



# Georgia Chapter Book Award Nominees

2014-2015



## **The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp** by Kathi Appelt

Twelve-year-old Chap Brayburn, ancient Sugar Man, and his raccoon-brother Swamp Scouts Bingo and J'miah try to save Bayou Tourterelle from feral pigs Clydine and Buzzie, greedy Sunny Boy Beaucoup, and world-class alligator wrestler and would-be land developer Jaeger Stitch. RL 5.4



## **Sarafina's Promise** by Ann Burg

In a poor village outside of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Serafina works hard to help her family, but dreams of going to school and becoming a doctor--then the earthquake hits and Serafina must summon all her courage to find her father and still get medicine for her sick baby brother as she promised. RL 3.6



## **The Cheshire Cheese Cat: A Dickens of a Tale** by Carmen Agra Deedy

Mice and a cheese-loving cat form an unlikely alliance at London's Cheshire Cheese, where Queen Victoria visits. RL 5.1



## **Mountain Dog** by Margarita Engle

When his mother is sent to jail in Los Angeles, eleven-year-old Tony goes to live with his forest ranger great-uncle in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, where Tony experiences unconditional love for the first time through his friendship with a rescue dog. RL 5.9



## **Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25** by Richard Paul Evans

To everyone at Meridian High School, fourteen-year-old Michael Vey is nothing special, just the kid who has Tourette's syndrome. But in truth, Michael is extremely special--he has electric powers. RL 3.5



## **Twerp** by Mark Goldblatt

In Queens, New York, in 1969, twelve-year-old Julian Twerski writes a journal for his English teacher in which he explores his friendships and how they are affected by girls, a new student who may be as fast as Julian, and especially an incident of bullying. RL 4.5



## **Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library** by Chris Grabenstein

Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape. RL 4.5



## **Chomp** By Carl Hiaassen

When a reality TV star disappears while filming in the Florida Everglades, Wahoo and classmate Tuna try to find him while avoiding Tuna's gun-happy father. RL 5.2



## **One for the Murphys** by Lynda Hunt

After heartbreaking betrayal, Carley lives with a foster family and struggles with opening herself up to their love. RL 3.4



## **Ungifted** by Gordon Korman

Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted & talented students, after pulling a major prank at his school. RL 5.2



**Eight Keys** by Suzanne LaFleur

When Elise, 12, orphaned since age nine, becomes disheartened by middle school's challenges, keys to long-locked rooms and messages from her late father help her cope. RL 3.8



**Lions of Little Rock** by Kristin Levine

In 1958 Little Rock, Arkansas, shy Marlee's family divides over school integration, but a new friend helps her find her voice and fight racism. RL 4.1



**March: Book 1** by John Lewis

A vivid first-hand account of John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation. (Graphic Novel)



**The Boy in the Wooden Box** by Leon Leyson

A remarkable memoir from Leon Leyson, one of the youngest children to survive the Holocaust on Oskar Schindler's list. RL 7.0



**The False Prince** by Jennifer Nielsen

In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman puts four orphans in a brutal competition so one can impersonate the king's long-missing son to avoid a civil war. RL 5.1



**Lincoln's Grave Robbers** by Steve Sheinkin

When counterfeiter Benjamin Boyd is arrested, members of his ring hatch a plot to steal Abraham Lincoln's body to demand Boyd's release and a ransom. RL 6.6



**Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin** by Liesl Shurtliff

Relates the tale of Rumpelstiltskin's childhood and youth, explaining why his name is so important, how he is able to spin straw into gold, and why a first-born child is his reward for helping the miller's daughter-turned-queen. RL 4.4



**Counting by 7's** by Holly Sloan

Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident. RL 5.6



**Three Times Lucky** by Sheila Turnage

Mo, 11, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel and his cook, Miss Lana, are implicated in a murder. RL 3.9



**Navigating Early** by Clare Vanderpool

Odyssey-like adventure of two boys' incredible quest on the Appalachian Trail where they deal with pirates, buried secrets, and extraordinary encounters. RL 5.2

## Additional Resources



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

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