

New Moon

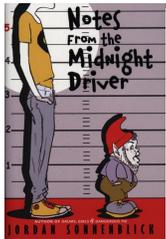
by Stephenie Meyer



When the Cullens, including her beloved Edward, leave Forks rather than risk revealing that they are vampires, 18-year-old Bella finds it almost too much to bear, but she finds solace in her friend Jacob until he is drawn into a "cult" and changes in terrible ways.

Notes from the Midnight Driver

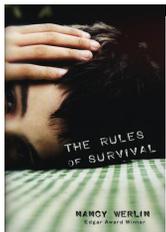
by Jordan Sonnenblick



After being assigned to perform community service at a nursing home, sixteen-year-old Alex befriends a cantankerous old man who has some lessons to impart about jazz guitar playing, love, and forgiveness.

The Rules of Survival

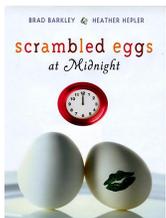
by Nancy Werlin



Seventeen-year-old Matthew recounts his attempts, starting at a young age, to free himself and his sisters from the grip of their emotionally and physically abusive mother.

Scrambled Eggs at Midnight

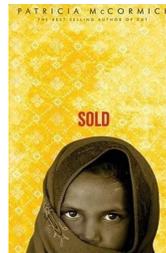
by Brad Barkley & Heather Hepler



Calliope and Eliot, two fifteen-year-olds in Asheville, North Carolina, begin to acknowledge some unpleasant truths about their parents and form their own ideas about love.

Sold

by Patricia McCormick



Desperately poor thirteen-year-old Lakshmi lives in a small hut in Nepal where her life is full of simple pleasures until her father says she must leave home and take a job to support her family.

Trigger

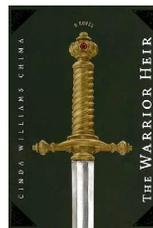
by Susan Vaught



Teenager Jersey Hatch must piece his life back together after he tries to shoot himself in the head, and as he rebuilds his mind and his body, he learns some surprising truths about his former life.

The Warrior Heir

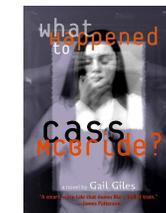
by Cinda Williams Chima



After learning about his magical ancestry and his own warrior powers, sixteen-year-old Jack embarks on a training program to fight enemy wizards.

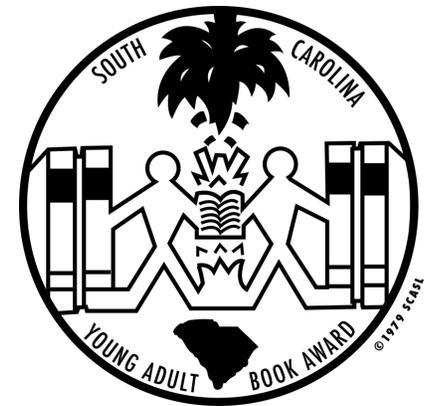
What Happened to Cass McBride?

By Gail Giles



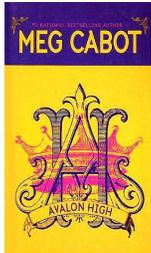
After his younger brother commits suicide, Kyle Kirby decides to exact revenge on the person he holds responsible.

South Carolina Young Adult Book Award Nominees



2008-2009

Avalon High
By Meg Cabot



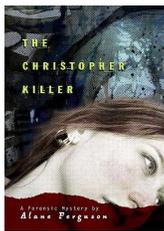
Having moved to Annapolis, Maryland, with her medievalist parents, high school junior Ellie enrolls at Avalon High School where several students may or may not be reincarnations of King Arthur and his court.

Bad Kitty
By Michele Jaffe



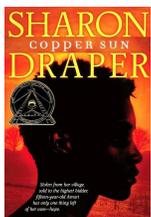
While vacationing with her family in Las Vegas, seventeen-year-old Jasmine stumbles upon a murder mystery that she attempts to solve with the help of her friends, who recently arrived from California.

The Christopher Killer
By Alane Ferguson



On the payroll as an assistant to her coroner father, seventeen-year-old Cameryn Mahoney uses her knowledge of forensic medicine to catch the killer of a friend while putting herself in terrible danger.

Copper Sun
By Sharon Draper



Two fifteen-year-old girls--one a slave and the other an indentured servant--escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to Fort Moses, Florida, a Spanish colony that gives sanctuary to slaves.

Dairy Queen
By Catherine Gilbert Murdock



A self-proclaimed jock, 15-year-old D.J. Schwenk has no regrets about living her life on her family's farm until her father is injured and the work becomes her responsibility even after the coach sends the rival high school quarterback to help out.

Dead Connection
By Charlie Price



A loner who communes with the dead in the town cemetery hears the voice of a murdered cheerleader and tries to convince the adults that he knows what happened to her.

Doppelganger
By David Stahler, Jr.



When a 16-year-old member of a race of shape-shifting killers called doppelgangers assumes the life of a troubled teen, he becomes unexpectedly embroiled in human life--and it is nothing like what he has seen on TV.

Firestorm
By David Klass



After learning that he has been sent from the future for a special purpose, eighteen-year-old Jack receives help from an unusual dog and a shape-shifting female fighter.

Hit the Road
By Caroline B. Cooney



Sixteen-year-old Brittany acts as chauffeur for her grandmother and three other eighty-plus-year-old women going to what is supposedly their college reunion, on a long drive that involves lies, theft, and kidnappings.

Life As We Knew It
By Susan Beth Pfeffer



Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

Monkey Town: The Summer of the Scopes Trial
By Ronald Kidd



15-year-old Frances has to rethink many of her beliefs about religion & truth, and even her relationship with her father, when he becomes involved in a publicity scheme involving a teacher who teaches evolution.

The Nature of Jade
by Deb Caletti



High school senior Jade's life is defined by her anxiety disorder and dysfunctional family, until she spies a mysterious boy with a baby that seems to share her draw to the elephants at a nearby zoo.