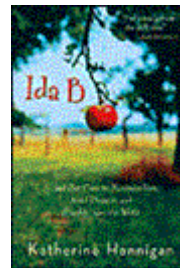
When thirteen-year-old Martin arrives at an alternative school for misfits and problem students, he falls in with a group of boys with psychic powers.



Tending to Grace

By Kimberly Newton Fusco

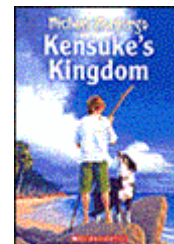
When Cornelia's mother runs off, leaving her with an eccentric aunt, Cornelia must finally confront the truth about herself and her mother.



Ida B: And Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World.

By Katherine Hannigan

In Wisconsin, Ida B spends happy hours being home-schooled and playing in her family's apple orchard, until her mother begins treatment for breast cancer and sends her to public school.



Kensuke's Kingdom

By Michael Morpurgo

When Michael is swept off his family's yacht, he washes up on a desert island, where he struggles to survive--until he finds he is not alone.



Chasing Vermeer

By Blue Balliett

When strange events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal.