

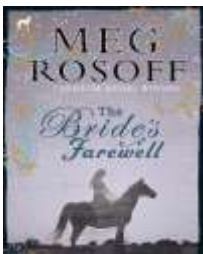


The Alex Award Books for 2010



The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope
by William Kamkwamba & Bryan Mealer

Young teen William, who taught himself enough physics and engineering to build a windmill and bring electricity to his drought-stricken village, discovered the magic of his Malawi homeland in the miracles of science.



The Bride's Farewell
by Meg Rosoff

Rather than marry without love, Pell Ridley runs away with a favorite horse and her brother, Bean. Both are quickly lost, and Pell's perilous journey to find Bean leads to the discovery of the things she ran away from: family, love, and herself.



Everything Matters!
by Ron Currie, Jr.

While still in the womb, voices warn Junior of his impending death at the age of 36, by comet, in this strange but entertaining coming-of-age story. He has 36 years. How will he spend them?



The Kids Are All Right: A Memoir
by Diana Welch

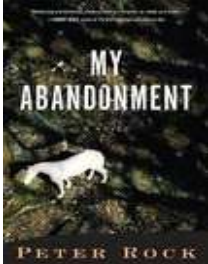
This heart-wrenching memoir, collaboratively written from four different points of view, chronicles the ups and downs of the Welch siblings, who struggled to define the notion of home after their parents died.



The Magicians

by Lev Grossman

Fantasy and reality meld in unexpected and tragic ways when 17-year-old Quentin Coldwater trades his ho-hum Brooklyn existence for the magical society of Brakebills College.



My Abandonment

by Peter Rock

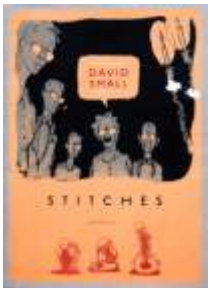
Based on a true story, 13-year-old Caroline and her questionably sane father live in a nature preserve on the outskirts of Portland, Oregon. *My Abandonment* is a riveting and haunting exploration of familial lore, survival, and hope.



Soulless: An Alexia Tarabotti Novel

by Gail Carriger

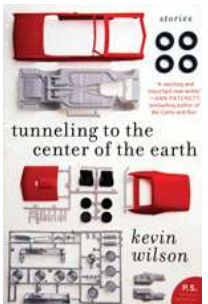
Wielding a parasol and hairpins, 25-year-old soulless fashionista Alexia Tarabotti accidentally stakes a vampire sparking a delightfully dangerous adventure.



Stitches: a Memoir

by David Small

Replete with themes of anger, pain, and hope, and employing classic imagery from Alice in Wonderland, renowned illustrator Small chronicles the harrowing story of his childhood and adolescence in this dark graphic novel.



Tunneling to the Center of the Earth

by Kevin Wilson

In a wholly original collection of stories, Wilson turns down the odd side streets of reality to explore rentable relatives, unscrupulous Scrabble workers, Mortal Kombat–fueled romancers, and the adventures of other wildly quirky characters.

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