

Louisiana Young Readers Choice Books

2020 Grade 6-8

Benefits of Being an Octopus, *The* by Ann Braden

Boy Bites Bug by Rebecca Petruck

City of Ghosts by Victoria Schwab

Game Changer by Tommy Greenwald

Love Like Sky by Leslie C. Youngblood

Marcus *Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish* by Pablo Cartaya

Night Diary, *The* by Veera Hiranandani

Serpent's Secret, *The (Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond #1)* by Sayantani DasGupta

Small Spaces by Katherine Arden

So Done by Paula Chase

Storm Runner, *The (A Storm Runner Novel, Book 1)* by J.C. Cervantes

Tight by Torrey Maldonado

2019 Grade 6-8

All's Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jameson

Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk

Brave by Svetlana Chmakova

Clayton Byrd Goes Underground by Rita Williams-Garcia, Amistad

Forget Me Not by Ellie Terry, Feiwel & Friends

Frogkisser! by Garth Nix

Greetings from Witness Protection! by Jake Burt

In the Shadow of the Sun by Anne Sibley O'Brien

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

Refugee by Alan Gratz

Slider by Pete Hautman

The Red Bandanna (Young Readers Adaptation) by Tom Rinaldi

2018 Grade 6-8

The Adventurer's Guide to Successful Escapes by Wade Albert White

Booked by Kwame Alexander

Dara Palmer's Major Drama by Emma Shevah

Fuzzy by Tom Angleberger

Ghost by Jason Reynolds

Ghosts by Raina Telgemeier

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill

Once Was a Time by Leila Sales

Projekt 1065 by Alan Gratz

Terror at Bottle Creek by Watt Key

The Thing About Leftovers by C.C. Payne

Top Prospect by Paul Volponi

2017 Grade 6-8

5 to 1 by Holly Bodger

Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova

Backlash by Sarah Darer Littman

The Blackthorn Key by Kevin Sands

A Blind Guide to Stinkville by Beth Vrabel

Book Scavenger by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

Charlie and the Grandmothers by Katy Towell

The Disappearance of Emily H. by Barrie Summy

Ferals by Jacob Grey

Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar

How Lunchbox Jones Saved Me from Robots, Traitors, and Missy the Cruel by Jennifer Brown

Lost in the Sun by Lisa Graff

2016 Grade 6-8

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

The Dirt Diary #1 by Anna Staniszewski

The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer Holm

I Kill the Mockingbird by Paul Acampora

Loot: How to Steal a Fortune by Jude Watson

The Night Gardener by Jonathan Auxier

The One Safe Place by Tania Unsworth

The Perfect Place by Teresa E. Harris

Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin

Saving Lucas Biggs by Marisa de los Santos and David Teague

Surrounded by Sharks by Michael Northrop

Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere by Julie T. Lamana

2015 Grades 6-8

Athlete vs. Mathlete by W.C. Mack

The Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible...on Schindler's List
by Leon Leyson

Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan

The Darkest Path by Jeff Hirsch

Dogs of War by Sheila Keenen

The Heartbreak Messenger by Alexander Vance

Jack Strong Takes a Stand by Tommy Greenwald, illustrated by Melissa Mendés

One Came Home by Amy Timberlake

QB 1 by Mike Lupica

SYLO, The SYLO Chronicles Book 1 by D.J. MacHale

Wake Up Missing by Kate Messner

Zero Tolerance by Claudia Mills

2014 Grade 6-8

Anyway: *A Story about Me with 138 footnotes, 27 exaggerations, and 1 Plate of Spaghetti* by Arthur Salm

Believe: The Victorious Story of Eric LeGrand by Eric LeGrand

A Black Hole Is NOT a Hole by Carolyn Cinami DeCristofano, illustrations by Michael Carroll

Buddy by M. H. Herlong

Cardboard by Doug TenNapel

Double by Jenny Valentine

Eye of the Storm by Kate Messner

The False Prince by Jennifer A. Nielsen

The Last Dragonslayer by Jasper Fforde

Liar & Spy by Rebecca Stead

One for the Murphys by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Small Medium at Large by Joanne Levy

2013 Grades 6-8

The Call (bk. 1 in The Magnificent 12 series) by Michael Grant

The Dead Boys by Royce Buckingham

Heist Society by Ally Carter

Hide and Seek by Katy Grant

How to Survive Middle School by Donna Gephart

The Limit by Kristen Landon

Little Blog on the Prairie by Cathleen Davitt Bell

Max Cassidy: Escape From Shadow Island by Paul Adam

Ninth Ward by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Smile by Raina Telgemeier

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger

Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer by John Grisham

2012 Grades 6-8

11 Birthdays By Wendy Mass

Brand-New Emily by Ginger Rue

City of the Dead: The Haunting of Derek Stone Book 1 by Tony Abbott

Closed for the Season By Mary Downing Hahn

Dormia by Jake Halpern and Peter Kujawinski

Dying to Meet You by Kate Klise

Invisible I by Stella Lennon

The Amanda Project: Book 1 by Amanda Valentino and Melissa Kantor

Jolted: Newton Starker's Rules for Survival by Arthur Slade

Malice by Chris Wooding

A Truth Worth Tellin' by Toni Teepell

Wings Book 1 by Jason Lethcoe

Young Samurai: The Way of the Warrior Book 1 by Chris Bradford

2011 Grades 6-8

Amulet: The Stonekeeper Book One by Kazu Kibuishi

Bewitching Season by Marissa Doyle

Boys are Dogs by Leslie Mangolis

The Cabinet of Wonders by Marie Rutkoski

The Dangerous Days of Daniel X by James Patterson

Diamond Willow by Hellen Frost

FOUND: The Missing Series by Margaret Haddix

The Great Wide Sea by Madaline Herlong

Hot, Sour, Salty, Sweet by Sherri Smith

The Juvie Three by Gordon Korman

Stolen by Velde Vande

Write Before Your Eyes by Lisa Kline

2010 Grades 6-8

Chaos Code by Justin Richards

Cracker the Best Dog in Vietnam by Justin Richards

Deep and Dark and Dangerous by Mary Downing Hahn

Diamonds in the Shadow by Caroline Conney

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

Dragon Slippers by Jessica George

Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Curtis

Fire From the Rock by Sharon Draper

Football Genius by Tim Green

Gabriel's Horses by Alison Hart

Kimchi and Calamari by Rose Kent

Night of the Howling Dogs by Graham Salisbury

Peak by Roland Smith

Schooled by Gordon Korman

So Totally Emily Ebers by Lisa Yee

2009 Grades 6-8

Black Duck by Janet Lisle

Crossing the Wire by Will Hobbs

Dark Water Rising by Marian Hale

Escaping into the Night by Dina Friedman

Fairest by Gail Levine

Grooves: A Kind of Mystery by Kevin Brokmeier

Heat by Mike Lupica

Kiki Strike: Inside the Shadow City by Kristen Miller

Runaway Princess by Kate Coombs

Runaway by Draanen Van

Secrets of My Hollywood Life by Jen Calonita

Shug by Jenny Han

Sparrow by Sherri Smith

Storm Thief by Chris Wooding

The Legend of Bass Reeves by Gary Paulsen

2008 6-8th Grade

Basketball (Or Something Like It) by Nora Baskin

Black Storm Comin' by Diane Wison

Blood Red Horse by K M Grant

Bodies from the Ash: Life and Death in Ancient Pompeii by James M Deem

Click Here: To Find Out How I Survived Seventh Grade by Denise Vega

Code Orange by Caroline B Cooney

The Cottonmouth Club by Lance Marcum

Double Identity by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Flush by Carl Hiaasen

Jazz A B Z: An A to Z Collection of Jazz Portraits by Wynton Marsalis

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

The Pig Scrolls by Paul Shipton

The Sacrifice by Kathleen Bennner Duple

Sixth-Grade Glommers, Norks, and Me by Lisa Papademetriou

The Stumptown Kid by Carol Gorman

2007: Grades 6-8

Airborn by Kenneth Oppel.

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko.

Becoming Naomi León by Pam Ryan Muñoz

Bird by Angela Johnson.

Dragon Rider by Cornelia Funke. Translated by Anthea Bell.

Escape from Saigon: How a Vietnam War Orphan Became an American Boy by Andrea Warren.

Journey to the Bottomless Pit: The Story of Stephen Bishop and Mammoth Cave by Elizabeth Mitchell.

Never Mind! A Twin Novel by Rachel Vail and Avi.

The Sea of Trolls by Nancy Farmer.

So B. It: A Novel by Sarah Weeks.

The Tarantula Scientist by Sy Montgomery. Photographs by Nic Bishop.

The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts by Richard Peck.

Technically It's Not My Fault: Concrete Poems by John Grandits.

The Truth About Sparrows by Marian Hale.

The Young Man and the Sea by Rodman Philbrick.

2006: Grades 6-8

The Boy Who Saved Baseball by John H. Ritter.

The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau.

Cuba 15 by Nancy Osa.

Don't Hold Me Back: My Life and Art by Winfred Rembert.

Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins.

A Mango-Shaped Space by Wendy Mass.

Midnight for Charlie Bone by Jenny Nimmo.

Olive's Ocean by Kevin Henkes.

Prairie Whispers by Frances Arrington.

Remember the Lusitania! by Diana Preston.

The River Between Us by Richard Peck.

Shakespeare Bats Cleanup by Ron Koertge.

Skeleton Key by Anthony Horowitz.

Vampire High by Douglas Rees.

The Way a Door Closes by Hope Anita Smith. Illustrated by Shane W. Evans.

2005: Grades 6-8

Coraline by Neil Gaiman.

Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi.

The Emperor's Silent Army: Terracotta Warriors of Ancient China by Jane O'Connor.

Girl in a Cage by Jane Yolen and Robert J. Harris.

The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer.

Hush by Jacqueline Woodson.

Mississippi Trial, 1955 by Chris Crowe.

Once Upon a Marigold by Jean Ferris.

Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science by John Fleischman.

Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff.

Ruby Holler by Sharon Creech

Stand Tall by Joan Bauer.

Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie S. Tolan.

Swimming Upstream: Middle School Poems by Kristine O'Connell George.

Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements.