



May B by Caroline Starr Rose

When a failed wheat crop nearly bankrupts the Betterly family, twelve-year-old May's father pulls her from school and hires her out to a couple new to the Kansas frontier.

Lexile: 680 ; Historical Fiction/Novel in Verse

Shadow and Bone by Leigh Bardugo

Orphaned by the Border Wars, Alina Starkov is taken from obscurity and her only friend, Mal, to become the protégée of the mysterious Darkling, who trains her to join the magical elite in the belief that she is the Sun Summoner, who can destroy the monsters of the Fold.

Lexile: 800 ; Fantasy



One for the Murphys by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Carley uses humor and street smarts to keep her emotional walls high and thick. But the day she becomes a foster child, and moves in with the Murphys, she's blindsided. This loving, bustling family shows Carley the stable family life she never thought existed, and she feels like an alien in their cookie-cutter-perfect household.

Lexile: 520 ; Realistic Fiction



Spy School by Stuart Gibbs

Twelve-year-old Ben Ripley leaves his public middle school to attend the CIA's highly secretive Espionage Academy, which everyone is told is an elite science school.

Lexile: 740 ; Adventure/Humor



The Raft by S.A. Bodeen

Experienced traveler Robie, having decided to take a cargo plane from Honolulu to her home on Midway Atoll after a visit with her aunt, struggles to survive with the co-pilot, Max, after the plane crashes in the Pacific Ocean and they are left on a raft in shark-infested

waters with only one bag of Skittles to keep them alive.

Lexile: 680 ; Realistic Fiction

Unchained by L.B. Tillit

After two years in a loving foster home, TJ is sent back to his mother and the brutal life he thought he had escaped for good.

Lexile: 400 ; Realistic Fiction



See You At Harry's by Jo Knowles

Twelve-year-old Fern feels invisible in her family, where grumpy eighteen-year-old Sarah is working at the family restaurant, fourteen-year-old Holden is struggling with school bullies and personal issues, and adorable, three-year-old Charlie is always the center of attention. When tragedy strikes, the fragile bond holding the family together is stretched almost to the breaking point.

Lexile: 600 ; Realistic Fiction

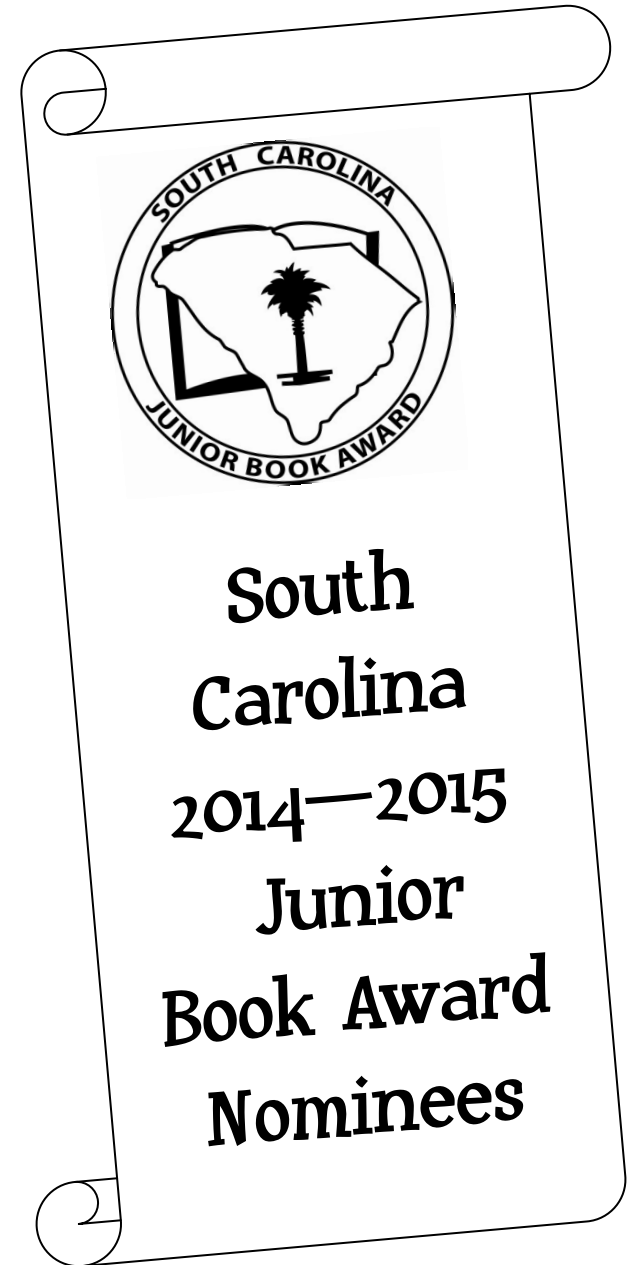


What the Dog Said by Randi Reisfeld

Shortly after their police officer father is killed in the line of duty, thirteen-year-old Grace's older sister decides to adopt a dog to train as a service dog for a handicapped child so that she can write about it for her college applications, but, true to form, it is the grief-stricken

Grace who ends up taking responsibility for the dog.

Lexile: 690 ; Realistic Fiction

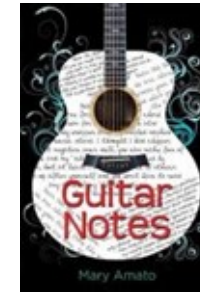


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Breathing Room by Marsha Hayles
 In 1940, thirteen-year-old Evvy Hoffmeister and her newfound friends struggle to get well at Loon Lake Sanatorium, where they are being treated for tuberculosis.
 Lexile: 800 ; Historical Fiction

Eye of the Storm by Kate Messner
 Jaden's summer visit with her meteorologist father, who has just returned from spending four years in Russia conducting weather experiments not permitted in the United States, fills her with apprehension and fear as she discovers that living at her father's planned community, Placid Meadows, is anything but placid.
 Lexile: 740 ; Science Fiction/Adventure



Guitar Notes by Mary Amato
 Tripp, who plays guitar only for himself, and Lyla, a cellist whose talent has already made her famous but not happy, form an unlikely friendship when they are forced to share a practice room at their high school.
 Lexile: 670 ; Realistic Fiction

Crow by Barbara Wright
 Moses Thomas's summer vacation in 1898 does not go as planned, and while he deals with family problems and fickle friends, Moses comes to be more aware of the escalating tension between the African American and white communities of Wilmington, North Carolina.
 Lexile: 800 ; Historical Fiction

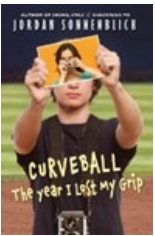


The False Prince by Jennifer A. Nielsen
 In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.
 Lexile: 710 ; Adventure

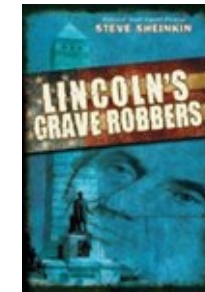
Laugh With the Moon by Shana Burg
 Massachusetts thirteen-year-old Clare, grieving after her mother's recent death, reluctantly travels with her father to spend nine weeks in a remote village in Malawi, where new friends and experiences help open her mind and heart.
 Lexile: 740 ; Realistic Fiction



Curveball: The Year I Lost My Grip by Jordan Sonnenblick
 After an injury ends former star pitcher Peter Friedman's athletic dreams, he concentrates on photography, which leads him to a girlfriend, new fame as a high school sports photographer, and a deeper relationship with the beloved grandfather who, when he realizes he is becoming senile, gives Pete all of his professional camera gear.
 Lexile: 800 ; Realistic Fiction



Fourmile by Watt Key
 A mysterious stranger arrives at a boy's rundown Alabama farm home, just as a dangerous situation is unfolding for the twelve-year-old and his widowed mother.
 Lexile: 580 ; Realistic Fiction



Lincoln's Grave Robbers by Steve Sheinkin
 A true crime thriller -- the first book for teens to tell the nearly unknown tale of the brazen attempt to steal Abraham Lincoln's body!
 Lexile: 930 ; Nonfiction/Adventure

Deadweather and Sunrise by Geoff Rodkey
 Thirteen-year-old Eggbert, a planter's son on a pirate-infested Caribbean island chain, is on the run from a wealthy and powerful villain trying to kill him for his connection to a hidden treasure.
 Lexile: 940 ; Fantasy/Adventure



The Ghost of Graylock by Dan Poblocki
 Staying with their aunts over the summer, Neil Cady, his sister, Bree, and their new friends, Wesley and Eric, set out to explore Greylock Hall, an abandoned psychiatric hospital which is supposed to be haunted by the ghost of Nurse Janet.
 Lexile: 690 ; Horror

Losing It by Erin Fry
 Tired of being obese and reeling from his father's recent stroke, thirteen-year-old Bennett joins the cross country team to find out if there is more to life than French fries.
 Lexile: Not Lexiled ; Realistic Fiction

