

Dorothy Canfield Fisher Children's Book Award Master List 2015 – 2016

<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>PUBLISHER</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Acampora, Paul	<i>I Kill the Mockingbird</i>	Roaring Brook	6 up
Alexander, Kwame	<i>The Crossover</i>	Houghton Mifflin	6 up
Auxier, Jonathan	<i>The Night Gardener</i>	Amulet	7 up
Bell, Cece	<i>El Deafo</i>	Amulet	4 up
Berry, Julie	<i>The Scandalous Sisterhood of Prickwillow Place</i>	Roaring Brook	6 up
Curtis, Christopher Paul	<i>The Madman of Piney Woods</i>	Scholastic Press	5 up
Erskine, Kathryn	<i>The Badger Knight</i>	Scholastic Press	6 up
Fitzgerald, Laura Marx	<i>Under the Egg</i>	Dial	5 up
Gebhart, Ryan	<i>There Will Be Bears</i>	Candlewick	5 up
Graff, Lisa	<i>Absolutely Almost</i>	Philomel	5 up
Hagen, George	<i>Gabriel Finley and the Raven's Riddle</i>	Schwartz & Wade	5 up
Herrera, Robin	<i>Hope Is a Ferris Wheel</i>	Amulet	5 up
Holm, Jennifer L.	<i>The Fourteenth Goldfish</i>	Random	4 up
Johnson, Jaleigh	<i>The Mark of the Dragonfly</i>	Delacorte	6 up
Johnson, Terry Lynn	<i>Ice Dogs</i>	Houghton Mifflin	5 up
Klise, James	<i>The Art of Secrets</i>	Algonquin	7 up
Lawson, Jessica	<i>The Actual & Truthful Adventures of Becky Thatcher</i>	Simon & Schuster	5 up
Levy, Dana Alison	<i>The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher</i>	Delacorte	4 up
Lovejoy, Sharon	<i>Running Out of Night</i>	Delacorte	6 up
Martin, Ann M.	<i>Rain Reign</i>	Feiwel & Friends	5 up
Milford, Kate	<i>Greenglass House</i>	Clarion	6 up
Nye, Naomi Shihab	<i>The Turtle of Oman</i>	Greenwillow	4 up
Oppel, Kenneth	<i>The Boundless</i>	Simon & Schuster	6 up
Perkins, Lynne Rae	<i>Nuts to You</i>	Greenwillow	4 up
Romero, Jordan	<i>No Summit Out of Sight</i>	Simon & Schuster	6 up
Sheinkin, Steve	<i>The Port Chicago 50</i>	Roaring Brook	6 up
Snyder, Laurel	<i>Seven Stories Up</i>	Random	4 up
Sovern, Megan Jean	<i>The Meaning of Maggie</i>	Chronicle	5 up
Unsworth, Tania	<i>The One Safe Place</i>	Algonquin	7 up
Vail, Rachel	<i>Unfriended</i>	Viking	6 up

These books, to be read during the 2015-2016 school year, comprise the master list for the award to be made in 2016. The master list titles have been selected to satisfy the reading interests of children in grades 4-8. **Please note grade level before ordering the books.** The grades listed should be regarded more as maturity levels than reading levels.

MASTERLIST OF ANNOTATIONS

- Acampora, Paul. *I Kill the Mockingbird*. Roaring Brook. \$16.99. ISBN 978-1596437425. When best friends Lucy, Elena, and Michael receive their summer reading list, they are excited to see *To Kill a Mockingbird* included. But not everyone in their class shares the same enthusiasm. So they hatch a plot to get the entire town talking about the well-known Harper Lee classic.
- Alexander, Kwame. *The Crossover*. Houghton Mifflin. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0544107717. Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.
- Auxier, Jonathan. *The Night Gardener*. Amulet. \$16.95. ISBN 978-1419711442. Irish orphans Molly, fourteen, and Kip, ten, travel to England to work as servants in a crumbling manor house where nothing is quite what it seems to be, and soon the siblings are confronted by a mysterious stranger and secrets of the cursed house.
- Bell, Cece. *El Deafo*. Amulet. \$21.95. ISBN 978-1419710209. A hearing aid grants "superpowers" in this graphic novel memoir about growing up deaf. The Phonic Ear gives Cece the ability to hear – sometimes things she shouldn't – but also isolates her from her classmates. She really just wants to fit in and find a true friend, someone who appreciates her as she is.
- Berry, Julie. *The Scandalous Sisterhood of Prickwillow Place*. Roaring Brook. \$15.99. ISBN 978-1596439566. The students of St Etheldreda's School for Girls face a dilemma. Their irascible headmistress, Mrs Plackett, and her surly brother, Mr Godding, have been most inconveniently poisoned at Sunday dinner. Now the school will almost certainly be closed and the girls sent home – unless these seven very proper young ladies can hide the murders.
- Curtis, Christopher Paul. *The Madman of Piney Woods*. Scholastic. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0545156646. Benji and Red couldn't be more different. They aren't friends. They don't even live in the same town. But their fates are entwined. Both of them have encountered a strange presence in the forest, watching them, tracking them. Could the Madman of Piney Woods be real?
- Erskine, Kathryn. *The Badger Knight*. Scholastic. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0545464420. In England in 1346, Adrian has three problems: he is small for his twelve years; he is an albino, so people are suspicious of him; and his father wants him to be a scribe, while he wants to be an archer. But when he runs away to join his friend in the fight against the invading Scots, he learns that war can be a lot more complicated than he imagined.
- Fitzgerald, Laura Marx. *Under the Egg*. Dial. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0803740013. Her grandfather's dying words lead thirteen-year-old Theodora Tenpenny to a valuable, hidden painting she fears may be stolen, but it is her search for answers in her Greenwich Village neighborhood that brings a real treasure.
- Gebhart, Ryan. *There Will Be Bears*. Candlewick. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0763665210. Thirteen-year-old Tyson sneaks off with his roughneck, but ill, grandpa to go on his first elk hunt, amid reports of a stalking man-eating grizzly.

- Graff, Lisa. *Absolutely Almost*. Philomel. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0399164057. Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, best at gym, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but new nanny Calista helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself.
- Hagen, George. *Gabriel Finley and the Raven's Riddle*. Schwartz & Wade. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0385371032. Eleven-year-old Gabriel, helped by a young raven with whom he has a magical bond, travels to the forbidding land of Aviopolis, where he must face challenges and unanswerable riddles to rescue his long-missing father.
- Herrera, Robin. *Hope Is a Ferris Wheel*. Amulet. \$16.95. ISBN 978-1419710391. After moving from Oregon to a trailer park in California, ten-year-old Star participates in a poetry club, where she learns some important lessons about herself and her own hopes and dreams for the future.
- Holm, Jennifer L. *The Fourteenth Goldfish*. Random. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0375870644. Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging, and consequently has turned into a teenager – which makes for complicated relationships when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter.
- Johnson, Jaleigh. *The Mark of the Dragonfly*. Delacorte. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0385376150. Since her father's death in a factory in the Dragonfly territories, thirteen-year-old Piper has eked out a living as a scrapper in Merrow Kingdom, but the arrival of a mysterious girl sends her on a dangerous journey to distant lands.
- Johnson, Terry Lynn. *Ice Dogs*. Houghton Mifflin. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0547899268. Victoria Secord, a 14-year-old dog musher, has been struggling in the year since her father died. While out on a run with the dogs, she finds and rescues an injured city boy, but after getting lost in a blizzard it will take all her survival skills for Victoria to lead everyone to safety.
- Klise, James. *The Art of Secrets*. Algonquin. \$16.95. ISBN 978-1616201951. When Saba Khan's apartment burns in a mysterious fire, possibly a hate crime, her Chicago high school rallies around her. Then a quirky piece of art donated to a school fund-raising effort for the Khans is revealed to be an unknown work by a famous artist, worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, and Saba's life turns upside down again.
- Lawson, Jessica. *The Actual & Truthful Adventures of Becky Thatcher*. Simon & Schuster. \$16.99. ISBN 978-1481401500. In 1860, eleven-year-old Becky Thatcher, new to St. Petersburg, Missouri, joins the boys at school in a bet to steal from the Widow Douglas in hopes of meeting a promise to have adventures which she made to her brother Jon before he died.
- Levy, Alison Dana. *The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher*. Delacorte. \$15.99. ISBN 978-0385376525. The start of the school year is not going as the Fletcher brothers hoped. Each boy finds his plans for success veering off in unexpected and sometimes disastrous directions. And at home, their miserable new neighbor complains about everything. As the year continues, the boys learn the hard and often hilarious lesson that sometimes what you least expect is what you come to care about the most.

- Lovejoy, Sharon. *Running Out of Night*. Delacorte. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0385744096. Every day is a misery for a nameless, motherless Southern girl who is treated cruelly by her pa and brothers. Her life changes forever when a runaway slave named Zenobia turns to her for help and shelter. Longing for her own freedom, the girl decides to run away, and she and Zenobia set off on a harrowing journey.
- Martin, Ann M. *Rain Reign*. Feiwel & Friends. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0312643003. Struggling with Asperger's, Rose shares a bond with her beloved dog, but when the dog goes missing during a storm, Rose is forced to confront the limits of her comfort levels, even if it means leaving her routines in order to search for her pet.
- Milford, Kate. *Greenglass House*. Clarion. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0544052703. At Greenglass House, a smuggler's inn, twelve-year-old Milo, the innkeepers' adopted son, plans to spend his winter holidays relaxing – but soon guests are arriving with strange stories about the house, sending Milo and Meddy, the cook's daughter, on an adventure.
- Nye, Naomi Shihab. *The Turtle of Oman*. Greenwillow. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0062019721. When Aref, a third-grader who lives in Muscat, Oman, refuses to pack his suitcase and prepare to move to Michigan, his mother asks for help from his grandfather, his Siddi, who takes Aref around the country, storing up memories he can carry with him to a new home.
- Oppel, Kenneth. *The Boundless*. Simon & Schuster. \$17.99. ISBN 978-1442472884. Aboard "The Boundless," the greatest train ever built, on its maiden voyage across Canada, teenaged Will enlists the aid of a traveling circus to save the train from villains.
- Perkins, Lynne Rae. *Nuts to You*. Greenwillow. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0060092757. The squirrels Jed, TsTs, and Chai are the very best of friends. So when Jed is snatched up by a hawk and carried away to another realm, TsTs and Chai resolve to go after him. New communities are discovered, new friends are made, huge danger is encountered (both man-made and of the fox and bobcat variety) and mysteries are revealed.
- Romero, Jordan. *No Summit Out of Sight*. Simon & Schuster. \$17.99. ISBN 978-1476709628. American teenager Jordan Romero recounts the experience of becoming, at age thirteen, the youngest person to climb to the summit of Mount Everest. Two years later he became the youngest person to reach the summits of the tallest mountains on each of the seven continents – a dream come true after many years of training and hard work.
- Sheinkin, Steve. *The Port Chicago 50*. Roaring Brook. \$19.99. ISBN 978-1596437968. Presents an account of the 1944 civil rights protest involving hundreds of African-American Navy servicemen who were unjustly charged with mutiny for refusing to work in unsafe conditions after the deadly Port Chicago explosion.
- Snyder, Laurel. *Seven Stories Up*. Random. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0375869174. In 1987, while her mother sits in a Baltimore hotel at the deathbed of a grandmother twelve-year-old Annie never knew, Annie travels back fifty years and shares adventures with the lonely girl who will grow up to be her feisty grandmother.

Sovern, Megan Jean. *The Meaning of Maggie*. Chronicle. \$16.99. ISBN 978-1452110219. Eleven-year-old Maggie Mayfield is an A-plus student with big plans for herself, but at this moment she is also facing a lot of problems – like starting middle school and figuring out how to help her father who is out of work and in a wheelchair.

Unsworth, Tania. *The One Safe Place*. Algonquin. \$15.95. ISBN 978-1616203290. In a near future world of heat, greed, and hunger, Devin earns a coveted spot in a home for abandoned children that promises unlimited food and toys and the hope of finding a new family, but Devin discovers the home's horrific true mission when he investigates its intimidating Administrator and the zombie-like sickness that afflicts some children.

Vail, Rachel. *Unfriended*. Viking. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0670013074. When thirteen-year-old Truly is invited to sit at the Popular Table, she finds herself caught in a web of lies and misunderstandings, made inescapable by the hyperconnected social media world.

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