



In the Name of God
by Paula Jolin

Determined to follow the laws of the Qur'an, Nadia becomes involved in a violent revolutionary movement aimed at supporting Muslim rule in Syria and opposing the Western politics and materialism that increasingly affect her family.



Thirteen Reasons Why: A Novel
by Jay Asher

When high school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail with thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, he spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night listening to Hannah's voice recounting events leading to her suicide.

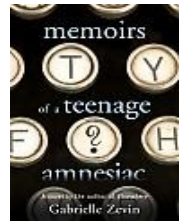
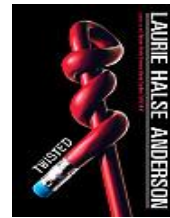
Mad Kestrel
by Misty Massey

Kestrel, born with magical powers, escapes to safety as a pirate and sails the seas as she is hunted by the Danisoban and finds herself on a quest to rescue her captain despite the mysterious rogue captain of the black ship.



Twisted
by Laurie Halse Anderson

Finally getting noticed by someone other than school bullies and his ever-angry father, Tyler enjoys his tough new reputation and the attentions of a popular girl, but when life starts to go bad, he must choose between transforming himself or giving in to his destructive thoughts.



Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac
by Gabrielle Zevin

After a fall Naomi realizes she has lost her memory. While her best friend, Will, helps her fill in the missing pages, she finds herself reassessing every aspect of her life.

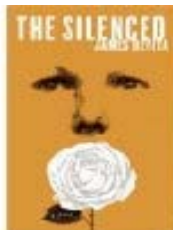


Wake
by Lisa McMann

Since she was young, Janie has been drawn into other people's dreams, but it is not until she befriends a nursing home patient and becomes involved with an intriguing fellow-student that she discovers her true power.

The Silenced
by James DeVita

Confined to a prison-like Youth Training Facility because of her parents' political activities, Marena organizes a resistance movement to combat the restrictive policies of the ruling Zero Tolerance party.



Yellow Flag
by Robert Lipsyte

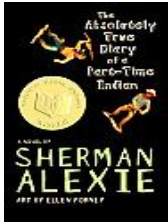
When Kyle reluctantly succumbs to family pressure and replaces his injured brother in the family racecar, he struggles to keep up with his trumpet playing while deciding how he can continue playing with the brass quintet and headlining as a Nascar driver.



South Carolina Young Adult Book Award Nominees



2009-2010



The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian
by Sherman Alexie

Junior, a budding cartoonist, leaves his troubled school and best friend on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white school where the only Indian is the school mascot.



Blood Brothers
by S.A. Harazin

With his best friend on life-support, Clay recalls their long friendship and recent disagreement, while trying to unravel the mysteries surrounding his friend's accidental overdose.

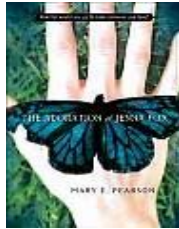


Evolution, Me & Other Freaks of Nature
by Robin Brande

Following her conscience, Mena goes against the teachings of her conservative Christian background when she stands up for a teacher who refuses to include "Intelligent Design" in lessons on evolution.

The Adoration of Jenna Fox
by Mary E. Pearson

In the not-too-distant future, when biotechnology has made synthetic bodies and brains possible but illegal, seventeen-year-old Jenna learns a startling secret about her existence.



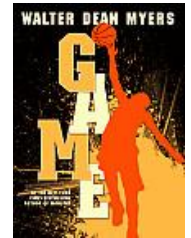
The Circle of Blood: A Forensic Mystery
by Alane Ferguson

Cameryn Mahoney uses her knowledge of forensic medicine to investigate the death of a young runaway and worries that her mother's secretive behavior may mean she is somehow involved.



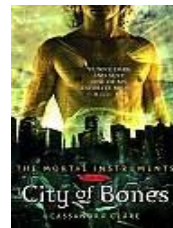
Game
by Walter Dean Myers

High school senior, Drew Larson counting on basketball to get him into college and out of Harlem struggles to keep his cool when the coach brings in two white players and puts them in positions that clearly threaten Drew's game.



Beanball
by Gene Fehler

When the talented high school athlete, Luke "Wizard" Wallace, is critically injured by a fastball in the biggest game of the season, his life and the lives of his teammates change forever.



City of Bones
by Cassandra Clare

Fifteen-year-old Clary's mundane life turns upside down when she begins seeing demons and is taken in by the Shadowhunters, who are as astonished by her newfound abilities as she is.



Good Enough
by Paula Yoo

A Korean American teenager tries to please her parents by getting into an Ivy League college, but a new guy at her school and her love of the violin tempt her in new directions.

Big Fat Manifesto
by Susan Vaught

High school senior Jamie tries to win a college scholarship by sharing her experiences as the "fat girl" in today's appearance-obsessed culture, but as she opens her life to the criticism of her classmates and the media, she wonders if she is truly honest with herself.



Enter Three Witches: A Story of Macbeth
by Caroline B. Cooney

When her father betrays the Scottish king and is hung as a traitor, Lady Mary loses her only true protector and is locked away in the tower by the powerful and deadly Lord and Lady Macbeth.



Gym Candy
by Carl Deuker

Pressured by his father to be a star football player, Mick Johnson works hard for a spot on the varsity team his freshman year and desperately tries to hold his edge by using steroids, despite the consequences to his health and social life.

