

“Librarian’s Shelf” by Rachelle McPhillips

Young Adult Golden Sower Award Nominees 2010-11

Each year Nebraska children read from the list of Golden Sower Nominees and vote for their favorite. I encourage our young adult readers to read from the list of young adult nominees.

To be eligible to vote, youth must read at least four titles from the list. Final votes are counted in April 2011. For information on how to vote, contact me at the library.

In “Artichoke’s Heart” by Suzanne Supplee, all around good girl, Rosemary, is obese and mostly friendless. From the author’s website: “Rosemary resolves to lose the weight, but her journey turns out to be about everything but fat”

“The Boy Who Dared” by Susan Campbell Bartolitti is based on a true story. Helmuth Hubener is a Hitler Youth facing execution for speaking against the Nazis. The story is told in a series of flashbacks while Helmuth is locked in a prison cell.

“Chains” by Laurie Halse Anderson is set during the American Revolution. Isabel and her sister are promised they will not be sold into slavery again, but when the promise is broken, Isabel fights for her freedom while America fights for independence from the British.

In “Fakie” by Tony Varrato, fifteen year-old Alex Miller is in the Witness Protection Program. When he is spotted and his mother is snatched up, Alex has to turn to friends who don’t know who he really is.

In Will Hobbs’s “Go Big or Go Home,” a meteorite tears through the roof and straight through Brady Steele’s bed. He shares the bizarre event with his cousin and later with his neighbors. Through it all Brady begins noticing changes that defy explanation.

In “Home of the Brave” by Katherine Applegate, young Kek escapes war in Sudan and finds refuge with extended family in Minnesota. While Kek hopes to see his mother again, he makes a place for himself in America.

Young adults fight for their lives in “The Hunger Games” by Suzanne Collins. Boys and girls struggle in a deadly version of “Survivor” that is broadcast live around the country. Some fight to win the game; others fight to win something more.

School newspaper writer, Hildy Biddle, sets out to uncover the truth about unexplained deaths and reports of ghosts in “Peeled” by Joan Bauer. Hildy is determined to get to the core of the situation and with help from a friend starts an underground newspaper they call “The Peel.”

Ridley Pearson’s, “Steel Trapp: The Challenge” follows fourteen year-old Steven Trapp on his way to the National Science Challenge in Washington, D.C. Our hero spots a lone briefcase on the train and what he finds inside changes his course.

In "A Thousand Never Evers" by Shana Burg, Addie Ann Pickett lives in racially divided Kuckachoo, Mississippi in 1963. Tensions rise and Addie makes tough decisions that could change her future.

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