2020 – MYRCA Nominees

**2020 Sundogs Nominees**

**Crush by Svetlana Chmakova**

Jorge is a sweet, lovable guy even though he’s bigger and more intimidating than most kids his age. When he meets a girl and develops a crush on her, his life starts to change.

**Coop the Great by Larry Verstraete**

Cooper is an old dachshund that has lived in the dog pound most of life. Then an old grandpa named Mike rescues him and Coop doesn’t want to beleive that he is in his forever home. Then Coop starts to notice that Mike and his grandkids might need some rescuing too. Is Coop the one to help them?

**Elephant Secret by Eric Walters**

Samantha lives at the elephant sanctuary that her dad runs. One day, Sam’s favorite elephant dies in childbirth and she develops a special connection with the baby who is. . . different. Sam needs to figure out why the baby elephant is covered in hair!

**Inkling by Ken Oppel**

Ethan’s Dad is a famous graphic novelist, but after Ethan’s Mom dies, his Dad is too depressed to work. Ethan is having his own issues at school and when a magical blob of Ink rolls out of his Dad’s sketchbook, Ethan names him Inkling and it becomes his pet. Inkling wants to help Ethan but it just seems to get him into more and more trouble.

**Mucus Mayhem by Kevin Sylvester**

Jessica Flem is an amazing player of an online game called Gang of Greats. She is also allergic to everything! On her 13th birthday, she discovers she has a super power! The ability to transform her mucus-filled tissues into slimy magical helpers. Which comes in handy because she is about to save the world.

**Lucy and Lola by Monique Gray Smith**

Lucy and Lola are 11-year-old twins who are going to spend the summer with their Kookum while their mother studies for the bar exam. During their time with Kookum, the girls begin to learn about her painful past. Kookum had to give up her daughter to a residential School.

**When we Play our Drums, They Sing by Richard Van Camp**

Dene Cho is angry that his people are losing their language, traditions, and ways of being. Elder Snowbird is there to teach him that understanding the past can ultimately change the future.

**Miles to Go by Beryl Young**

Two girls are best friends but have very different lives. Anna lives on a farm and her family is struggling to feed all the kids. Maggie lives in town above the jail since her Dad is an RCMP officer. When tragedy strikes Anna’s family, their friendship is tested in a big way.

**Missing Mike by Shari Green**

Mike is not the best looking dog, he’s a mutt and he’s missing an eye, but Caera loves him and he follows her everywhere. On the day that the family is ordered to evacuate from a huge forest fire, Mike runs away. To Caera’s horror, they are forced to leave him behind.

**Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliot**

When Jaxon is sent to spend the day with a mean old lady, she gets him to help her deliver baby dragons to a magical world where they’ll be safe. But, there are two rules: don’t let the dragons out of the bag, and don’t feed them anything sweet. Take a guess at what happens next.

**Wicked Nix by Lena Coakley**

Nix is a fairy who likes to play tricks. When the queen goes away, she leaves him with a job: to protect the forest from humans. Then a human arrives and Nix must do everything he can to get rid of him. But nothing seems to work.

**2020 Northern Lights Nominees**

**Surviving the City by Tasha Spillet**

Miikwan and Dez are best friends. When Dez’s grandmother becomes too sick to look after Dez, she is told she will have to move to a group home. Then Dez runs away and Miikwan is terrified that something bad will happen to her.

**Fake Blood by Whitney Gardner**

AJ has had a crush on Nia for years! So this year, AJ decides to make his move. Only problem is, Nia is completely obsessed with vampires and doesn’t think about anything else. Maybe AJ can become a vampire to get her attention?

**No Fixed Address by Susin Nielsen**

Felix’s mom Astrid is loving but unreliable. She often falls into “slumps” and can't hold onto a job. When they get evicted from their apartment, they move into a camper van… just for the summer. But when September comes around, they're still in the van. Felix begins to think that he will never have a home.

**Ebb and Flow by Heather Smith**

Jett’s Dad is in jail and his friends won’t hang out with him anymore. When he meets a boy names Junior, he thinks he has found a friend, but things only get worse from there. Jett then goes to stay with his grandmother’s because he needs to get away from his old life.

**The Strange and Deadly Portraits of Briony Gray by E Latimer**

Briony’s mother abandons her and she ends up living with her aunt and her uncle who keep her locked in the attic, forcing her to paint for their rich clients. When her paintings start to come to life, she discovers that her family might be cursed!

**Pulse Point by Colleen Nelson and Nancy Chappell-Polak**

The world in uninhabitable and people live in domed cities. Kaia lives under the done and one day discovers that her microchip doesn’t work anymore. She now has a way out of the City.

**Sanctuary by Caryn Lix**

Kenzie works as a junior guard on the Omnistellar space prison that holds extremely dangerous prisoners… teens with incredible superpowers. But when a routine drill goes wrong and Kenzie is taken hostage by rioting prisoners. Will she survive?

**A World Below by Wesley King**

Eric and his class are going on a field trip to the Carslbad caverns. When an earthquake hits during their trip, all the students are plunged into the abyss. Now they are separated from their teacher and parents and they have to find a way out on their own.

**Don’t Tell the Enemy by Marsha Skrypuch**

It’s World War II in a little Ukrainian town. When the Nazis take over from the Soviets, Krystia thinks things will get better, but they actually get worse. There is starvation and murder. When her Jewish friends start being rounded up into ghettos, she is on the outside and is the only person left able to help. Based on a true story!

**The Journey of Little Charlie by Christopher Paul Curtis**

Little Charlie Bobo loses his Dad in a freak accident and his family is being threatened with eviction by Cap’n Buck. Charlie has no choice but to go North with the Cap’n to pay his debt. As they travel the Underground Railroad, Charlie has to choose between capturing escaped slaves or becoming one.