



# 2013–2014 Iowa Children's Choice Award



### Abby Carnelia's One & Only Magical Power

David Pogue

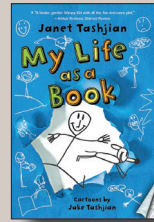
Abby discovers that she has a completely useless magical power but finds others with similarly silly powers at a magic camp. When a select group is taken to a different camp, a sinister plot comes to light.



### Ghost Dog Secrets

Peg Kehret

Sixth-grader Rusty, determined to help an injured dog chained outdoors in frigid weather, takes matters into his own hands, aided by his best friend and a ghost collie that leads him to an even deeper secret.



### My Life as a Book

Janet Tashjian

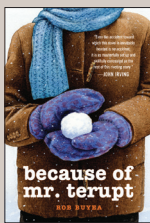
Dubbed a "reluctant reader" by his teacher, twelve-year-old Derek spends summer vacation learning important lessons even though he does not complete his summer reading list.



### Turtle in Paradise

Jennifer L. Holm

In 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who does not like children, Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in faraway Key West, Florida.



### Because of Mr. Terrupt

Rob Buyea

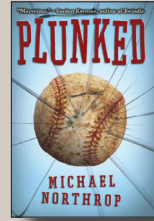
Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how an energetic new teacher has changed their lives for the better after he is injured outside on a snowy winter day.



### Here Lies Linc

Delia Ray

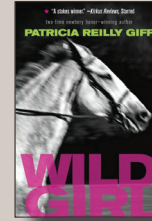
While researching a rumored-to-be-haunted grave for a local history project, twelve-year-old Lincoln Crenshaw unearths some startling truths about his own family.



### Plunked

Michael Northrop

After landing a starting position on the Little League team alongside his best friend Andy, Jack is injured by a powerful stray pitch during his first game and confronts a difficult physical and psychological healing process.



### Wild Girl

Patricia Reilly Giff

When Lidie leaves Brazil to join her father and older brother on a horse ranch in New York, she has a hard time adjusting to her changed circumstances, as does a new filly that has come to the ranch—Wild Girl.



### Belly Up

Stuart Gibbs

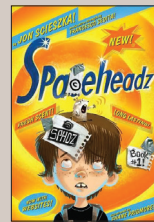
Twelve-year-old Teddy and his feisty friend Summer investigate when a popular Texas zoo's star attraction—Henry the hippopotamus—is murdered.



### Lincoln and His Boys

Rosemary Wells

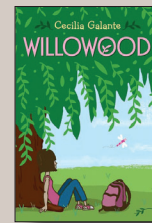
A warm, moving portrait of Abraham Lincoln told through the eyes of two of his sons. With evocative and engaging illustrations, this book presents a Lincoln not frozen in time, but accessible and utterly real.



### Spaceheadz (SPHDZ) Book 1

Jon Scieszka

Michael K. just started fifth grade at a new school. As if that wasn't hard enough, the kids he has made friends with aren't kids at all—they're aliens—real aliens who have invaded our planet in the form of schoolchildren and a hamster with a mission to complete.



### Willowood

Cecilia Galante

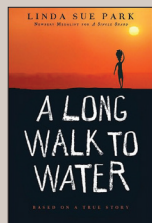
Lily doesn't like her new life in the city. She misses her best friend, she's made an enemy of the class bully, and her mom won't tell her anything about her dad. Her only source of comfort is her gecko, but everything changes when Lily meets the owner of a pet store.



### Close to Famous

Joan Bauer

Foster and her mother escape from her mother's abusive boyfriend and end up in a small town where they challenge themselves to build a new life with the help of the friends they make there.



### A Long Walk to Water

Linda Sue Park

When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, Savla becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven.



### The Trouble with Chickens: A J.J. Tully Mystery

Doreen Cronin

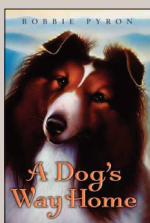
A former search-and-rescue dog, J.J. Tully is trying to enjoy retirement after years of daring missions. So he's not terribly impressed when two chicks and their chicken mom show up demanding his help to find their missing siblings.



### The Wish Stealers

Tracy Trivas

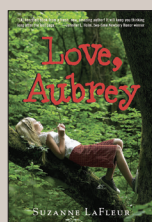
Griffin is always making wishes. When a strange woman curses her with a box of pennies, each stolen from a wishing fountain decades ago, Griffin fears her evil desires will come true unless she redeems the lost wishes.



### A Dog's Way Home

Bobbie Pyron

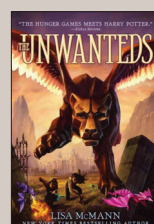
Abby and her Shetland sheepdog, Tam, are each other's everything. But then a tragic accident separates the two. Will they ever find their way home to each other?



### Love, Aubrey

Suzanne LaFleur

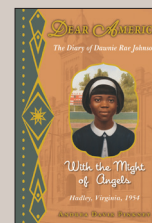
While living with her Gram in Vermont, Aubrey writes letters as a way of dealing with losing her father and sister in a car accident and then being abandoned by her grief-stricken mother.



### The Unwanteds

Lisa McMann

When Alex finds out he is Unwanted, he expects to die. Each year in Quill, all the thirteen-year-olds are labeled as Wanted, Necessary, or Unwanted. Unwanteds are set for elimination. Alex makes peace with his fate—until he discovers that instead of a "death farm," what awaits him is a magical place called Artimé.



### With the Might of Angels: The Diary of Dawnie Rae Johnson

Andrea Davis Pinkney

In 1955 Hadley, Virginia, Dawnie Rae Johnson, a tomboy who excels at baseball and academics, becomes the first African-American student to attend the all-white Prettyman Coburn School, turning her world upside down.



### The Familiars

Adam Jay Epstein & Andrew Jacobson

When Aldwyn, a young alley cat on the run, ducks into a mysterious pet shop, he doesn't expect his life to change. But that's exactly what happens when a young wizard picks Aldwyn to be his familiar.



### The Luck of the Buttons

Anne Ylvisaker

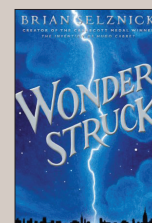
In Iowa circa 1929, spunky twelve-year-old Tugs vows to turn her family's luck around with the help of a Brownie camera and a small-town mystery that only she can solve.



### Touch Blue

Cynthia Lord

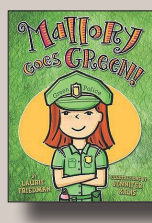
When the state of Maine plans to shut down an island schoolhouse because it lacks enough students, the islanders bolster enrollment by taking in foster children. Tess and her family are taking a chance on Aaron, a boy who has been bounced from home to home.



### Wonderstruck

Brian Selznick

This is the story of Ben, who leaves his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he has never known in New York City. There he meets Rose, who is also longing for something that is missing from her life.



### Mallory Goes Green!

Laurie E. Friedman

As a member of her school's Environmental Committee and class representative for the all-school Green Fair, Mallory is excited to make her school and home more environmentally friendly. But the minute Mallory goes green, everything goes wrong.

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