



Georgia Chapter Book Award Nominees 2022-2023



Amari and the Night Brothers by B. B. Alston

Thirteen-year-old Amari, a poor African American girl from the projects, gets an invitation from her missing brother to join the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs and join in the fight against an evil magician. RL 4.9 (Fantasy)



Isaiah Dunn is My Hero by Kelly J Baptist

Isaiah is now the big man of the house. But it's a lot harder than his dad made it look. Luckily, Isaiah can count on his best friend, Sneaky, who's always got a scheme for getting around the rules. Plus, his classmate Angel has a few good ideas of her own--once she stops hassling Isaiah. RL 4.3 L 700 (Fiction)



Hope Springs by Jaime Berry

Eleven-year-old crafter Jubilee Johnson's assumptions about her vagabond life, her estranged mother, and her idol, television's perfect crafter Arletta Paisley, start to change after Jubi and her grandmother move to a small Texas town. (Fiction)



Maybe He Just Likes You by Barbara Dee

When boys in her class start touching seventh-grader Mila and making her feel uncomfortable, she does not want to tell her friends or mother until she reaches her breaking point. RL 4.2 L 630 (Fiction)



96 Miles by J. L. Esplin

During a massive blackout in rural Nevada, two brothers struggle to survive without their self-reliance-obsessed dad and without enough water to cross the desert for help. RL 5.0 L 760 (Adventure Fiction)



Unsettled by Reem Faruqi

Young Nurah reluctantly moves with her family from Karachi, Pakistan, to Peachtree City, Georgia, but, after some ups and downs, begins to feel at home. RL 3.7 (Fiction)



Starfish by Lisa Fipps

Bullied and shamed her whole life for being fat, twelve-year-old Ellie finally gains the confidence to stand up for herself, with the help of some wonderful new allies. RL 4.1 (Fiction)



Muffled by Jennifer Gennari

When fifth-grader Amelia learns to cope with her noise sensitivity, she steps outside of her comfort zone and makes new friends. RL 4.0 L 630 (Fiction)



The Lion of Mars by Jennifer L Holm

Bell has spent his whole life on Mars. When a virus breaks out and the grown-ups all fall ill, Bell and the other children are the only ones who can help. It's up to Bell to uncover the truth and save his family and possibly unite an entire planet. RL 4.0 L 530 (Sci Fi)



Ophie's Ghosts by Justina Ireland

Ophelia Harrison and her mother move to Pittsburgh after an injustice in Georgia brought the loss of both her father and her home. When her mother gets Ophie a job as a maid at Daffodil Manor where she works, Ophie begins to encounter ghosts. RL 6.1 (Fiction)



Measuring Up by Lily Lamotte

Having just moved to Seattle from Taiwan, twelve-year-old Cici enters a cooking competition to win the chance to see her grandmother again, but she only knows how to cook Taiwanese food. RL 3.3 L 360 (Fiction)



Millionaires for a Month by Stacy McAnulty

After seventh graders Benji and Felix 'borrow' \$20 from a lost wallet, the billionaire owner challenges them to spend over \$5 million dollars in thirty days in order to learn life lessons about money RL 6.0 L 570 (Fiction)



Power Up by Sam Nisson

Miles and Rhys know each other only as Gryphon and Backslash, and in the video game Mecha Melee they're an unstoppable team. They're the best friends they've got, online or in the real world, and they don't even realize they go to the same middle school. But real-life wrongdoing blasts their duo into a crater the size of Arcticon. RL 2.9 (Fiction)



Finding Junie Kim by Ellen Oh

A tale based on true events follows the coming-of-age of a girl who is motivated by an act of racism at school to learn about her ancestral heritage and her grandparents' experiences as lost children during the Korean War. RL 6.0 (Fiction)



Root Magic by Eden Royce

It's 1963, and things are changing for Jezebel Turner. Her beloved grandmother has just passed away. The local police deputy won't stop harassing her family. With school integration arriving in South Carolina, Jez and her twin brother, Jay, are about to begin the school year with a bunch of new kids. But the biggest change comes when Jez and Jay turn eleven, and their uncle, Doc, tells them he's going to train them in rootwork. Jez and Jay have always been fascinated by African American folk magic. When evil both natural and supernatural comes to show itself in town, it's going to take every bit of the magic she has inside her to see her through. RL 4.6 (Historical Fiction)



Born to Fly: the First Women's Air Race Across America by Steve Sheinkin

This book tells the story of the 1929 Women's Air Derby, the first official all-female air race in the U.S. RL 6.3 L 930 (Nonfiction)



Coop Knows the Scoop by Taryn Sounders

Thirteen-year-olds Cooper Goodman and Justice and Liberty Gordon investigate the eccentric residents of Windy Bottom, Georgia, after the remains of Coop's long-missing grandmother are uncovered and his Gramps is the prime suspect. RL 6.3 L 610 (Humor & Mystery)



How to Disappear Completely Ali Standish

While her grandmother was alive, Emma's world was filled with enchantment. But now Gram is gone, and suddenly strange spots are appearing on Emma's skin. Soon, she's diagnosed with vitiligo and the magic in her world is suddenly replaced with school bullies and doctor appointments. But when Emma writes one last story in the journal she shared with Gram, something strange happens. Someone writes back to her, just like Gram used to. RL 5.6 (Fiction)



Born Behind Bars by Padma Venkatraman

In Chennai, India, after spending his whole life in jail with his mother, who is serving time for a crime she did not commit, nine-year-old Kabir is suddenly released and has to figure out how to survive on his own in the outside world. RL (Fiction)



The Shape of Thunder by Jasmine Warga

The story of how magical thinking helps two girls, Cora and Quinn, to heal after they are affected by gun violence and loss due to Quinn's brother shooting Cora's sister to death in a school shooting. RL 4.2 (Fiction)

Additional Resources: Georgia Children's Book Awards

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