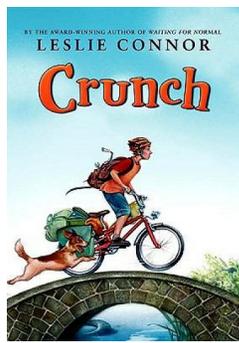


# South Carolina Junior Book Award Nominees 2012-2013



## Camo Girl Kekla Magoon

Ella has a skin condition that causes light and dark splotches across her body, which has made going to sixth grade difficult for her. When she has a chance to be popular, will she dump her long-time friend Z? Lexile 600

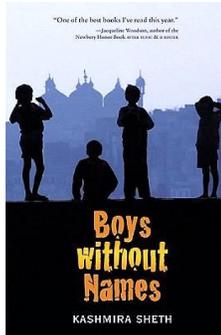


## Crunch Leslie Connor

When his parents are stranded in another state, fourteen-year-old Dewey tries to manage the family's bicycle repair business, the family farm, his brothers and sisters, and, a thief! Lexile 490

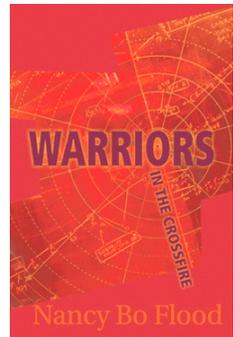
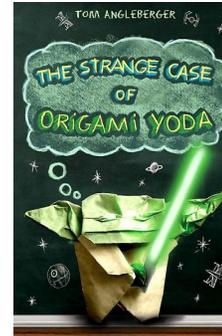
## Boys Without Names Kashmira Sheth

Eleven-year-old Gopal and his family leave their rural Indian village to live with his uncle in Mumbai, but when they arrive, his father goes missing and Gopal ends up locked in a sweatshop from which there is no escape. Lexile 670



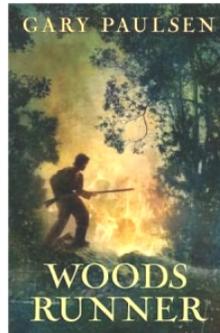
## The Strange Case of Origami Yoda Tom Angleberger

Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. Includes instructions for making Origami Yoda. Lexile 760



## Warriors in the Crossfire Nancy Bo Flood

Joseph, living on the island of Saipan during World War II, learns what it means to be a warrior as he and his family struggle to survive in the face of impending invasion. Lexile 560



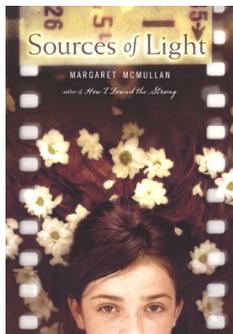
## Woods Runner Gary Paulsen

After most of his community was slaughtered, thirteen-year-old Samuel, sets out from his 1776 Pennsylvania home toward New York City to rescue his parents from the band of British soldiers and Native Americans who kid-napped them. Lexile 870



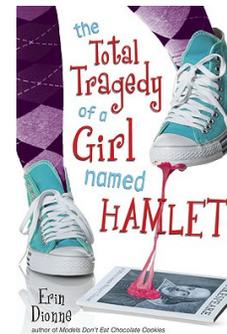
## Sources of Light Margaret McMullan

In 1962, a year after the death of Sam's father, she and her mother move to Jackson, Mississippi, where their liberal views cause trouble when they confront racism and social injustice. Lexile 840

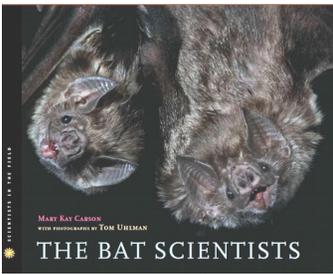


## The Total Tragedy of a Girl Named Hamlet Erin Dionne

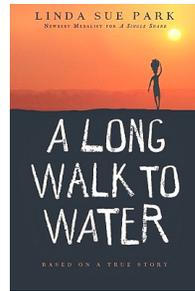
Hamlet's attempts to be a "normal" eighth grader become increasingly difficult when her genius seven-year-old sister and her eccentric Shakespearean scholar parents both begin to attend her school. Lexile 750



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**The Bat Scientists**  
Mary Kay Carson  
Bats are dying from the loss of habitat and white-nose syndrome. Find out what is being done to save them.  
Lexile 1010



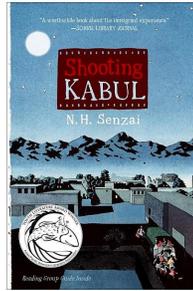
**A Long Walk to Water**  
Linda Sue Park  
When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven. Based on a true story.  
Lexile 720



**Saving Sky**  
Diane Stanley  
Sky Brightman is living happily off the grid on sixty acres in New Mexico, and her family has no television or Internet to bring her news of the war going on in the United States. She is forced to face reality when her friend Kareem is unjustly arrested.  
Lexile 620

**Shooting Kabul**  
N. H. Senzai

Twelve-year-old Fadi's family illegally left Afghanistan for the U.S., but in the chaos of their departure Fadi's six-year-old sister got lost in the crowd—and was left behind. Fadi enters a contest in hopes the prize will finally help him find his sister and bring her home.  
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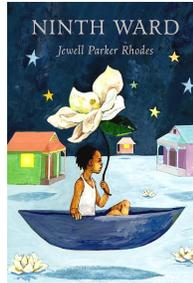
**Hero**

Mike Lupica  
Fourteen-year-old Zach learns he has the same special abilities as his father, who was the president's globe-trotting trouble-shooter until "the Bads" killed him, and now Zach must decide whether to use his powers in the same way at the risk of his own life.  
Lexile 730



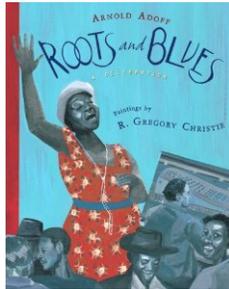
**Ninth Ward**

Jewell Parker Rhodes  
Twelve-year-old Laneshia lives in New Orleans' Ninth Ward with Mama Ya-Ya, her fiercely loving caretaker. When Mama Ya-Ya's visions show a powerful hurricane—Katrina—fast approaching, it's up to Laneshia to call upon the hope and strength Mama Ya-Ya has given her to help them both survive the storm.  
Lexile 470



**Roots and Blues: A Celebration**

Arnold Adoff  
Lyrical text explores how Blues have been part of everyday life throughout history, from its origins in the sounds of the earth, through slaves' voices singing of freedom, to today's greatest performers—and listeners.



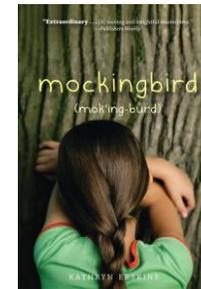
**Is it Night or Day?**

Fern Schumer Chapman  
This historical novel about "immigration and survival" is based on the true events connected to the One Thousand Children project that sought to rescue young boys and girls from the Nazi Holocaust from 1938 to 1942.  
Lexile 810



**Mockingbird**  
Kathryn Erskine

Ten-year-old Caitlin, who has Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to understand emotions and make friends, while learning how to find closure after her brother is killed in a school shooting.  
Lexile 630



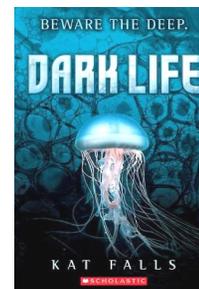
**Grimm Legacy**  
Polly Shulman

New York high school student Elizabeth gets an after-school job as a page at the "New-York Circulating Material Repository," and when she gains coveted access to its Grimm Collection of magical objects, she and the other pages are drawn into a series of frightening adventures involving mythical creatures and stolen goods.  
Lexile 600



**Dark Life**  
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.  
Lexile 690



**Mamba Point**  
Kurtis Scaletta

Twelve-year-old Linus hopes that spending a summer in Liberia where his dad has a job at the American embassy will give him a chance to take on a cooler, more adventurous persona. However, no one could predict that Linus would develop a mystical personal connection with a poisonous black mamba snake and cause a life-threatening calamity.

