# Georgia *Chapter* Book Award Nominees

2012-2013

# **Ashes by Kathryn Lasky**

In 1932 Berlin, 13-year-old Gaby Schramm witnesses the beginning of Hitler's rise to power and how it changes people around her.

### Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading by Tommy Greenwald

Middle schooler Charlie Joe is proud of his success at avoiding reading, but eventually his schemes go too far.

#### Close to Famous by Joan Bauer

Foster McFee, 12, and her mother escape from her mother's abusive boyfriend and end up in Culpepper, West Virginia, where they use their strengths and challenge themselves to build a new life.

## **Crunch by Leslie Connor**

Fourteen-year-old Dewey tries to be responsible by managing the family bicycle repair shop while sharing household and farm duties with his siblings when their parents are stranded far from home.

#### Dark Life by Kat Falls

When fifteen-year-old Ty, who has always lived on the ocean floor, joins Topside girl Gemma in the frontier's underworld to seek and stop outlaws who threaten his home, they learn that the government may pose an even greater threat.

#### Fish by Gregory Mone

Eleven-year-old Fish, seeking a way to help his family financially, becomes a reluctant cabin boy on a pirate ship, where he soon makes friends--and enemies--and is asked to help decipher clues that might lead to a legendary treasure.

#### Great Wall of Lucy Wu by Wendy Shang

Eleven-year-old aspiring basketball star and interior designer Lucy Wu finally has her own bedroom, until her great-aunt visits and has to share her room for several months.

#### **Grimm Legacy by Polly Shulman**

New York high schooler Elizabeth gets a job at the "New-York Circulating Material Repository," and with access to its Grimm Collection of magical objects, she and coworkers have frightening adventures with mythical creatures and stolen goods.

#### Hero by Mike Lupica

Zach, 14, learns he has the same special abilities as his father, who was the President's troubleshooter until "the Bads" killed him, and now he must decide whether to use his powers in the same way.

#### **Kick by Walter Dean Myers**

Told in their separate voices, soccer star Kevin and police sergeant Brown, who knew his father, try to keep Kevin out of juvenile hall after his arrest.

#### **Limit by Kristen Landon**

When his family exceeds its legal debt limit, Matt, 13, is sent to the Federal Debt Rehabilitation Agency workhouse, where illicit activities occur using the children who have been placed there.

#### **Luck of the Buttons by Anne Ylvisaker**

In Iowa, Tugs vows to change her family's luck with a Brownie camera and a small-town mystery that only she can solve.

#### Milo by Alan Silberberg

In love with the girl on whom he sneezed on the first day of school and best pals with Marshall, the "One Eyed Jack" of friends, seventh-grader Milo Cruikshank misses his mother whose death has changed everything at home.

#### My Life in Pink and Green by Lisa Greenwald

When the family's drugstore is failing, seventh-grader Lucy uses her problem solving talents to come up with a solution that might resuscitate the business, along with helping the environment.

#### **Ninth Ward by Jewell Parker**

In New Orleans' Ninth Ward, 12-year-old Lanesha, who can see spirits, and her adopted grandmother have to weather the storm as Hurricane Katrina arrives.

#### Rock and the River by Kekla Magoon

In 1968 Chicago, 14-year-old Sam Childs is caught in a conflict between his father's nonviolent approach to seeking civil rights and his older brother, who has joined the Black Panther Party.

#### Secret Alliance and the Copycat Crook by Eleanor Davis

Julian Calendar thought he could leave his "nerdy" persona at his old school, but instead joins with other inventors and works with them to prevent an adult from using one of their gadgets for evil.

#### Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer L. Holm

In 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who hates children, 11-year-old Turtle is sent to relatives she has never met in Key West, Florida.

#### Wild Things by Clay Carmichael

Stubborn, self-reliant, 11-year-old Zoe, recently orphaned, moves to the country to live with her prickly half-uncle and together they learn about trust and the strength of family.

# **Words in the Dust by Trent Reedy**

Zulaikha, a 13-year-old Afghan, faces a series of daring changes in her life as she secretly learns to read, her older sister gets married, and American troops offer her surgery to fix her cleft lip.

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