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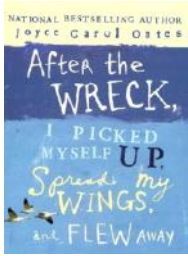


Abraham Lincoln

Illinois High School Book Award

Master Reading List
Nominations for 2009

An Illinois High School Students' Choice Award
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AFTER THE WRECK, I PICKED MYSELF UP, SPREAD MY WINGS AND FLEW AWAY

By Joyce Carol Oates

Blaming herself for the car accident on the Tappan Zee Bridge that killed her mother, fifteen-year-old Jenna undergoes a difficult physical and emotional recovery.

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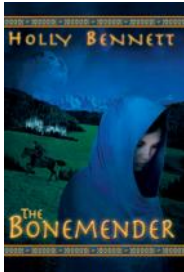
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THE BONEMENDER

By Holly Bennett

In this fantasy, Gabrielle is a bonemender, a healer, who falls in love with a man whom fate seems to have forbidden her, but they must both think about war before they can think about love.



CATCH

By Will Leitch

Teenager Tim Temples must decide if he wants to leave his comfortable life to go to college.



CRANK

Ellen Hopkins

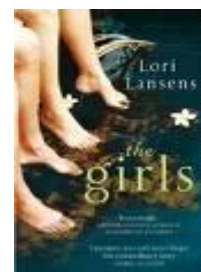
Kristina Georgia Snow's life is turned upside-down, when she visits her absentee father, gets turned on to the drug "crank", becomes addicted, and is lead down a desperate path that threatens her mind, soul, and her life.



DAIRY QUEEN

By Catherine Murdock

After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her.



THE GIRLS

By Lori Lansens

A fictional autobiography of conjoined twins told by Rose and Ruby Darlen, two young women who, nearing the age of thirty, are about to become history's oldest surviving twins to be joined at the head.

HAWKSONG

By Amelia Atwater Rhodes

In a land that has been at war so long that no one remembers the reason for fighting, the shapeshifters who rule the two factions agree to marry in the hope of bringing peace, despite deep-seated fear and distrust of each other.



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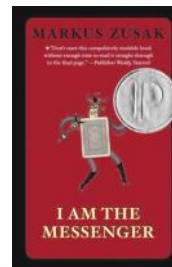
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I AM THE MESSENGER

by Markus Zusak

After capturing a bank robber, nineteen-year-old cab driver Ed Kennedy begins receiving mysterious messages that direct him to addresses where people need help, and he begins getting over his lifelong feeling of worthlessness.



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IT'S KIND OF A FUNNY STORY

By Ned Vizzini

New York City teenager Craig Gilner succumbs to academic and social pressures at an elite high school and enters a psychiatric hospital after attempting suicide.



JENNIFER GOVERNMENT

By Max Barry

In a corporate-governed future world where people take the last names of the companies they work for, Hack Nike tries to get out of a contract that requires him to shoot teenagers and finds himself pursued by a government agent



THE LIGHTNING THIEF

By Rick Riordan

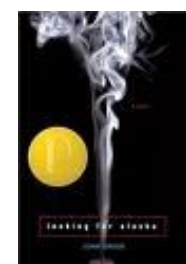
After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

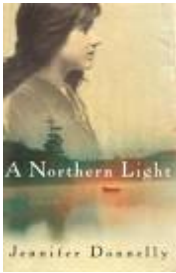


LOOKING FOR ALASKA

By John Green

Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.





A NORTHERN LIGHT

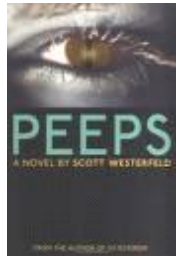
By Jennifer Donnelly

Sixteen-year-old Mattie, determined to attend college and be a writer against the wishes of her father and boyfriend, takes a job at a hotel in 1906 where the death of a guest renews her determination to live her own life.

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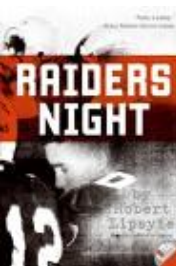
By Scott Westerfeld

Cal Thompson is a carrier of a parasite that causes vampirism, and must hunt down all of the girlfriends he has unknowingly infected.

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RAIDERS NIGHT

By Robert Lipsyte

Matt Rydeck, co-captain of his high school football team, endures a traumatic season as he witnesses the rape of a rookie player by teammates and grapples with his own use of performance-enhancing drugs.



SOLD

By Patricia McCormick

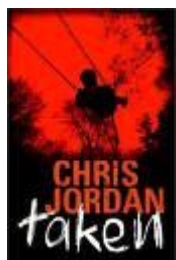
A novel in vignettes, in which Lakshmi, a thirteen-year-old girl from Nepal, is sold into prostitution in India.



SUCH A PRETTY GIRL

By Laura Weiss

Haunted by flashbacks, fifteen-year-old Meredith learns that three years in prison has not changed the abusive father who molested her.



TAKEN

By Chris Jordan

When her son Tommy is kidnapped, widow Kate Bickford is forced to play a deadly game with a twisted abductor who intends to frame her for the murder of her son's baseball coach, Sheriff Fred Corso.

THE TENTH CIRCLE

By Jodi Picoult

When his fourteen-year-old daughter is raped by her boyfriend, an overprotective father with a secret past decides to take the law into his own hands, a choice that takes him into the wilds of the Alaskan bush.



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THREE CUPS OF TEA

By Greg Mortenson

Some failures lead to phenomenal successes, and this American nurse's unsuccessful attempt to climb K2, the world's second tallest mountain, is one of them. Dangerously ill when he finished his climb in 1993, Mortenson was sheltered for seven weeks by the small Pakistani village of Korphe; in return, he promised to build the impoverished town's first school, a project that grew into the Central Asia Institute, which has since constructed more than 50 schools across rural Pakistan and Afghanistan.



Non-Fiction

THE WARRIOR HEIR

By Cinda Williams Chima

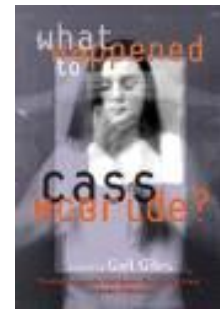
After learning about his magical ancestry and his own warrior powers, sixteen-year-old Jack embarks on a training program to fight enemy wizards



WHAT HAPPENED TO CASS MCBRIDE

By Gail Giles

After his younger brother commits suicide, Kyle Kirby decides to exact revenge on the person he holds responsible.



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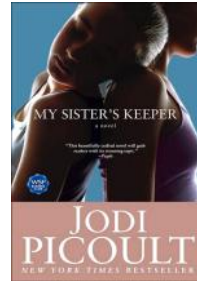
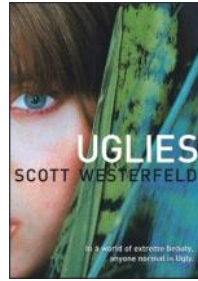


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ABRAHAM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS

2008 AWARD WINNER

TWILIGHT by Stephenie Meyer

When seventeen-year-old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington, she meets an exquisitely handsome boy at school for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction that is returned. Her life is no longer boring but filled with obstacles as she and her boyfriend must face challenges resulting from his belonging to a family of vampires. Thus begins a supremely star-crossed romance.

2007 AWARD WINNER

UGLIES by Scott Westfeld

2006 AWARD WINNER

MY SISTER'S KEEPER by Jodi Picoult

2005 AWARD WINNER

A CHILD CALLED 'IT' by Dave Pelzer.

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Participation Requirements



Abraham Lincoln Award is awarded annually to the book voted as most outstanding by high school students in participating Illinois high schools. The award is sponsored by the Illinois School Library Media Association.

Eligibility: Any high school student is enrolled in a participating Illinois high school.

- Student has read a minimum of four titles from the 2009 Nominations master list between March 2008-February 2009.
- Cast your ballot on February 28th in the library.
- Ask your librarian if you have any questions.
- Visit ISLMA's website at <http://www.islma.org> for additional information.
- The winning title will be announced by ISLMA in April and be posted in the library.