

# Georgia *Chapter Book* Award Nominees

2018-2019



## **Fred Korematsu Speaks Up** by Laura Akins

The story of Fred Korematsu's fight against discrimination explores the life of one courageous person who made the United States a fairer place for all Americans, and it encourages all of us to speak up for justice. (Biography)



## **How Lunchbox Jones Saved Me from Robots, Traitors, and Missy the Cruel**

by Jennifer Brown

Luke Abbott's school is the losing-est school in the history of losing. And that's just fine for him. He'd rather be at home playing video games and avoiding his older brother Rob and the Greatest Betrayal of All Time. But now he's being forced to join the robotics team, where surely he'll help uphold the school's losing streak. RL 4.9, L 750 (Humorous Fiction)



## **The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora** by LePablo Cartaya

Save the restaurant. Save the town. Get the girl. Make Abuela proud. Can thirteen-year-old Arturo Zamora do it all or is he in for a BIG, EPIC FAIL? RL 5, L 750 (Realistic Fiction)



## **The Many Worlds of Albi Bright** by Christopher Edge

When Albie's mother dies from cancer, his father explains that she may be alive in a parallel universe, so he decides to universe-hop and find her with the help of a banana, a laptop, and a box. RL 6.2, L 960 (Adventure/Science Fiction)



## **We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement that Defied**

**Adolf Hitler** by Russell Freedman

The true story of the White Rose, a group of students in Nazi Germany who were active undercover agents of the resistance movement against Hitler and his regime. RL 7.7, L 630 (Narrative Nonfiction)



## **Refugee** by Alan Gratz

Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1954; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together. RL 5.3, L 800 (Adventure/Historical Fiction)



## **The End of the Wild** by Nicole Helget

Eleven-year-old Fern helps to take care of her impoverished family by foraging for food in the forest, but when a fracking company rolls into town, she realizes that her peaceful woods and her family's livelihood could be threatened. RL 4 (Realistic Fiction)














## **The Van Gough Deception** by Deron R. Hicks

When a young boy is discovered in Washington, DC's National Gallery of Art without any recollection of who he is, he must piece together the disjointed clues of his origins while using his limited knowledge to stop one of the greatest art frauds ever attempted. RL 5.4 L 750 (Mystery)



## **The Quest to the Uncharted Lands** by Jaleigh Johnson

Stella's parents are on the first expedition to the uncharted lands of Solace, but Stella doesn't want to be left behind. Stowing away aboard the ship, she finds a mysterious boy who is also hiding, and he's keeping a very big secret. She must decide whether to trust him or risk the fate of the expedition. RL 5.9, L 830 (Adventure/Fantasy)

-  **Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March**  
by Lynda Blackmon Lowery, Elspeth Leacock, Susan Buckley  
As we reach the 50th anniversary of the historic Selma voting rights marches, an eye-opening first-person account from the youngest marcher there. RL 5.1, L 780 (Memoir)
-  **Click Here to Start** by Denis Markell  
When Ted inherits his uncle's apartment "and all the treasure within," he realizes the apartment is set up like a real-life video game and must solve the puzzles with his friends to discover the treasure. RL 4.5 L 670 (Mystery)
-  **Matylda, Bright and Tender** by Holly M. McGhee  
Explores the loss that shakes one girl's world--and the unexpected consequences of the things we do for love. RL 4.2 (Realistic Fiction)
-  **Ghost** by Jason Reynolds  
Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential. RL 4.6 L 730 (Fiction)
-  **Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team** by Steve Sheinkin  
A great American sport and Native American history come together in this true story of how Jim Thorpe and Pop Warner created the legendary Carlisle Indians football team. RL 6.8, L 980 (Narrative Nonfiction)
-  **Hoodoo** by Ronald Smith  
In 1930s Alabama, twelve-year-old Hoodoo Hatcher is the only member of his family who seems unable to practice folk magic, but when a mysterious man called the Stranger puts the entire town at risk from his black magic, Hoodoo must learn to conjure to defeat him. RL 4.2 L 600 (Fantasy/Historical Fiction)
-  **Dead Possums are Fair Game** by Taryn Souders  
With a little imagination and some inspiration from their friend the opossum (now named Morty, short for rigor mortis), Ella and her classmates come up with a project that gets them excited about math and they might even have a chance to win at the Math Fair! RL 4.9, L 770 (Humorous Fiction)
-  **The Ethan I Was Before** by Ali Standish  
Ethan discovers, after he loses his best friend and moves from Boston to small town Georgia, that life can be transformed in one moment, but that one moment doesn't have to define him for life. RL 4.6, L 730 (Realistic Fiction)
-  **Stef Soto, Taco Queen** by Jennifer Torres  
Mexican-American Stef Soto is hoping to break free from her overprotective parents and embarrassing reputation from her family's taco truck business, but she soon learns that family, friendship, and the taco truck are important and wonderful parts of her life. RL 4.8, L 780 (Realistic Fiction)
-  **A Dog Like Daisy** by Kristin O'Donnell Tubb  
A poignant middle grade novel told from the humorous, thoughtful viewpoint of a rescued pit bull as she trains to be a service dog for an injured veteran and his family. RL 3.9, L 550 (Fiction)
-  **Karma Khullar's Mustache** by Kristi Wientge  
Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn to stand up for what's right in the face of a manipulative and violent new bully who targets people Annabelle cares about, including a homeless World War I veteran. RL 6.7 (Realistic Fiction)



## Additional Resources

Georgia Children's Book Awards - <http://qcba.coe.uga.edu/>

Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl - <http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/hrrb/>