

2018 Master List
Junior High Book Award Program
Grades 6-8

Vote for your favorite book in the WCGS/Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award Program! We have chosen fifteen of the twenty 2018 Illinois Rebecca Caudill Award nominees to have at WCGS. The other five titles are not official Caudill titles, but will round out the list of 20 for our school. (More info about the Caudill program: <http://www.rebeccacaudill.org/>)

Rebecca Caudill Award Titles—You must read at least 3 of these in order to vote.

Bertman, Jennifer	The Book Scavenger	Mystery
Brown, Don	Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans	Graphic/Nonfic.
Connor, Leslie	All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook	Realistic
Eagar, Lindsay	Hour of the Bees	Realistic
Ganda, Martin	I Will Always Write Back (*see note)	Nonfiction
Hilton, Marilyn	Full Cicada Moon	Historical
Holt, K. A.	House Arrest	Realistic
Leyson, Leon	The Boy on the Wooden Box	Nonfiction
Nielsen, Jennifer A.	A Night Divided	Historical
Pearsall, Shelley	The Seventh Most Important Thing	Realistic
Sachar, Louis	Fuzzy Mud	Sci-Fi/Mystery
Schmidt, Gary D.	Orbiting Jupiter	Realistic
Smith, Roland	Beneath	Adventure
Sullivan, Tara	The Bitter Side of Sweet	Realistic
Tyre, Lisa Lewis	Last in a Long Line of Rebels	Mystery/Historical

WCGS Titles

Brumbach, Andrew	The Eye of Midnight	Fantasy/Adv.
Lucado, Max	He Chose You	Faith/Nonfic.
Metaxas, Eric	Bonhoeffer (Student Edition or abridged)	Biography
Peterson, Andrew	On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness	Fantasy
Wells, Brian	The League and the Lantern	Fantasy/Adv.

Rewards

You MUST begin by reading books from the above list until you get to 10!

3 Books from the list—Reward choice—rubber duck, bookmark, pen, etc.

6 Books from the list—Reward choice—rubber duck, bookmark, pen, etc.

10 books from the list--\$10 gift card—iTunes or Amazon (**certificate at awards assembly**)

After reading at least 10 books from the list:

Read an additional 10 free choice books—\$10 gift card (in addition to \$10 you received at 10 books)

Finish reading all 20 books on the list (no free choice books)—\$20 gift card (in addition to \$10 you received at 10 books)

Read all 20 books on the list plus 10 free choice—\$10 gift card (in addition to \$10 and \$20 you received at 10 and 20 books from the list.)

The FINE PRINT

- **If you have read a book *from the list* during the summer before the current school year, you may count it. Otherwise you need to read it again.**
- Free choice books should come from our YA or YA78 section.
- Free choice books should be something you have *never read before* and must be read *during the current school year*. Nothing from the summer will count.
- Any books you would like to read from our Fiction, Nonfiction, or Biography sections must be **pre-approved** (ask permission first!) by Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Pierson.
- Free choice books that are not from our library must be an appropriate interest level and require a different form to be filled out to receive credit.

Deadlines:

Tuesday, February, 20, 2018—

- You must have completed your 10 books *from the list* by this date in order to continue on to higher levels of rewards.
- All students who have read at least 3 books from the Caudill list by this date will be able to vote for their favorite book by the voting deadline of February 28, 2018 (even if you didn't make it to 10). Mrs. Brown will contact you to vote.
- Students who have read 10 books will receive a certificate at the awards assembly in May and an invitation to the open house on May 2.

Monday, April 16, 2018—Final deadline for students to turn in book forms and receive rewards.

Permission Form

Name of Student: _____

Homerroom: _____

For parents of 6th graders: Five of these titles are shelved in our YA78 section, which is normally checked out only to 7th and 8th graders at our school. Please initial here if you give your child permission to read these five books for the program. According to the official Caudill program, these titles are generally offered to students in 6th-8th grades and even down to 4th grade at some schools. However, if you would prefer that your child not read them, they can still participate in the program since they are only required to read 10 books from the list and they also have the option of reading free choice books after that.

_____ **6th grade parents please initial if you give permission for your 6th grader to read the YA78 titles on the list.**

For ALL Parents:

***A note about the book *I Will Always Write Back*:** This is a phenomenal true story about a 7th grade girl named Caitlin who becomes pen pals with a boy from Zimbabwe and gains a totally different perspective on her own life and the lives of people in 3rd world countries. Even as an adult reader, I found this book to be eye-opening about the luxury we experience daily compared to so many people around the world. It is an inspiring story of how several people's lives were changed because of one letter that started it all. However, there are a few mentions of instances in which Caitlin makes some poor choices during high school regarding alcohol and drug use. In both cases, the influencing friends are not cast in a positive light, and I felt the value of the book outweighed these brief situations and that our students could handle this content without being influenced by it.

A label inside the book reads:

"WCGS does not support substance abuse or under-age drinking mentioned briefly in this book. We recognize that secular culture may have different standards regarding these topics, and we are confident that WCGS students understand the importance of obeying the law, being good stewards of their bodies, and making wise choices about those with whom they spend their time."

I wanted to make you aware of this content so that you could decide whether you want your child to read this book or not and discuss it with them if they do.

(Over)

Please sign below to show that you give your child permission to participate in this reading program.

Parent Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

E-mail address: _____

Student Section

I have read ALL of the instructions for this program and will adhere to the rules and be honest in all aspects of my participation.

Student Signature: _____

Please return THIS PAGE ONLY to the library and keep the book list and instructions for your information.