

Abraham Lincoln High School Book Award Nominees for 2006

The Abraham Lincoln Award is awarded annually to the author of the book voted as most outstanding by participating students in grades nine through twelve in Illinois. The award is named for Abraham Lincoln, one of Illinois' most famous residents and himself an avid reader and noted author. The award is sponsored by the Illinois School Library Media Association (ISLMA). The Abraham Lincoln Award is designed to encourage high school students to read for personal satisfaction and become familiar with authors of young adult books.

Chevalier, Tracy. Girl with a Pearl Earring. Set in 17th-century Delft, this historical novel intertwines the art of Johannes Vermeer with his life and that of a maiden servant in his household. **FIC CHEVALIER, T / DVD GIR**

Corrigan, Eireann. You Remind Me of You: A Poetry Memoir. Autobiographical poems recount events in a teenager's life, including her battles with eating disorders, her time in treatment facilities, and the suicide of her boyfriend. **YA 811.54 COR PB**

Crutcher, Chris. King of the Mild Frontier: An Ill-Advised Biography. Chris Crutcher, author of young adult novels such as "Ironman" and "Whale Talk," as well as short stories, tells of growing up in Cascade, Idaho, and becoming a writer. **YA 813.54 CRU**

Dessen, Sarah. Truth about Forever. The summer following her father's death, Macy plans to work at the library and wait for her brainy boyfriend to return from camp, but instead she goes to work at a catering business where she makes new friends and finally faces her grief. **YA FIC DES**

Draper, Sharon. Battle of Jericho. A high school junior and his cousin suffer the ramifications of joining what seems to be a "reputable" school club. **JH DRA / YA PPB D / JH CD-BOOK DRA**

Fforde, Jasper. Eyre Affair. In Jasper Fforde's Great Britain, circa 1985, time travel is routine, cloning is a reality, and literature is taken very, very seriously. When someone begins kidnapping characters from works of literature and plucks Jane Eyre from the pages of Brontë's novel, Thursday Next, renowned Special Operative in literary detection, is faced with the challenge of her career. **SF FFORDE, J**

Golabek, Mona. Children of Willesden Lane. Famed concert pianist Mona Golabek shares the inspirational true story of her mother's escape from pre-WWII Vienna to an orphanage in London-243 Willesden Lane.

Haddon, Mark. Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time. Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother. **FIC HADDON, M / FIC HADDON, M PB**

Hautman, Pete. **Sweetblood: A Vampire Novel.** After a lifetime of being a model student, sixteen-year-old Lucy Szabo is suddenly in trouble at school, at home, with the "proto-vampires" she has met online and in person, and most of all with her uncontrolled diabetes.

YA FIC HAU

Hornschemeier, Paul. **Mother, Come Home.** Here is the quietly stunning tale of a father and son struggling, by varying degrees of escapism and fantasy, to come to terms with the death of the family's mother.

Hosseini, Khaled. **Kite Runner.** Hosseini manages to provide an educational and eye-opening account of Afghanistan's political turmoil while also developing characters whose heartbreaking struggles and emotional triumphs resonate with readers long after the last page has been turned over. **FIC HOSSEINI, K / FIC HOSSEINI, K PB**

Johnson, Angela. **First Part Last.** Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter. **YA FIC JOH / YA PPB J / YA CD-BOOK FIC JOH**

Koontz, Dean. **Odd Thomas.** Koontz provides terrific entertainment that deals seriously with some of the deepest themes of human existence: the nature of evil, the grip of fate and the power of love. **FIC KOONTZ, D / LT KOONTZ, D / PPB K / CD-BOOK KOONTZ**

Mackler, Carolyn. **Earth, My Butt & Other Big Round Things.** Feeling like she does not fit in with the other members of her family, who are all thin, brilliant, and good-looking, fifteen-year-old Virginia tries to deal with her self-image, her first physical relationship, and her disillusionment with some of the people closest to her. **YA FIC MAC**

Maynard, Joyce. **Usual Rules.** Set both in Brooklyn and the small town of Davis, Calif., following the events of September 11, the book tells the coming-of-age story of a girl whose mother goes to work one morning and doesn't come back. **YA FIC MAY PB**

Picoult, Jodi. **My Sister's Keeper.** Anna was genetically engineered to be a perfect match for her cancer-ridden older sister. Since birth, the 13-year-old has donated platelets, blood, her umbilical cord, and bone marrow as part of her family's struggle to lengthen Kate's life. Anna is now being considered as a kidney donor in a last-ditch attempt to save her 16-year-old sister. As this compelling story opens, Anna has hired a lawyer to represent her in a medical emancipation suit to allow her to have control over her own body. **FIC PICOULT, J / LT PICOULT, J / CD-BOOK PICOULT**

Reeve, Philip. **Mortal Engines.** In the distant future, when cities move about and consume smaller towns, a fifteen-year-old apprentice is pushed out of London by the man he most admires and must seek answers in the perilous Out-Country, aided by one girl and the memory of another. **YA FIC REE**

Roach, Mary. **Stiff: the Curious Lives of Human Cadavers.** Those curious or brave enough to find out what really happens to a body that is donated to the scientific community can do so with this book. **611 ROA**

Sanchez, Alex. **Rainbow Boys.** Three high school seniors, a jock with a girlfriend and an alcoholic father, a closeted gay, and a flamboyant gay rights advocate, struggle with family issues, gay bashers, first sex, and conflicting feelings about each other. **YA FIC SAN**

Spinelli, Jerry. **Stargirl.** In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever. **YA FIC SPI /**
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Tashjian, Janet. **Gospel According to Larry.** Seventeen-year-old Josh, a loner-philosopher who wants to make a difference in the world, tries to maintain his secret identity as the author of a web site that is receiving national attention. **YA FIC TAS**

Trueman, Terry. **Inside Out.** A sixteen-year-old with schizophrenia is caught up in the events surrounding an attempted robbery by two other teens who eventually hold him hostage. **YA FIC TRU**