

Title	Author	Genre	Year	Cultural Theme(s)	Fiction or Non-Fiction	Awards	Positive Reviews
Inkheart	Funke, Cornelia	Fantasy	2003	The written word, belief?	Fiction	2004 BookSense Book of the Year Children's Literature 2006 BookSense Book of the Year Children's Literature New York Times best-seller list USA Today best-seller list Publishers Weekly Children's Book best-seller list	3.5/5
The Lightning Thief	Riordan, Rick	Fantasy	2005	Disability Characters, single parent families	Fiction	Nutmeg Award A Best Book of 2005, School Library Journal A New York Times Notable Book of 2005 A Best Book of 2005, Child Magazine Bluebonnet Award Nominee 2006, 2006 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best Book List, 2005 VOYA Top Shelf Fiction List for 2005 ALA Notable Book for 2005 YALSA Best Book for Young Adults 2005 Red House Children's Book Award Winner (UK), 2006 CCBC choice award 2006, Cooperative Children's Book Center A 2006 Notable Children's Book, National Council for Teachers of English A Publishers Weekly National Children's Bestseller Warwickshire Book Award Winner (UK), 2007	5//5
Jumper	Gould, Steven	Sci-Fi	1992	Alcoholism, Family Issues, Terrorism, Government Conspiracy	Fiction	Hal Clement Young Adult Award for Science Fiction Nominated for Hugo and Nebula Awards	4/5
Perks of Being a Wallflower	Chbosky, Stephen	Fiction	1999	"Participating" High School "Changes"	Fiction	ALA Best Books for Young Adults Award ALA Best Paperbacks for Young Adults Award ALA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers Award	3.5/5
Artemis Fowl	Colfer, Eoin	Fiction	2001	Folklore of Ireland/England, mythological influences	Fiction	Young Readers Choice Award The Garden State Teen Book Award	4/5
Sold	McCormick, Patricia	Fiction	2006	Culture of Nepal, the horrors of sex slavery.	Fiction	2006 National Book Award Finalist Young People's Literature	4/5
Wonder	R.J. Palacio	Fiction	2012	Acceptance over adversity, non-normative narrator	Fiction	Great Stone Face Award	5/5
The Absolutely True Story of a Part-Time Indian	Sherman, Alexie	Fiction	2007	Cultural Differences, Native American Death Traditions, Modern Native American Life, the idea of 'Leaving the Rez', Grieving	Fiction	A National Book Award Winner Boston Globe-Horn Book Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year Kirkus Reviews Best YA Book PW "Off the Cuff" Favorite YA Novel Award BCCB Blue Ribbon School Library Journal Best Book of the Year Horn Book Fanfare Best Book of the Year	4.5/5
Stargirl	Spinelli, Jerry	Fiction	2001	The behavior of 'normal', what happens when someone breaks social norms.	Fiction	ALA Top Ten Best Book for Young Adults Publishers Weekly Choice of the Year's Best Books	4/5
Firegirl	Abbott, Tony	Fiction	2006	Acceptance, the difference between pity and sympathy(?)	Fiction	Golden Kite Award	4/5
Skellig	Almond,	Fiction	1998	Different types of	Fiction	A Michael L. Printz Honor Book	4/5

	David			education, Belief in the unreal, fantasy in reality, Education of the mind vs. education of the soul.		An ALA Notable Children's Book Winner of England's Carnegie Medal and the Whitbread Children's book of the year award. New York Times Notable Book Publisher's Weekly Best Book A Booklist Books for Youth Editors' Choice Top of the List, Fiction A Horn Book Fanfare A School Library Journal Best Book A Parent's Choice Silver Honor Book	
Tuesdays with Morrie	Albom, Mitch	Non-Fiction	1997	Mentors, Loss and loved ones	Non-Fiction	New York Times Bestseller list	5/5
Girl, Interrupted	Kaysen, Susanna	Non-Fiction	1993	Mental Illness, perspective of being judged for an illness, mental health professionals	Non-Fiction	WINNER YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	4.5/5
Queen Bee	Clugston, Chynna	Graphic Novel	2005	Fitting in at high school, adopted children	Fiction	No Awards Mentioned	2/5
Maus	Spiegelman, Art	Graphic Novel	1986	Living as a Jew in Nazi Poland	Fiction	1992 Pulitzer Prize, Book Critics Circle Award, Eisner Award Urhunden Prize Religious Award Joel H. Cavior Book Award Max & Moritz Prizes	4.5/5
The Liar's Club: A memoir	Karr, Mary	Memoir	1995	Mental Illness, Social Stigmas	Non-Fiction	Finalist in the National Book Critics Circle Award Winner of PEN Nonfiction Prize Winner of Texas Institute of Letters for Nonfiction	3/5
Phineas Gage: A Gruemsome but True Story of Brain Science	Fleishman, John	Biography	2002	More of a scientific Case Study	Non-Fiction	ALA Notable Children's Books: 2003, ALA Popular Paperbacks: 2007, Best Fiction for Young Adults: 2003, Illinois: Rebecca Caudill Award Nominees: 2005, Kansas: William Allen White Children's Book Award Nominees: 2005, Maine: Student Book Award Nominees: 2004, New York Public Library Books for the Teen Age: 2004, Orbis Pictus Honor: 2003, Texas: Bluebonnet Award Nominees: 2005, Vermont: Dorothy Canfield Fisher Children's Book Award Nominees: 2004	3/5
Gentlehands	Kerr, M.E.	Historical Fiction	1978	Classism, Prejudice, Post-WWII Nazi paranoia	Fiction	New York Public Library Books for the Teen Age ALA Best Book for Young Adults School Library Journal Best Book ALA Best Book for Young Adults Christopher Award New York Times Outstand Book	3.5/5
Soldier's Heart	Paulsen, Gary	Historical Fiction	1998	Post War Trauma, War Stories.	Fiction	WINNER 2000 ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers WINNER 2000 Publishers Weekly Best Children's Book of the Year WINNER 2000 ALA Best Books for Young Adults WINNER 2000 Texas TAYSHAS High School Reading List NOMINEE 2003 Colorado Blue Spruce Young Adult Book Award NOMINEE 1999 Maryland Black-Eyed Susan Award WINNER 2001 Massachusetts Children's Book Master List	3/5
The Bully	Langon, Paul	Street Lit	2001	Urban setting, the meaning of "being a man", bullying	Fiction	No Awards Mentioned	4/5