

2019 MYRCA Sundog Nominees

All titles have the interest level indicated.



A Blinding Light by Julie Lawson

Nimbus Publishing, 2017 • ISBN: 978-1771085410 • Grades 4+

Based on true events in 1917, the Halifax Harbour is bustling with activity when an explosion completely destroys the city. Fifteen year old Will is a witness to the events but is desperate to find his twelve year old sister Livy who was last seen in the most affected district.

Bounced by Ted Staunton

Scholastic Canada, 2017 • ISBN: 978-1-4431-5717-9 • Grades 4+

Duncan Fortune doesn't know it yet, but he is at the scene of a crime. While trying to catch a ball that got out of control, Duncan bumps into someone leaving a bank that has just been robbed. Was it the Borsalino Bandit? Will thirteen year old Duncan and his friends solve the crime, or have they just bounced themselves into big trouble?

Brave by Svetlana Chmakova

Yen Press, 2017 • ISBN: 978-0316363181 • Grades 4+

Jensen finds school challenging. Things like finding a partner for a class project, Math and dealing with friends are scary. In his dreams, he has no problem being brave, but real life is harder. Then Jensen is invited to join the school newspaper, and he discovers surprising things about himself.

Clutch by Heather Camlot

Red Deer Press, 2017 • ISBN 978-0889955486 • Grades 4+

In Montreal's poor Plateau neighbourhood, in 1946, twelve year old Joey is a kid with big dreams. He hopes to break barriers and be a success like his younger brother's hero, Jackie Robinson. Joey has lots of ideas for making money, but will money equal success?

Laura Monster Crusher by Wesley King

Puffin Canada, 2017 • ISBN: 978-0-670-07002-2 • Grades 4+

The summer before eighth grade, Laura Ledwick and her family move to a new town, away from her problems. Shortly after the move, Laura is chosen as the world's newest Monster Crusher. Now, on top of all her other worries, Laura has the fate of the world in her hands.

Restart by Gordon Korman

Scholastic Press, 2017 • ISBN: 978-1338053777 • Grades 4+

When Chase wakes up with amnesia his mind is filled with questions. Why does his Dad make him nervous? Why is his stepsister scared of him? The stuff in his room tells Chase he's a middle school hero, but that's not the whole story. Chase needs to remember who he was and decide who he wants to become.

The Doll's Eye by Marina Cohen

Roaring Brook Press, 2017 • ISBN: 978-1626722040 • Grades 4+

Twelve year old Hadley has just moved to a creepy old mansion with her father, stepmother and stepbrother. She's not happy about any of it, and she wants her life to go back to the way it was. After she finds an old doll, her wishes start coming true but sometimes you should be careful what you wish for.

The Explorers: The Door in the Alley by Adrienne Kress

Delacorte Press, 2017 • ISBN: 9781101940051 • Grades 4 +

What would you do if you saw a pig in a teeny hat run into the street? Twelve year old Sebastian faces just this dilemma after a lifetime of efficiency and caution. He changes his attitude after discovering a door bearing the name "The Explorers Society". After rescuing the pig and meeting its owner, he is quickly drawn into the mysterious society and adventure and chaos ensues.

The Nameless City: The Stone Heart

by Faith Erin Hicks and Jordie Bellaire

First Second, 2017 • ISBN: 978-1626721586 • Grades 4+

When soldier-in-training Kaidu and street urchin Rat discover conflicts within the Dao ruling-class, chaos erupts. Kaidu looks to a secret book for the lost knowledge of the mysterious founders of the City for help. Kaidu has to decide if sharing the secret will bring peace or make him a traitor.

The Theory of Hummingbirds by Michelle Kadarusman

Pajama Press, 2017 • ISBN: 978-1-77278-027-7 • Grades 4+

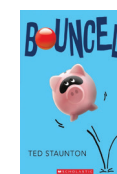
Sixth-grader Alba is recovering from surgery for her club foot, but she is determined to run in a cross-country meet. Even though it's only two kilometers it's not going to be easy. Alba thinks she has a chance until her best friend scoffs at her plans and insists that their school librarian has discovered a wormhole in her office.

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2019 MYRCA Northern Lights Nominees

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Even the Darkest Stars by Heather Fawcett

Balzer + Bray, 2017 • ISBN: 978-0062463388 • Grades 7+

When asked to join the Emperor's Royal Explorer to map the tallest, deadliest mountain in the kingdom, Kamzin jumps at the opportunity. But when her sister sets off on her own to climb the mountain, Kamzin has an important decision to make; save her sister from certain death, or beat her up the mountain for the glory.

Exo by Fonda Lee

Scholastic Press, 2017 • ISBN: 978-0545933438 • Grades 7+

Earth has been conquered by aliens. Seventeen-year-old Donovan has been given an 'exo' skeleton to protect him as he maintains order among the humans. When he's captured by a resistance group, he learns ugly truths about what really led to humanity's defeat, and has to decide what role he will play in Earth's future.

Falcon Wild by Terry Lynn Johnson

Charlesbridge Publishing Inc., 2017 • ISBN: 978-1580897884 • Grades 7+

Thirteen-year old Karma lives with her family at their raptor bird conservation center. When she has to take her beloved gyrfalcon, Stark back to its owner, she's heartbroken. On the way a car accident leaves her father and brother trapped and it's up to Karma to find a way to rescue them.

Run by David Skuy

Red Deer Press, 2017 • ISBN: 978-1770864887 • Grades 7+

Eighth grader Lionel is overweight, anxious, and bullied. After spending years of trying to disappear into the woodwork and resenting his mother and her "do-nothing" boyfriend Lionel makes slow changes to improve his life. He starts by running a short bit every day, until he finds that he can improve himself and achieves what he least expected.

Short for Chameleon by Vicki Grant

HarperCollins, 2017 • ISBN: 978-1443448987 • Grades 7+

Ever wish you could change your identity? That's Cam's life – he and his dad are rent-a-relatives who act as friends and family members for paying customers. Pretending to be someone else was working for Cam, until he meets Albertina and Raylene, two people who show him the importance of knowing who you really are.

Sit by Deborah Ellis

Groundwood Books, 2017 • ISBN: 978-1773061108 • Grades 7+

Each story in this collection focuses on a seated child. From a child worker in a chair factory, to a young inmate serving time in solitary, to a boy having a fateful dinner with his family; each person makes a decision that will affect their lives, whether big or small.

The Assassin's Curse by Kevin Sands

Aladdin, 2017 • ISBN: 9781534405257 • Grades 7+

Returning hero fourteen year old apprentice apothecary Christopher Rowe, along with friends Tom and Sally are on a mission to uncover the identity of a killer using a sophisticated poison. Can they decipher clues, find the ancient treasure, uncover the assassination plot, and save the royal family before it's too late?

The Way Back Home by Allan Stratton

Scholastic Canada, 2017 • ISBN: 978-1443148382 • Grades 7+

Life is hard when you're a teenager. The only person who really gets Zoe is her Granny. Because of Granny's dementia, Zoe's parents decide that a care home is the best place for her. Defiant, Zoe sneaks Granny out and they head off to Toronto to find Zoe's long-lost uncle. Unfortunately, nothing goes as planned.

The Winnowing by Vicki VanSickle

Scholastic Press, 2017 • ISBN: 978-1443148863 • Grades 7+

SuperGen is the cure for a worldwide medical crisis, but there are side effects. 12 yr old Marivic is happy to be going to Barton to be vaccinated but once she gets there, things are not what they seem. Can Marivic find out the truth before it's too late to save herself and her friends?

Those Who Run in the Sky by Aviaq Johnston

Inhabit Media, 2017 • ISBN: 978-1772271217 • Grades 7+

Pitu, a young Inuit boy, is out hunting when a storm hits. He loses his dogs and his gear and cannot find his way back to his village. Soon, Pitu realizes he's been transported to the spirit world where he encounters dangerous red eyed wolves, hungry water spirits, a zoo-keeping giant, and a grumpy old shaman who just may be the key to helping Pitu return to his own world.

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