



Georgia Chapter Book Award Nominees 2023-2024



Thirst by Varsha Baja

Minni, a heroic girl in Mumbai, fights for her belief that water should be for everyone. RL 4.4 (Realistic Fiction)



Falling Short by Ernesto Cisneros

Best friends Isaac and Marco—one athletically gifted and one academically gifted—have more in common than they realize when their goals intersect, forcing them to find a way to support each other so they don't fall short. RL 4.5 (Realistic Fiction)



Miss Quinces by Kat Fajardo

Sue is down about a family trip to Honduras that's causing her to miss a comics sleepaway camp with her friends. They're throwing a quinceañera for her and she feels pressure to participate in the elaborate party. RL 2.5 (Graphic Novel)



Golden Girl by Reem Faruqi

Aafiyah lives in Atlanta with her Pakistani American family, loves hanging out with her friend Zaina and reading. Her family falls on hard times when her grandfather falls ill and her father is accused of a crime. Aafiyah wants to help out and comes up with a plan, but it involves stealing an item that doesn't belong to her. (Realistic Fiction)



The Midnight Children by Dan Gemeinhart

When Ravani Foster discovers his friend Virginia and her six mysterious runaway companions are in danger, he must fight to keep them safe, or lose the only person who has ever understood him. RL 4.3 (Mystery/Suspense)



Super Troop by Bruce Hale

When Cooper and his best friend Nacho get into serious trouble, Cooper's parents force him to join the Boy Rangers, a lame club all about discipline and rules. At first the Rangers aren't so bad, but everything changes when Mr. Pierce, a gruff ex-Marine, is placed in charge of Troop 19. RL 4.5 L 630 (Realistic Fiction)



Ride On by Faith Erin Hicks

Victoria is burned out from the high-pressure world of riding competitions and a fight with her now ex-friend, Taylor. Can she get back to basics and rekindle her love of horses at a new stable? RL 3.1 (Graphic Novel)



How to Find What You're Not Looking For by Veera Hiranandani

Following the Supreme Court's 1967 decision allowing interracial marriage, Ariel Goldberg's older sister Leah elopes with an Indian man named Raj, devastating her parents and opening up Ariel's eyes to their racist beliefs and new pressures to toe the line. As the only Jewish girl in her class, Ariel faces antisemitism on a daily basis and sees the ways it affects her parents' struggling bakery. Hoping to reunite her family, Ariel sets out to find her sister and is forced to make decisions about her personal beliefs. RL 4.6 L 690 (Historical Fiction)



Attack of the Black Rectangles by Amy Sarig King

When Mac Delaney discovers his copy of Janet Yolen's "The Devil's Arithmetic" has passages blacked out, he and his friends Marci and Denis are outraged. They decide to do something and with the support of allies, they work to change the censorship. RL 4.4 L 710 (Realistic Fiction)



The List of Unspeakable Fears by J. Kasper Kramer

In 1910 New York City, after her Irish immigrant father dies of tuberculosis, Essie's fear and anxiety continue to grow uncontrollably, so much that when her mother remarries and the family moves to where Essie's new stepfather runs a quarantine hospital for the incurably sick, Essie imagines all manner of horrors, including the ghost of a little girl—which might not be imaginary after all. RL 4.9 L 720 (Mystery/Suspense)



Too Bright to See by Kyle Lukoff

A ghost is haunting Bug's old house in rural Vermont. As Bug begins to untangle the mystery, an altogether different truth comes to light. RL 5.1 (Supernatural/Paranormal)



Honestly Elliott by Gillian McDunn

School has been especially hard for Elliot since the departure of his best friend. His ADHD has alienated him from his peers and contributed to his failing grades. Elliot's one solace is baking, and when paired with Maribel for a school project, they come up with an idea for a gluten-free pie business that he hopes will help fund his portion of paying back his father for "the Incident" and win him good grades for the semester. RL 4.3 (Realistic Fiction)



Mwikali and the Forbidden Mask by Shiko Nguru

Mwikali is moving to a new school in Nairobi and just wants her life to be normal. But when she meets Soni, Odwar and Xirsi, who reveal that she is descended from an ancient bloodline of legendary Kenyan warriors, all hope of a normal life fades. L 730 (Fantasy)



Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun by Tolá Okogwu

When Onyeka discovers that she has psychokinetic powers, her mother reveals that she is Solari, part of a secret group of Nigerian mutants that trains at the Academy of the Sun. RL 4.9 (Fantasy)



Tumble by Celia C. Pérez

When her stepfather Alex proposes that he adopt her, Addie is happy about the prospect, but lingering unanswered questions about her biological father leave her feeling surprisingly unsure. Addie begins investigating an old photograph of her father that she finds among her mother's things and discovers her father's identity as a famous luchador, Manny "The Mountain" Bravo. RL 4.5 L 660 (Realistic Fiction)



Air: A Novel by Monica Roe

Wheelchair athlete Emmie's efforts to get a new wheelchair that will allow her to do even greater tricks, is taken over by well-meaning but clueless staff members at her school. Instead of focusing on ways to make their school more accessible, they make decisions about Emmie's needs without consulting her. RL 5.3 (Realistic Fiction)



Omar Rising by Aisha Saeed

Omar is initially thrilled when he receives a scholarship to an elite boarding school in Pakistan, knowing it's his family's ticket out of poverty. He soon learns that scholarship students are treated differently. Omar finds himself bonding with other scholarship students and overcoming his own preconceptions about others to do the impossible: not only succeed, but also advocate for fairness and equality. RL 3.8 (Realistic Fiction)



Ellen Outside the Lines by A. J. Sass

Ellen, who is autistic, likes order and certainty, which explains why she's reeling from changes in her friendship with her best friend Laurel, who's increasingly spending time with other people. She hopes to rekindle their friendship on a class trip to Spain. Unfortunately, nothing goes as planned. RL 4.2 (Realistic Fiction)



Summer of June by Jamie Sumner

June is determined to beat her anxiety and become the lion she knows she is, instead of the mouse everyone sees, and with the help of Homer Juarez, the poetry-reciting soccer star, she starts a secret library garden and hatches a plan to make her dreams come true. (Realistic Fiction)



Maizy Chen's Last Chance by Lisa Yee

After her grandfather falls ill, Maizy Chen helps her grandparents run the family's Chinese restaurant. She is tasked with keeping Opa company while he recovers, and learns about her family history. Maizy is shocked when the restaurant is targeted by a racist attack as they are the only Asian-American family in town, and she struggles with homesickness and mean girls. RL 4.6 L 670 (Realistic Fiction)