

Dorothy Canfield Fisher Children's Book Award Master List 2011 – 2012

<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>PUBLISHER</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Angleberger, Tom	<i>The Strange Case of Origami Yoda</i>	Amulet	4 up
Balliett, Blue	<i>The Danger Box</i>	Scholastic	5 up
Conly, Jane	<i>Murder Afloat</i>	Hyperion	5 up
Couloumbis, Audrey	<i>Jake</i>	Random House	4 up
Draper, Sharon M.	<i>Out of My Mind</i>	Atheneum	5 up
Erskine, Kathryn	<i>Mockingbird</i>	Philomel	5 up
Falls, Kat	<i>Dark Life</i>	Scholastic	6 up
Gibbs, Stuart	<i>Belly Up</i>	S & S	5 up
Henson, Heather	<i>Dream of Night</i>	Atheneum	6 up
Holm, Jennifer	<i>Turtle in Paradise</i>	Random House	5 up
Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody	<i>The Reinvention of Moxie Roosevelt</i>	Dial	5 up
Klass, David	<i>Stuck on Earth</i>	FSG	7 up
Klise, Kate	<i>Grounded</i>	Feiwel & Friends	6 up
Levy, Debbie	<i>The Year of Goodbyes</i>	Hyperion	6 up
Lord, Cynthia	<i>Touch Blue</i>	Scholastic	5 up
Lupica, Mike	<i>Hero</i>	Philomel	5 up
McMullan, Margaret	<i>Sources of Light</i>	Houghton Harcourt	7 up
Messner, Kate	<i>Sugar and Ice</i>	Walker	5 up
Mitchell, Don	<i>Driven: A Photobiography of Henry Ford</i>	National Geographic	5 up
Montgomery, Sy	<i>Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's Strangest Parrot</i>	Houghton Harcourt	5 up
O'Connor, Barbara	<i>The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester</i>	FSG	4 up
Oppel, Kenneth	<i>Half Brother</i>	Scholastic	7 up
Resau, Laura	<i>Star in the Forest</i>	Delacorte	4 up
Rhodes, Jewell Parker	<i>Ninth Ward</i>	Little, Brown	4 up
Shulman, Polly	<i>The Grimm Legacy</i>	Putnam	7 up
Silberberg, Alan	<i>Milo: Sticky Notes and Brain Freeze</i>	Aladdin	5 up
Sonnenblick, Jordan	<i>After Ever After</i>	Scholastic	6 up
Telgemeier, Raina	<i>Smile</i>	Graphix	5 up
Williams-Garcia, Rita	<i>One Crazy Summer</i>	Amistad	5 up
Zafon, Carlos Ruiz	<i>The Prince of Mist</i>	Little, Brown	7 up

These books, to be read during the 2011-2012 school year, comprise the master list for the award to be made in 2012. 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

- Angleberger, Tom. *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda*. Amulet. \$12.95. ISBN 978-0-8109-8425-7. Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. Includes instructions for making Origami Yoda.
- Balliett, Blue. *The Danger Box*. Scholastic. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-439-85209-8. In small-town Michigan, twelve-year-old Zoomy and his new friend Lorrol investigate the journal found inside a mysterious box and find family secrets and a more valuable treasure, while a dangerous stranger watches and waits.
- Conly, Jane Leslie. *Murder Afloat*. Hyperion. \$17.99. ISBN 978-1-4231-0416-2. In the 1870s, Benjamin Franklin Orville, a boy from a wealthy Baltimore family, is kidnapped and forced to work on an oyster dredger whose captain has no qualms about murdering any crewman who fails to meet his demands.
- Coulombis, Audrey. *Jake*. Random House. \$15.99. ISBN 978-0-375-85630-3 (Tr.); \$18.99. ISBN 978-0-375-95630-0 (PLB). When ten-year-old Jake's widowed mother breaks her leg just before Christmas while her sister and best friend are both away, a grandfather Jake barely remembers must come to Baltimore, Maryland, to help a neighbor take care of him.
- Draper, Sharon M. *Out of My Mind*. Atheneum. \$16.99. ISBN 978-1-4169-7170-2. Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.
- Erskine, Kathryn. *Mockingbird*. Philomel. \$15.99. ISBN 978-0-399-25264-8; \$6.99. ISBN 978-0-1424-1775-1 (pap.). Ten-year-old Caitlin, who has Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to understand emotions, show empathy, and make friends at school, while at home she seeks closure by working on a project with her father.
- Falls, Kat. *Dark Life*. Scholastic. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-545-17814-3. When fifteen-year-old Ty, who has always lived on the ocean floor, joins Topside girl Gemma in the frontier's underworld to seek and stop outlaws who threaten his home, they learn that the government may pose an even greater threat.
- Gibbs, Stuart. *Belly Up*. S & S. \$15.99. ISBN 978-1-4169-8731-4. Twelve-year-old Teddy investigates when a popular Texas zoo's star attraction--Henry the hippopotamus--is murdered.
- Henson, Heather. *Dream of Night*. Atheneum. \$15.99. ISBN 978-1-4169-4899-5. Told from their different points of view, twelve-year-old Shiloh, a troubled foster child, Dream of Night, an abused former racehorse, and Jess, a woman who cares for both, find healing by helping one another through their pain.

- Holm, Jennifer L. *Turtle in Paradise*. Random House. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-375-83688-6 (Tr.); \$19.99. ISBN 978-0-375-93688-3 (PLB). In 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who does not like children, eleven-year-old Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in far away Key West, Florida.
- Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody. *The Reinvention of Moxie Roosevelt*. Dial. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-8037-3303-9. On her first day of boarding school, a thirteen-year-old girl who feels boring and invisible decides to change her personality to match her unusual name.
- Klass, David. *Stuck on Earth*. FSG. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-374-39951-1. On a secret mission to evaluate whether the human race should be annihilated, a space alien inhabits the body of a bullied fourteen-year-old boy.
- Klise, Kate. *Grounded*. Feiwel & Friends. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-312-57039-2. After her father, brother, and sister are killed in a plane crash, twelve-year-old Daralynn's life in tiny Digginsville, Missouri, proceeds as her mother turns angry and embittered, her grandmother becomes senile, and her flamboyant aunt continues to run the Summer Sunset Retirement Home for Distinguished Gentlemen, while being courted by the owner of the town's new crematorium.
- Levy, Debbie. *The Year of Goodbyes*. Hyperion. \$16.99. ISBN 978-1-4231-2901-1. Using her mother's poetry album, Levy recounts the story of eleven-year-old Jutta's life in Germany in 1938 as the country descends into madness.
- Lord, Cynthia. *Touch Blue*. Scholastic. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-545-03531-6. When the state of Maine threatens to shut down their island's one-room schoolhouse because of dwindling enrollment, eleven-year-old Tess, a strong believer in luck, and her family take in a trumpet-playing foster child to increase the school's population.
- Lupica, Mike. *Hero*. Philomel. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0-399-25283-9. Fourteen-year-old Zach learns he has the same special abilities as his father, who was the President's globe-trotting troubleshooter until "the Bads" killed him, and now Zach must decide whether to use his powers in the same way at the risk of his own life.
- McMullan, Margaret. *Sources of Light*. Houghton Harcourt. \$15.00. ISBN 978-0-5470-7659-1. Fourteen-year-old Samantha and her mother move to Jackson, Mississippi, in 1962 after her father is killed in Vietnam, and during the year they spend there Sam encounters both love and hate as she learns about photography from a new friend of her mother's and witnesses the prejudice and violence of the segregationists of the South.
- Messner, Kate. *Sugar and Ice*. Walker. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-8027-2081-8. When Russian skating coach Andrei Grosheva offers twelve-year-old farm girl Claire a scholarship to train with the elite in Lake Placid, she encounters a world of mean girls on ice, where competition is everything.

- Mitchell, Don. *Driven: A Photobiography of Henry Ford*. National Geographic. \$18.95. ISBN 978-1-4263-0155-1 (Tr.); \$27.90. ISBN 978-1-4263-0156-8 (PLB). A biography of Henry Ford, the industrial visionary who changed the automobile from rich man's toy into affordable necessity.
- Montgomery, Sy. *Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's Strangest Parrot*. Photos by Nic Bishop. Houghton Harcourt. \$18.00. ISBN 978-0-618-49417-0. On remote Codfish Island off the southern coast of New Zealand live the last 91 Kakapo parrots on earth. Originally this bird numbered in the millions before humans brought predators to the islands; now a team of scientists is trying to restore the Kakapo population.
- O'Connor, Barbara. *The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester*. FSG. \$15.99. ISBN 978-0-374-36850-0. After Owen captures an enormous bullfrog, names it Tooley Graham, then has to release it, he and two friends try to use a small submarine that fell from a passing train to search for Tooley in the Carter, Georgia, pond it came from, while avoiding nosy neighbor Viola.
- Oppel, Kenneth. *Half Brother*. Scholastic. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0-545-22925-8. In 1973, when a renowned Canadian behavioral psychologist pursues his latest research project--an experiment to determine whether chimpanzees can acquire advanced language skills--he brings home a baby chimp named Zan and asks his thirteen-year-old son to treat Zan like a little brother.
- Resau, Laure. *Star in the Forest*. Delacorte. \$14.99. ISBN 978-0-3857-3792-0. After eleven-year-old Zitlally's father is deported to Mexico, she takes refuge in her trailer park's forest of rusted car parts, where she befriends a spunky neighbor and finds a stray dog that she nurses back to health and believes she must keep safe so that her father will return.
- Rhodes, Jewell Parker. *Ninth Ward*. Little, Brown. \$15.99. ISBN 978-0-316-04307-6. In New Orleans' Ninth Ward, twelve-year-old Lanessa, who can see spirits, and her adopted grandmother have no choice but to stay and weather the storm as Hurricane Katrina bears down upon them.
- Shulman, Polly. *The Grimm Legacy*. Putnam. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-399-25096-5. New York high school student Elizabeth gets an after-school job as a page at the "New-York Circulating Material Repository," and when she gains coveted access to its Grimm Collection of magical objects, she and the other pages are drawn into a series of frightening adventures involving mythical creatures and stolen goods.
- Silberberg, Alan. *Milo: Sticky Notes and Brain Freeze*. Aladdin. \$15.99. ISBN 978-1-4169-9430-5. In love with the girl he sneezed on the first day of school and best pals with Marshall, the "One Eyed Jack" of friends, seventh-grader Milo Cruikshank misses his mother whose death has changed everything at home.

- Sonnenblick, Jordan. *After Ever After*. Scholastic. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0-439-83706-4; \$7.99. ISBN 978-0-439-83708-8 (pap.). Although Jeff and Tad, encouraged by a new friend, Lindsey, make a deal to help one another overcome aftereffects of their cancer treatments in preparation for eighth-grade graduation, Jeff still craves advice from his older brother Stephen who is studying drums in Africa.
- Telgemeier, Raina. *Smile*. Graphix. \$21.99. ISBN 978-0-5451-3205-3; \$10.99. ISBN 978-0-5451-3206-0 (pap.). In this graphic memoir, Telgemeier recounts the dental hell and accompanying social problems she went through as an adolescent.
- Williams-Garcia, Rita. *One Crazy Summer*. Amistad. \$15.99. ISBN 978-0-0607-6088-5. In the summer of 1968, after travelling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.
- Zafon, Carlos Ruiz. *The Prince of Mist*. Little, Brown. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0-3160-4477-6; \$8.99. ISBN 978-0-3160-4480-6 (pap.). In 1943, in a seaside town where their family has gone to be safe from war, thirteen-year-old Max Carver and his sister, fifteen-year-old Alicia, with their new friend Roland, face off against an evil magician who is striving to complete a bargain made before he died.

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