



Georgia Peach Book Award

for Teen Readers

Book List 2006-2007

1. 47 by Walter Mosley. Number 47, a fourteen-year-old slave boy growing up under the watchful eye of a brutal master in 1832, meets the mysterious Tall John, who introduces him to a magical science and also teaches him the meaning of freedom. SLJ, BL
2. Acceleration by Graham McNamee. Stuck working in the Lost and Found of the Toronto Transit Authority for the summer, seventeen-year-old Duncan finds the diary of a serial killer and sets out to stop him. SLJ, BL
3. The Amulet of Samarkand by Jonathan Stroud. Nathaniel, a magician's apprentice, summons up the djinni Bartimaeus and instructs him to steal the Amulet of Samarkand from the powerful magician Simon Lovelace. SLJ, BL
4. The Burn Journals by Brent Runyon. Brent Runyon was fourteen-years-old when he set himself on fire. This is a true story. In *The Burn Journals*, Runyon describes that devastating suicide attempt and his recovery over the following year. He shares his thoughts and hopes and fears about what it means to want to kill yourself and how it feels to struggle back toward normality. SLJ
5. Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac. After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue. SLJ, BL
6. A Crack in the Line by Michael Lawrence. Sixteen-year-old Alaric discovers how to travel to an alternate reality, where his mother is alive and his place in the family is held by a girl named Naia. SLJ, BL
7. Day of Tears by Julius Lester. When gambling debts and greed enter into the Butler household, Pierce Butler decides to host the biggest slave auction in American history and breaks a promise by selling Emma, his most-valued slave and caretaker of his children—a decision that brings about unthinkable consequences. SLJ, BL
8. Elsewhere by Gabrielle Zevin. After fifteen-year-old Liz Hall is hit by a taxi and killed, she finds herself in a place that is both like and unlike Earth, where she must adjust to her new status and figure out how to “live.” SLJ, BL
9. The Haunting of Alaizabel Cray by Chris Wooding. As Thaniel, a wych-hunter, and Cathaline, his friend and mentor, try to rid the alleys of London's Old Quarter of the terrible creatures that infest them, their lives become entwined with that of a woman who may be either mad or possessed. SLJ, BL

10. Home of the Braves by David Klass. Eighteen-year-old Joe, captain of the soccer team, is dismayed when a hotshot player shows up from Brazil and threatens to take over both the team and the girl whom Joe hopes to date. SLJ
11. Jude by Kate Morgenroth. Still reeling from his drug-dealing father's murder, moving in with the wealthy mother he never knew, and transferring to a private school, fifteen-year-old Jude is tricked into pleading guilty to a crime he did not commit. SLJ, BL
12. 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. SLJ
13. Lulu Dark Can See Through Walls by Bennett Madison. When someone steals her purse and her identity, high-school junior and reluctant girl sleuth Lulu Dark investigates. SLJ, BL
14. Odd Thomas by Dean Koontz. Over the course of two days, Odd Thomas, his soul mate Stormy Llewellyn, and an assortment of allies make their way through a dark, terrifying world in which past and present, and life and death collide as they try to avert a cataclysm. LJ
15. Peaches by Jodi Lynn Anderson. Three teenaged girls from very different backgrounds, thrown together to pick peaches in a Georgia orchard, spend a summer in pursuit of the right boy, the truest of friends, and the perfect peach. SLJ, BL
16. Spellbound by Janet McDonald. Raven, a teenage mother and high school dropout living in a housing project, decides, with the help and sometime interference of her best friend Aisha, to study for a spelling bee which could lead to a college preparatory program and four-year scholarship. BL
17. Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers by Mary Roach. Roach delves into the many productive uses to which cadavers have been put throughout history. Donating one's body to science has long been a respected practice. Those curious enough to find out what really happens to a body that is donated to the scientific community can do so with this book. SLJ, BL, LJ, PW
18. Tending to Grace by Kimberly Newton Fusco. When Cornelia's mother runs off with a boyfriend, leaving her with an eccentric aunt, Cornelia must finally confront the truth about herself and her mother. SLJ, BL
19. Under the Persimmon Tree by Suzanne Fisher Staples. During the 2001 Afghan War, the lives of Najmal, a young refugee from Kunduz, Afghanistan, and Nusrat, an American-Muslim teacher who is awaiting her husband's return from Mazar-i-Sharif, intersect at a school in Peshawar, Pakistan. SLJ, BL
20. Who Am I Without Him: Short Stories about Girls and the Boys in Their Lives by Sharon G. Flake. A collection of short stories about teenage girls and the issues they must deal with in their relationship with boys. BL