

Staff Picks



2012 to 2013 Rosie Nominees Part 1

A winner for 2011-12 hasn't yet been announced, but nominees for the 2012-13 Eliot Rosewater Indiana High School Book Award have! In this first booklist, we'll look at half of the new nominees, and come back soon to the other half!

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Bruiser

Neal Shusterman Y - Shuster

Brewster is very careful about whom he allows into his life, because everyone he cares for causes him great pain. So when Bronte decides to take him on as a project and notices the bruises on his body, he has decide how far to let her in.



Coming Back Stronger: Unleashing the Hidden Power of Adversity

Drew Brees 796.33292 Brees

Drew Brees is more than a hero; he's a Saint. He is the miracle quarterback who recovered from a serious shoulder injury to lead the New Orleans Saints to their first ever Superbowl Victory! Discover the story behind the rebuilding of a team, a city, a life.



Dirty Little Secrets

C.J. Omololu Y Omololu

When your house is filled with your mother's collections, and you barely have room to exist, how do you hold your own at school and maintain a normal public image? Lucy has learned to take care of herself and hide her home life from her friends because of her mentally ill mother's hoarding and neglect.



Five Flavors of Dumb

Antony John Y John

After Piper learns that her parents have spent her college fund on a cochlear implant for her baby sister, she becomes the manager of a local band to earn some cash. Some people might think it is strange that a deaf girl is the manager of a band, but Piper has bigger things to worry about. Like the fact that the band only knows three songs and never really learned how to play their instruments.



Hold Me Closer, Necromancer

Lish McBride Y McBride

After he and his friends anger the local alpha necromancer, smart-mouthed underachiever Sam learns that he has creepy but cool powers. Now he must learn about his past and the supernatural community (including the very hot werewolf girl) of which he's now a member, and learn to utilize his powers in time to stop the bad guy. His friends and a wisecracking dead girl help out in this novel that's equal parts horror and humor.



Incarceron

Catherine Fisher Y Fisher

Three years ago Finn woke up in Incarceron, a specially designed prison for criminals and the rebels of the last war. It was supposed to be a paradise that offered the hope of rehabilitation, instead it has degenerated into a nightmare. Finn has no memory. He doesn't even know why he was sent to Incarceron, but when he is offered the chance to escape he decides he must take it.



Lost

Jacqueline Davies Y Davies

Essie lives a tough life in poverty with her widowed mother, little sister, and brother in the lower east side of Manhattan in the early 1900's. Although she works long hours at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory and must deal with an unhappy mother, she experiences joy through designing beautiful hats and doting on her spirited, little sister. Essie forms a friendship with a mysterious coworker, Harriet, and she develops a secret love from afar for her neighbor, an aspiring lawyer. The story alternates between the tragedies of Essie's family and the disappearance of a wealthy socialite. Lost weaves together elements of mystery, romance, and psychological drama.



Matched

Ally Condie Y Condie

Series: Matched Trilogy

In Society everything is chosen for you based on your own personal statistics; they tell you what to eat and how much, they tell you where to work, what to learn, and they also tell you who to marry. Cassia Reyes is overjoyed when she finds out her Match is her best friend Xander, but when the face on the Match microcard she was given is not Xander's, Cassia begins to doubt who she is and who she should be with.



Pop

Gordon Korman Y Korman

While practicing football, new boy Marcus meets Charlie Popovich, a former NFL linebacker. Charlie and his family have a secret that Marcus is suddenly exposed to. Will Marcus be able to protect Charlie or will his terrible secret be exposed?



The Demon King

Cinda Williams Chima Y Chima

Series: Seven Realms

Street gang leader Han Alister struggles to earn a living for himself, his mother, and his little sister. The only things of value he possesses are magicked silver cuffs that can't be removed. The more he learns about his past--and his unique gifts--the more mysteries he unearths. Meanwhile, Princess Raisa wants the freedom to make her own decisions but, as the heir to the Grey Wolf throne, she faces pressure to submit to expectations. When Han and Raisa meet, they embark on a path that will change both their lives.



The Last Thing I Remember

Andrew Klavan Y Klavan

Series: Homelanders

Waking up, Charlie West finds himself strapped to a chair with no memory of how he got there or of his identity. In addition, he wonders why the men in the other room are ordering his execution?



The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates

Wes Moore 921 Moore

What makes our fortunes? Rhodes scholar, Wes Moore, explores the differences between his life and the life of another Wes Moore, also the son of a single mother in urban Baltimore, who

ends up serving a life sentence in prison.
