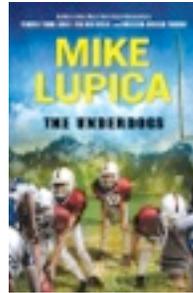


**Small as an Elephant by Jennifer Richard Jacobson**  
Abandoned by his mother in an Acadia National Park campground, Jack tries to make his way back to Boston before anyone figures out what is going on, with only a small toy elephant for company

**The Underdogs by Mike Lupica**  
Small but fast twelve-year-old Will Tyler, an avid football player in the down-and-out town of Forbes, Pennsylvania, takes matters into his own hands to try and finance the city's football team, giving the whole community hope in the process.



**Waiting to Forget by Sheila Kelly Welch**



T.J. has always been protective of his little sister, Angela, taking care of her when they were left alone and when their mother's boyfriend would get angry. While in a foster home, T.J. was the only one who could get Angela out of her bad moods and who understood why she made origami paper cranes and threw them out the window. When a fall lands Angela unconscious in a hospital, T.J. thinks about his life and Angela's future.

**Wild Life by Cynthia C. DeFelice**

Being sent to stay with grandparents he hardly knows is hard enough for twelve-year-old Eric, whose parents are deployed to Iraq, but his grandfather's hostility and the threat of losing the dog he rescues causes Eric to run away.



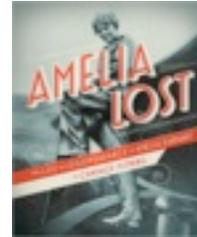
**A World without Heroes by Brandon Mull**

Fourteen-year-old Jason Walker is transported to a strange world called Lyrian, where he joins Rachel and a few rebels to piece together the Word that can destroy the malicious wizard emperor, Surroth.

**Students:**

To be eligible to vote for your favorite book, you must read at least **three** of the nominee titles by 1/31/2014. Voting takes place in early February. For more information about the SC Book Awards program, see a library staff member.

# South Carolina Junior Book Award Nominees 2013-2014

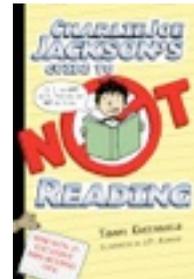
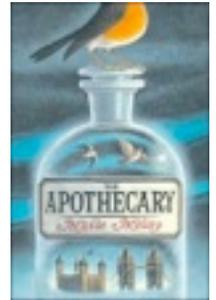


**Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by Candace Fleming**

In alternating chapters – including incredible photos, maps and handwritten notes from Amelia herself - readers move back and forth between Amelia's life (from childhood up until her last flight) and the exhaustive search for her and her missing plane.

**The Apothecary by Maile Meloy**

Fourteen-year-old Janie Scott, newly arrived in London from Los Angeles in 1952, becomes friends with a mysterious apothecary and his son, Benjamin Burrows, and is drawn into a dangerous adventure with Benjamin when his father is kidnapped and Russian spies try to steal his book of secrets.



**Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading by Tom Greenwald**

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

**Chomp by Carl Hiaasen**

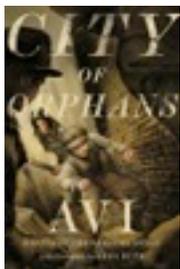
The difficult star of the reality television show, "Expedition Survival," disappears on location in the Florida Everglades, where they were filming animals from the wildlife refuge run by Wahoo Crane's family, and Wahoo and classmate Tuna Gordon set out to find him, but they must avoid Tuna's gun-happy father.



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**City of Orphans by Avi**

In 1893 New York, thirteen-year-old Maks, a newsboy, teams up with Willa, a homeless girl, to clear his older sister, Emma, from charges that she stole from the brand new Waldorf Hotel, where she works.

**The Fourth Stall by Chris Rylander**

Sixth-graders Mac and Vince operate a business in the school's bathroom, charging schoolmates for protection from bullies and for help to negotiate conflicts peacefully, with amazing challenges and results.



**Ghetto Cowboy by Greg Neri**

Twelve-year-old Cole's behavior causes his mother to drive him to Philadelphia to live with a father he has never known, but who soon has Cole involved with African-American "cowboys" who rescue horses and use them to steer youths away from drugs and gangs.



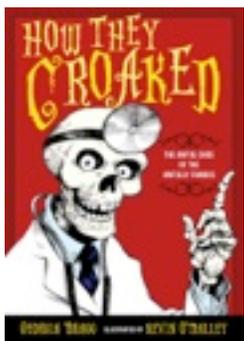
**Hidden by Helen Frost**

Years after Darra Monson's father stole a minivan with Wren Abbott hiding in the back, the girls come face to face at summer camp and together they try to work through what happened to them and the impact it had on their lives.



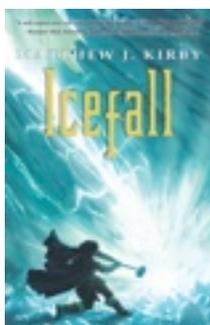
**How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous by Georgia Bragg**

This fascinating collection of remarkable deaths relays all the gory details of how 19 world figures gave up the ghost, including King Tut, Julius Caesar, George Washington, Edgar Allan Poe, and Henry VIII.



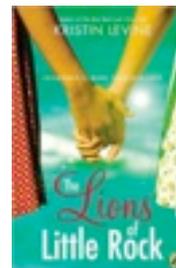
**Icefall by Matthew J. Kirby**

Princess Solveig and her siblings are trapped in a hidden fortress tucked between towering mountains and a frozen fjord, along with her best friend and an army of restless soldiers, all awaiting news of the king's victory in battle. But there is a traitor lurks in their midst



**Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Sims Levine**

Twelve-year-old Marlee develops a strong friendship with Liz, the new girl in school, but when Liz suddenly stops attending school and Marlee hears a rumor that Liz is actually an African American girl passing herself off as white, the two young girls must decide whether their friendship is worth taking on the dangers it could bring to their families.



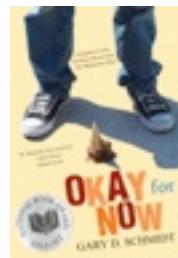
**Notes from an Accidental Band Geek by Erin Dionne**

French horn virtuoso Elsie Wyatt resents having to join her high school's marching band playing a melliphone, but she finds a sense of belonging that transcends the pressure to be as good as her father, principal French horn player in the Boston Symphony Orchestra.



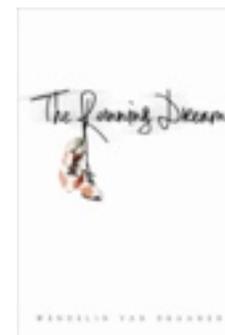
**Okay for Now by Gary D. Schmidt**

Fourteen-year-old Doug Swietek faces many challenges, including an abusive father, a brother traumatized by Vietnam, suspicious teachers and police officers, and isolation, but when he meets a girl known as Lil Spicer, they find a safe place at the local library.



**The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen**

When a school bus accident leaves sixteen-year-old Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb and her track team finds a way to help rekindle her dream of running again.



**Saint Louis Armstrong Beach by Brenda A. Woods**

A budding musician named Saint, who earns money playing clarinet for the New Orleans tourists, refuses to leave the city after the hurricane until he can find his best friend Shadow.

