



# Georgia Chapter Book Award Nominees

2016-2017



**Crenshaw** by Katherine Applegate

A homeless boy and his imaginary friend prove in unexpected ways that friends matter, whether real or imaginary. RL 3.8, L 540 (Realistic Fiction)



**Circus Mirandus** by Cassie Beasley

When he realizes that his grandfather's stories of an enchanted circus are true, Micah Tuttle sets out to find the mysterious Circus Mirandus and to use its magic to save his grandfather's life. RL 4.8, L 710 (Fantasy)



**The Thing About Jellyfish** by Ali Benjamin

Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death. RL 5, L 740 (Realistic Fiction)



**The Book Scavenger** by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

Just after twelve-year-old Emily and her family move to San Francisco, she teams up with new friend James to follow clues in an odd book they find, hoping to figure out its secrets before the men who attacked Emily's hero, publisher Garrison Griswold, solve the mystery or come after the friends. RL 5.5, L 810 (Mystery/Adventure)



**The Iron Trial: Magisterium, Book One** by Holly Black and Cassandra Clare

All his life Callum Hunt has been warned by his father to stay away from magic, so he tries to fail the Iron Trial to avoid being admitted to the school of magic, the Magisterium that has dark ties to his past and a twisty path to his future. But, he unintentionally passes and is admitted anyway and his biggest test is still to come. RL 5.6, L 830 (Fantasy)



**The War that Saved My Life** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother. RL 4.1, L 580 (Historical Fiction)



**Stella by Starlight** by Sharon Draper

When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town. RL 4.8, L 740 (Historical Fiction)



**Death by Toilet Paper** by Donna Gephart

Contest-crazed twelve-year-old Ben uses his wits and way with words in hopes of winning a prize that will keep his family from being evicted until his mother can pass her final CPA examination. RL 4.7, L 790 (Realistic Fiction)



**Portraits of Hispanic American Heroes** by Juan Felipe Herrera

Twenty Hispanic American artists, scientists, athletes, activists and political leaders are profiled in this picture book, complete with inspirational quotes and distinctive expressionist portraits. RL 7.7 (Nonfiction)



**Fish in a Tree** by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is, because she still doesn't know how to read. RL 3.7, L 550 (Realistic Fiction)



**Roller Girl** by Victoria Jamieson

A graphic novel adventure about a girl who discovers roller derby, right as she and her best friend are growing apart. RL 3.2, L 440 (Realistic Fiction)



### **The Terrible Two** by Jory John and Mac Barnett

When master prankster Miles Murphy moves to sleepy Yawnee Valley, he challenges the local, mystery prankster in an epic battle of tricks, but soon the two join forces to pull off the biggest prank ever seen. RL 4.5, L 620 (Humorous Fiction)



### **Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer** by Kelly Jones

Through a series of letters, Sophie Brown, age twelve, tells of her family's move to her Great Uncle Jim's farm, where she begins taking care of some unusual chickens with help from neighbors and friends. RL 5.2, L 880 (Realistic Fiction)



### **Half a World Away** by Cynthia Kadohata

Twelve-year-old Jaden, an emotionally damaged adopted boy fascinated by electricity, feels a connection to a small, weak toddler with special needs in Kazakhstan, where Jaden's family is trying to adopt a "normal" baby. RL 4.7, L 670 (Realistic Fiction)



### **Masterminds** by Gordon Korman

A group of kids discovers they were cloned from the DNA of some of the greatest criminal masterminds in history for a sociological experiment. RL 5.2, L 730 (Mystery/Adventure)



### **Rain Reign** by Ann M. Martin

Rose Howard is obsessed with homonyms, which is why she named her stray dog Rain, a name with two homonyms, which makes the name very special in Rose's mind. After recovering Rain from being lost in a severe thunderstorm, she discovers Rain has an implanted microchip and must face losing the dog once again. RL 4.3, L 720 (Realistic Fiction)



### **The Red Pencil** by Andrea Davis Pickney

After her tribal village is attacked by militants, Amira, a young Sudanese girl, must flee to safety at a refugee camp, where she finds hope and the chance to pursue an education in the form of a single red pencil and the friendship and encouragement of a wise elder. RL 4.2, L 620 (Poetry/Historical Fiction)



### **Fuzzy Mud** by Louis Sachar

Two middle-grade kids take a shortcut home from school and discover what looks like fuzzy mud but is actually a substance with the potential to wreak havoc on the entire world. RL 5, L 700 (Science Fiction)



### **The Marvels** by Brian Selznick

In 1766, a boy, Billy Marvel, is shipwrecked, rescued, and goes on to found a brilliant family of actors that flourishes in London until 1900. Nearly a century later, Joseph Jervis, runs away from home, seeking refuge with his uncle in London, and is captivated by the Marvel house, with its portraits and ghostly presences. RL 4.6, L 770 (Contemporary Fiction)



### **Appleblossom the Possum** by Holly Goldberg Sloan

A young possum strikes out on her own and winds up trapped in a human house before her brothers can rescue her. RL 4.7, L 720 (Fantasy)



## Additional Resources

Georgia Children's Book Awards - <http://gcba.coe.uga.edu/>

Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl - <http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/hrrb/>