

MARK TWAIN READER AWARDS 25-26



For Each Book:

You get to pick a sticker every time you pass a quiz



Read 4 nominees:

Choose a prize & Vote for your favorite book in march.



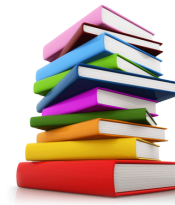
Read 8 nominees:

Choose a GIANT squishy



Read all 12 nominees:

- *Finishers certificate and medal
- *Free book
- *Kona Ice at the end of the school year



RULES:

To Earn Prizes, students must take a quiz in the Henry Library. You must first read the book, then get a 7/10 to pass.

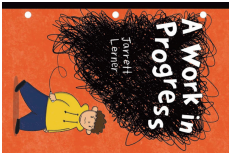
Feel Free to read as a family, audiobooks, e-books, or class read alouds- any type of reading is encouraged!

Visit the Henry Library Page on the school website for more information and book trailers!

QUESTIONS?

Email Mrs. Goyal (Henry's Librarian)

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Will is the only round kid in a school full of thin ones. He hides in baggy clothes and in the back of class. Shame isn't the only feeling that dominates Will's life. He's also got a crush on a girl named Jules. He tries to get her attention by changing his eating habits and exercising, but the results are slow and unsuccessful. His shame transforms into self-loathing. As he resorts to drastic measures, Will meets skateboarder Markus, who helps him see his body and mind as an ever-evolving work in progress.



Charlie hates being the "normal" one in the family. She is left in charge of her supernatural siblings when her parents are out of town. She wants to prove to herself and her family that there is something special about her. She gets her chance when a family moves in next door and Charlie feels something is very wrong with them. Will Charlie be able to protect those she loves and realize that "Not having powers doesn't mean you can't do amazing things"?



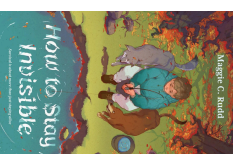
Houston and his brother Robbie dream of going into space. Houston's dreams feel like they're finally coming true when he's accepted to the highly-competitive Junior Astronaut Recruitment Program – if only he could bring his little brother, Robbie, with him. But Robbie's cerebral palsy and epilepsy mean he needs medical attention at home, so Houston is forced to take this leap for the two of them all on his own. At camp, Houston makes new friends, and learns his grandfather was an astronaut. Houston and his friends are on a mission to make Robbie's dreams come true. Will their plan to shoot for the stars result in success or failure?



Sixth grade isn't as great as Rex thought it would be. He's the only kid who hasn't had a growth spurt, and the bullies won't let him forget it. His closest friend is unreliable, and there's a cute girl in his class, who may or may not like him back. With so much going on, everything is a blur – including Rex's vision! So when he discovers that he needs glasses, and his family can only afford the ugliest pair in the store, any hope Rex had of fitting in goes completely out of focus.



Dani and Eric have been best friends since Dani moved next door in second grade. They bond over donuts, comic books, and camping on the Cape. Until one summer when everything changes. Did Eric cause the accident that leaves Dani unable to do the one thing in the world she most cares about? The question plagues him, and he will do anything to get answers about the explosion that injured her. But Dani is hurting too much to wait. Eric to pursue the truth—she just wants to shut him out and move on. Besides, Eric has a history of dropping things he starts. Eric knows that and is determined that this will be the one time he follows through. But what if his pursuit brings him into direct conflict with another friend? Where does Eric's loyalty really lie?



Being alone is something Raymond is used to. Twelve-year-old Raymond Hurley has never had a place to call home. His free-wheeling parents move their family from town to town, and he's living in a trailer in a brand-new state when one day, they just up and abandon him. All alone with nothing but a duffel bag full of clothes and his reliable pup, Rosie, he is forced to live in the woods behind his middle school. With a fishing pole in hand and survival guide checked out from the library, Raymond scrapes by and doesn't tell anyone his secret. This isn't the first time he's had to rely on himself. However, when winter days get colder and finding food becomes nearly impossible, Raymond makes new friends, including a curious coyote, in unexpected places. Soon, he learns that his fate will depend not just on his wilderness skills, but on the people and animals he chooses to trust.



Max Plink's life just got a lot more complicated. Trouble at home? Check—with money tight, her parents haven't been getting along lately. School bullies? Double check—especially if you count her sister, who is the worst bully of them all. Dental drama? Oh, you have no idea. With a mismatched puzzle of a jaw, Max has a Class II malocclusion, otherwise known as a severe overbite. She already has braces, which means she lives on Advil and soft foods after each orthodontist appointment. But now Max has to wear totally awkward orthodontic headgear nicknamed "the jawbreaker." Could things get any worse?



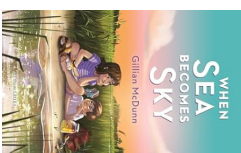
Nan was all the family Mo ever needed. But suddenly she's gone, and Mo finds herself in foster care after her uncle decides she's not worth sticking around for. Nan left her a notebook and advised her to get a hobby, like ferret racing or pain reading. But how could a hobby fix anything in her newly topsy-turvy life. Then Mo finds a handmade cookbook filled with someone else's family recipes. Even though Nan never cooked. Mo can't tear her eyes away. Not so much from the recipes, but the stories attached to them. Though, when she makes herself a pot of soup, it is every bit as comforting as the recipe notes said. Soon Mo finds herself asking everyone she meets for their family recipes. Teaching herself to make them. Collecting the stories behind them. Building a website to share them. And, okay, secretly hoping that a long-lost relative will find her and give her a family recipe all her own. But when everything starts to unravel again, Mo realizes that if she wants a family recipe—or a real family—she's going to have to make it up herself.



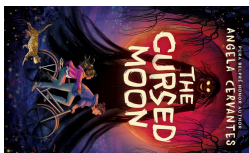
When 12-year-old Dory Byrne's pop left New York City's Lower East Side to fight Hitler, he promised her and her brothers that they'd be safe. Like he always said, "the neighborhood will give you what you need." There's the lady from the bakery, who saves them leftover crullers. The kind landlord who checks in on them. And every Thursday night, the Byrnes enjoy a free bowl of seafood stew at Mr. Caputo's restaurant... which is where Dory learns about the abandoned hand-pulled elevator that is the only way to get to Caputo's upper floors. But when a new landlord threatens their home in the community that's raised them and kept them safe, the secret elevator—and the abandoned hotel it leads to—provides just the solution they need. Based on a very real place in old New York and steeped in the history of World War II, Nothing Else but Miracles is a warm and inviting story of resilience, the tight-knit community of the Lower East Side, and the miracles that await in unexpected places.



When Grady and his dad learn that the town oddball, Eudora "Kooky" Klinch, left something for them in her will, they can only imagine what it might be. When it turns out it's an old scrap of 300-year-old tapestry, they are bitterly disappointed. But the cloth comes with a note saying, "This is no ordinary piece of needlework. It's a treasure map. Riddles and Clues. To the victor go the riches." Grady's dad dismisses it, but Grady thinks this could be the chance of a lifetime. With the help of his friends Trid, Clemmie, and the town dog Ophelia, Grady is determined to crack the clues and find the treasure. But when someone tries to break into Grady's house one night, and then the local antiques expert who examined the tapestry is found unconscious, Grady realizes that he's not the only one who knows about the treasure map. There's more at risk than he bargained for, and solving this mystery just got a lot more dangerous.



Every summer, siblings Bex & Davey spend their days exploring their beloved salt marsh. But this year, a drought leads to a surprising discovery in their favorite corner of their marsh: a mysterious underwater statue. Where did it come from? Who could have put it there? Could this be the summer adventure they've been waiting for? The answers don't come easy - and when Bex & Davey learn that their special spot could be destroyed by plans to build a new bridge, they'll need to act quickly. As Bex & Davey attempt to save the statue and their beloved marsh, they come to see that the truth is not always what it seems.



Rafael Fuentes isn't easily scared. He loves writing ghost stories, reading scary books, and entertaining his friends with terrifying tales he creates on the spot. Rata has come up against enough real-life scary situations that fictional hauntings seem like no big deal. Rata's incarcerated mom is being released from jail soon, and will be coming to live with him, his sister, and their grandparents. For the first time in a while, Rata feels a pit of fear growing in his stomach. To take his mind off his mom's return, Rata spends an evening crafting the scariest ghost story he's ever told. As an eerie blood moon hangs in the sky, Rata tells a group of friends about The Caretaker. The Caretaker is an evil ghost who lures unsuspecting kids into the neighborhood pond... and they don't ever come out. Rata is really proud of his latest creation, until strange things start to happen around him. With a sinking feeling, Rata realizes the Caretaker is real. Rata has brought the ghost to life--and only he can stop him.