



## Nebraska Golden Sower Award Nominee Titles 2016-2017

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### 2016-2017 Primary Nominees

Applegate, Katherine. *Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla*.  
Illustrated by G. Brian Karas. Clarion Books, 2014. ISBN 9780544252301

The true story of Ivan, known as the Shopping Mall Gorilla, who lived alone in a small cage for almost 30 years before being relocated to the gorilla habitat at ZooAtlanta.

Aylesworth, Jim. *My Grandfather's Coat*.

Illustrated by Barbara McClintock. Scholastic Press, 2014. ISBN 9780439925457

A tailor's very old overcoat is recycled numerous times over the years into a variety of garments and for other uses.

Cox, Lynne. *Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas*.

Illustrated by Brian Floca. Schwartz & Wade, 2014. ISBN 9780375858888

This is the true story of Elizabeth, an elephant seal who made a home in New Zealand's narrow Avon River and loved to stretch out across a two-lane road, requiring volunteers to tow her farther out to sea after she kept repeatedly returning.

DiPucchio, Kelly. *Gaston*.

Illustrated by Christian Robinson. Atheneum, 2014. ISBN 9781442451025

A proper bulldog raised in a poodle family and a tough poodle raised in a bulldog family meet one day in the park.

Esbaum, Jill. *I Am Cow, Hear Me Moo!*

Illustrated by Gus Gordon. Dial, 2014. ISBN 9780803735248

While showing her timid friends the wonders of the woods, brave Nadine the cow discovers that she is not entirely fearless.

## 2016-2017 Primary Nominees (con't)

Pham, LeUyen. *A Piece of Cake*.

Illustrated by the author. Balzer + Bray, 2014. ISBN 9780061992643

Mouse has baked a special treat for Little Bird's birthday, but delivering it to his friend isn't easy--not when everyone he meets along the way offers to trade something for a piece of cake.

Rocco, John. *Blizzard*.

Illustrated by the author. Disney-Hyperion, 2014. ISBN 9781423178651

After a massive blizzard, a boy becomes a hero when he manages to walk to the local store and bring supplies back to his neighborhood which has been snowed in for days. The story is based on the author's childhood experience.

Schwartz, Corey Rosen. *Ninja Red Riding Hood*.

Illustrated by Dan Santat. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2014. ISBN 9780399163548

In this twist on "Little Red Riding Hood," a certain wolf trains to be a ninja in order to catch his prey, but he is not the only one mastering a martial art.

Thompson, Laurie Ann. *Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah*.

Illustrated by Sean Qualls. Schwartz & Wade, 2015. ISBN 9780449817445

The story of a West African youth who pursued an education, helped support his family, and became a record-setting cyclist in spite of a disability traces his ongoing achievements as an activist.

Walker, Sally M. *Winnie: The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh*.

Illustrated by Jonathan D. Voss. Henry Holt, 2015. ISBN 9780805097153

When Harry Colebourn saw a baby bear at a train station, he knew he could care for it because he was a veterinarian. But Harry was also a soldier in training during World War I. Harry named the bear Winnie, short for Winnipeg, his company's home town, and he brought her along to the military camp in England. Winnie followed Harry everywhere and slept under his cot every night. Before long, she became the regiment's much-loved mascot. But who could care for the bear when Harry went to battle? Harry found just the right place for Winnie--the London Zoo. There a boy named Christopher Robin played with Winnie--he could care for this bear too!



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### 2016-2017 Intermediate Nominees

Anders, Lou. *Frostborn*.

Crown, 2014. ISBN 9780385387781

[paperback: Yearling, 2015. ISBN 9780385387811]

Destined to take over his family farm in Norrongard, Karn would rather play the board game, Thrones and Bones, until half-human, half frost giantess Thianna appears and they set out on an adventure, chased by a dragon, undead warriors, an evil uncle, wyverns, trolls and giants.

Bell, Cece. *El Deafo*.

Harry N. Abrams, 2014. ISBN 9781419710209

[paperback: Harry N. Abrams, 2014. ISBN 9781419712173]

The author recounts in graphic novel format her experiences with hearing loss at a young age, including using a bulky hearing aid, learning how to lip read, and determining her "superpower."

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. *The War that Saved My Life*.

Dial Books, 2015. ISBN 9780803740815

[paperback: Puffin Books, May 2016. ISBN 9780147510488]

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

## 2016-2017 Intermediate Nominees (con't)

Brown, Jennifer. *Life on Mars*.

Bloomsbury, 2014. ISBN 9781619632523

[paperback: Bloomsbury, 2015. ISBN 9781619636712]

Twelve-year-old Arcturus Betelgeuse Chambers' quest to find life on other planets seems at an end when his parents decide to move to Las Vegas, but while they look for a house he stays with his neighbor, an astronaut who soon becomes a friend.

Draper, Sharon M. *Stella by Starlight*.

Atheneum, 2015. ISBN 9781442494978

[paperback: Atheneum, March 2016. ISBN 9781442494985]

When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.

Graff, Lisa. *Absolutely Almost*.

Philomel, 2014. ISBN 9780399164057

[paperback: Puffin Books, 2015. ISBN 9780147508577]

Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, best at gym, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but new nanny Calista helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself.

Holm, Jennifer L. *The Fourteenth Goldfish*.

Random House, 2014. ISBN 9780375870644

[paperback: Yearling Books, January 2016. ISBN 9780375871146]

Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging, and consequently has turned into a teenager--which makes for complicated relationships when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter.

Hunt, Lynda Mullaly. *Fish in a Tree*.

Nancy Paulsen Books, 2015. ISBN 9780399162596

Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read.

Larson, Kirby. *Dash*.

Scholastic, 2014. ISBN 9780545416351

[paperback: Scholastic, 2014. ISBN 9780545835428]

When her family is forced into an internment camp, Mitsi Kashino is separated from her home, her classmates, and her beloved dog Dash. As her family begins to come apart around her, Mitsi clings to her one connection to the outer world--the letters from the kindly neighbor who is caring for Dash.

Watson, Jude. *Loot*.

Scholastic, 2014. ISBN 9780545468022

[paperback: Scholastic, 2015. ISBN 9780545468039]

When Alfie McQuinn, the notorious jewel thief, is killed on a job, his last words to his son, March, are to "find jewels." This instruction leads the boy to Jules, the twin sister he never knew he had--and the perfect partner to carry on the family business.



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### 2016-2017 Young Adult Nominees

Alender, Katie. *Famous Last Words*.

Scholastic, 2014. ISBN 9780545639972

[paperback: Scholastic, 2015. ISBN 9780545835626]

Willa is freaking out. It seems like she's seeing things. Like a dead body in her swimming pool. Frantic messages on her walls. A reflection that is not her own. It's almost as if someone -- or something -- is trying to send her a message. Meanwhile, a killer is stalking Los Angeles -- a killer who reenacts famous movie murder scenes. Could Willa's strange visions have to do with these unsolved murders? Or is she going crazy? And who can she confide in?

Aveyard, Victoria. *Red Queen*.

HarperCollins, 2015. ISBN 9780062310637

[paperback: HarperTeen, 2015. ISBN 9780062362711]

When her supernatural powers manifest in front of a noble court, Mare, a thief in a world divided between commoners and superhumans, is forced to assume the role of lost princess before risking everything to help a growing rebellion.

Brown, Jennifer. *Torn Away*.

Little Brown, 2014. ISBN 9780316245531

[paperback: Little Brown, 2015. ISBN 9780316245548]

In the aftermath of a tornado that has devastated her hometown of Elizabeth, Missouri, sixteen-year-old Jersey Cameron struggles to overcome her grief as she is sent to live with her only surviving relatives.

## 2016-2017 Young Adult Nominees (con't)

Hurwitz, Michele Weber. *The Summer I Saved the World...In 65 Days.*

Random House, 2014. ISBN 9780385371063

[paperback: Ember, 2015. ISBN 9780385371094]

Inspired by her late grandmother, thirteen-year-old Nina spends a summer secretly doing good deeds for her neighbors and enjoying the changes she brings about, even as she is dealing with changing friendships and family issues.

Klass, David. *Grandmaster.*

Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2014. ISBN 9780374327712

[paperback: Square Fish, 2015. ISBN 9781250063014]

A father-son chess tournament reveals the dark side of the game.

Ritter, William. *Jackaby.*

Workman, 2014. ISBN 9781616203535

[paperback: Algonquin Young Readers, 2015. ISBN 9781616205461]

Newly arrived in 1892 New England, Abigail Rook becomes assistant to R.F. Jackaby, an investigator of the unexplained with the ability to see supernatural beings. She helps him delve into a case of serial murder which, Jackaby is convinced, is due to a nonhuman creature.

Romero, Jordan. *No Summit Out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits.*

Simon & Schuster, 2014. ISBN 9781476709628

[paperback: Simon & Schuster, 2015. ISBN 9781481432764]

The story of Jordan Romero, who at the age of 13 became the youngest person ever to reach the summit of Mount Everest. At age 15, he reached the summits of the world's 7 highest mountains.

Rutkoski, Marie. *The Winner's Curse.*

Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2014. ISBN 9780374384678

[paperback: Square Fish, 2015. ISBN 9781250056979]

An aristocratic girl who is a member of a warmongering and enslaving empire purchases a slave, an act that sets in motion a rebellion that might overthrow her world as well as her heart.

Salisbury, Graham. *Hunt for the Bamboo Rat.*

Wendy Lamb Books, 2014. ISBN 9780375842665

[paperback: Ember, 2014. ISBN 9780375842672]

Zenji Watanabe, seventeen, is sent from Hawaii to the Philippines to spy on the Japanese during World War II and, after he is captured and tortured, must find a way to survive months of being lost in the jungle behind enemy lines.

Smith, Roland. *Beneath.*

Scholastic, 2015. ISBN 9780545837088

[paperback: Scholastic, 2015. ISBN 978054583708]

Pat O'Toole has always idolized his older brother, Coop, who never really cared for anything but the thrill of being underground, and for Pat. One year after Coop runs away, Pat receives a package containing a digital voice recorder and a cryptic message from his brother. He follows the clues to New York City and soon discovers that Coop has joined the Community, a society living beneath the streets. Now it's up to Pat to find his brother - and bring him home.

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