

Georgia Peach Book Award for Teen Readers

Book List 2005-2006

1. The Afterlife by Gary Soto. You'd think a knife in the ribs would be the end of things, but for Chuy, that's when his life at last gets interesting. SLJ, BL
<http://www.garysoto.com/>
2. An Hour Before Daylight by Jimmy Carter. The former president tells the story of his rural boyhood, and paints a sensitive portrait of America before the civil rights movement. BL www.cartercenter.org/
3. Battle Dress by Amy Efaw. In this insider account of a female cadet's first summer at West Point, readers are given a potent dose of military life. SLJ
<http://www.teenreads.com/authors/au-efaw-amy.asp>
4. Bittersweet by Drew Lamm. When her beloved Grams, who has raised her from infancy, suffers a stroke, Taylor's world is shaken. SLJ, BL
5. Bloody Jack by Louis A Meyer. Reduced to begging and thievery in the streets of London, a thirteen-year-old orphan disguises herself as a boy and connives her way onto a British warship set for high sea adventure in search of pirates. SLJ, BL
<http://www.cindyvallar.com/bloodyjack.html>
6. Breath by Donna Jo Napoli. It is the late thirteenth century, and Hameln town and its surroundings are overwhelmed by a terrible, incurable illness. Everywhere animals are sick and dying; humans may be next. What can be causing the scourge? SLJ, BL

7. The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night by Mark Haddon. Narrated by a fifteen-year-old autistic savant obsessed with Sherlock Holmes, this dazzling novel weaves together an old-fashioned mystery, a contemporary coming-of-age story, and a fascinating excursion into a mind incapable of processing emotions. SLJ, BL
<http://www.powells.com/authors/haddon.html>
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/entertainment/arts/3433849.stm>

8. Double Helix by Nancy Werlin. Eli has lucked into a job at Wyatt Transgenics—offered to him by Dr. Wyatt, the famed scientist. The salary is substantial, the work is interesting, and Dr. Wyatt seems to be paying special attention to Eli. It's almost too good to be true. Is there a catch? SLJ, BL
<http://www.nancywerlin.com/>

9. East by Edith Pattou. *East* is a novel retelling of the classic tale "East of the Sun, West of the Moon," a sweeping romantic epic. SLJ, BL

10. Fault Line by Janet Tashjian. This novel tackles the difficult and complex subject of teen relationship abuse from the viewpoints of both the victim and the perpetrator. SLJ, BL <http://www.janettashjian.com/>

11. Feed by M.T. Anderson. This ironic satire is set in a future world where television and computers are connected directly into people's brains when they are babies. SLJ, BL
<http://www.candlewick.com/authill.asp?b=Author&m=bio&id=2150&pix=n>

12. Finding Fish by Antwone Q. Fisher. A tumultuous and ultimately gratifying tale of self-discovery written in Fisher's gritty yet melodic literary voice. LJ
http://www.harperacademic.com/catalog/instructors_guide_xml.asp?isbn=0060539860

13. How Angel Peterson Got His Name by Gary Paulsen. When you grow up in a small town in the north woods, you have to make your own excitement. SLJ, BL <http://www.randomhouse.com/features/garypaulsen/>

14. Imani in Never Say Goodbye by Jackie Hardrick. As Imani, star of her high-school b-ball team, struggles with the SATs and worries over how she'll pay for college, other girls in her crowd deal with grimmer problems, including single motherhood and drug addiction. SLJ, BL <http://www.authorsden.com/jackiehardrick>

15. Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly. Set in 1906 against the backdrop of the murder that inspired Theodore Dreiser's *An American Tragedy*, Jennifer Donnelly's astonishing debut novel effortlessly weaves romance, history, and a murder mystery. SLJ, BL <http://www.jenniferdonnelly.com/>

16. Nothing to Lose by Alex Flinn. A year has passed since Michael fled his impossible home life to join a traveling carnival. Now the 17-year-old runaway has returned to Miami to find his mother going on trial for the murder of his savagely abusive stepfather. SLJ, BL <http://www.alexflinn.com/>

17. Revenge of the Whale by Nathaniel Philbrick. The story of the Nantucket whaleship Essex, which sank in the Pacific in November 1820, after being deliberately rammed twice by an apparently enraged sperm whale. SLJ <http://www.bookbrowse.com/index.cfm?page=author&authorID=415&view=interview>

18. Shattering Glass by Gail Giles. An exploration of the consequences of following a charismatic but amoral leader. SLJ, BL <http://www.gailgiles.com/>

19. Singer of All Songs by Kate Constable. Calwyn has lived all her life behind the high ice-wall that guards the sisters of Antaris from the world of Tremaris. The sisters practice ice chantment -- one of the Nine Powers of chantment, a form of magic worked through music. BL <http://www.kateconstable.com/>

20. True Confessions of a Heartless Girl by Martha Brooks. This affecting novel reminds readers that it's never too late for forgiveness – and that sometimes the most unlikely messenger can deliver a small miracle. SLJ, BL http://www.mbwriter.mb.ca/mapindex/b_profiles/brooks_m.html