

## Green Mountain Book Award Master List 2006-2007

This is the second year for the Green Mountain Book Award, a reader's choice award for students in grades 9-12. Co-sponsored by the Vermont Educational Media Association, Vermont Library Association and the Vermont Department of Libraries, this program is designed to introduce to high school students some excellent books for their pleasure reading.

These books, to be read during the 2006-2007 school year, comprise the master list for the award to be made in 2007. Voting forms will be made available to all Vermont schools and public libraries in the spring, so that young adults can vote for their favorite book. The master list titles have been selected to satisfy the reading interests of young adults, grades 9-12, and include both adult and young adult books. All books on the list were first published in 2001-2005 and are available in paperback.

Busiek, Kurt and Alex Ross. *Marvels*. Marvel Enterprises, 2003. \$19.95. ISBN 0785100490 (pap.)  
An "every man" witnesses the first appearance of superheroes into his ordinary, everyday world. This trade paperback edition collects *Marvels* #1-4 and #0. Supplemental material includes an afterword by Scott McCloud, a guide to the original source material, and a photo essay about Alex Ross's artistic technique.

Chambers, Aidan. *Postcards from No Man's Land*. Puffin, 2004. \$7.99. ISBN 0142401455 (pap.); Dutton, 2002. \$19.99. ISBN 0-525-46863-3 (Tr.).  
Alternates between two stories - contemporarily, seventeen-year-old Jacob visits a daunting Amsterdam at the request of his English grandmother - and historically, nineteen-year-old Geertrui relates her experience of British soldiers' attempts to liberate Holland from its German occupation.

Cox, Lynn and Martha Kaplan. *Swimming to Antarctica*. Harvest Books, 2005. \$14.00. ISBN 0-156-0313-02 (pap.); Knopf, 2004. \$24.95. ISBN 0-375-4150-76.  
The world's most extraordinary distance swimmer writes about her emotional and spiritual need to swim and about the almost mystical act of swimming itself.

Freymann-Weyr, Garret. *My Heartbeat*. Houghton, 2003. \$7.99. ISBN 0-142-40066-1 (pap.); 2002. \$15.00. ISBN 0-618-14181-2 (Tr.).  
As she tries to understand the closeness between her older brother and his best friend, fourteen-year-old Ellen finds her relationship with each of them changing.

Gantos, Jack. *Hole in My Life*. FSG, 2004. \$8.00. ISBN 0374430896 (pap.); 2002. \$16.00. ISBN 0374399883 (Tr.).  
The author of the Joey Pigza books relates how, as a young adult, he became a drug user and smuggler, was arrested, did time in prison, and eventually got out and went to college, all the while hoping to become a writer.

- Halpin, Brendan. *Donorboy*. Random, 2004. \$12.95. ISBN 1400062772 (pap.).  
Fourteen-year-old Rosalind finds herself adjusting to a new life that seems both hateful and surreal - she's an orphan with a new father, surrounded by friends she is beginning to despise and well-meaning adults who succeed only in annoying her.
- Hautman, Pete. *Godless*. S&S, 2005. \$7.99. ISBN 1-416-90816-1 (pap.); 2004. \$15.95. ISBN 0-689-86278-4 (PLB).  
When sixteen-year-old Jason Bock and his friends create their own religion to worship the town's water tower, what started out as a joke begins to take on a power of its own.
- Maynard, Joyce. *Usual Rules*. St. Martin's, 2004. \$13.95. ISBN 0-312-28369-5 (pap.).  
Through the eyes of thirteen-year-old Wendy, we gain entrance to the world rarely shown by those who documented the events of September 11: a family's slow and terrible realization that Wendy's mother has died, and their struggle to go on with their lives in the face of such a crushing loss.
- Myers, Walter Dean. *Shooter*. Amistad, 2005. \$6.99. ISBN 0-06-447290-6 (pap.); 2004. \$16.89. ISBN 0-06-029520-1 (PLB); \$15.99. ISBN 0-06-029519-8 (Tr.).  
Written in the form of interviews, reports, and journal entries, the story of three troubled teenagers ends in a tragic school shooting.
- Peters, Julie Anne. *Luna*. Megan Tingley, 2006. \$7.99. ISBN 0316011274 (pap.); Little, Brown, 2004. \$16.95. ISBN 0316733695 (Tr.).  
For years, Liam has transformed himself into the beautiful girl he longs to be with help from his sister's clothes and makeup in the secrecy of their basement bedrooms, but now, everything is about to change - Luna is preparing to emerge from her cocoon.
- Picoult, Jodi. *My Sister's Keeper*. S&S, 2005. \$14.00. ISBN 0743454537 (pap.); 2004. \$25.00. ISBN 0743454529 (Tr.).  
Conceived as a genetic match for her terminally ill sister, Anna is tired of being used as "spare parts," and sues her parents to take control of her own life.
- Ralston, Aron. *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*. S&S, 2005. \$14.00. ISBN 074349282X (pap.).  
One of the most extraordinary survival stories ever told - Aron Ralston's searing account of his six days trapped in one of the most remote spots in America, and how one inspired act of bravery brought him home.
- Thompson, Craig. *Blankets*. Top Shelf, 2003. \$29.95. ISBN 1891830430 (pap.).  
Wrapped in the landscape of a blustery Wisconsin winter, *Blankets* explores the sibling rivalry of two brothers growing up in the isolated country, and the budding romance of two coming-of-age lovers.
- Trudeau, G.B. *The Long Road Home*. Andrews McMeel, 2005. \$9.95. ISBN 0740753851 (pap.).  
Deprived not only of his leg but also his ubiquitous trademark helmet, B.D. survives first-response Baghdad triage, evacuation to Landstuhl's surgeon-rich environment, and visits by innumerable morale-boosting celebs.

Werlin, Nancy. *Double Helix*. Puffin, 2005. \$6.99. ISBN 014240327X (pap.); 2004. \$15.99. ISBN 0-8037-2606-6 (Tr.).

Eighteen-year-old Eli discovers a shocking secret about his life and his family while working for a Nobel Prize-winning scientist whose specialty is genetic engineering.

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