

YA Award and Honor Books, 2007

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Michael L. Printz Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature

The Michael L. Printz Award is an award for a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature. It is named for a Topeka, Kansas school librarian who was a long-time active member of the Young Adult Library Services Association.

2007 Medal Winner

Yang, Gene Luen and Lark Pien. **American Born Chinese**. (CBC Fic Y165a 2006)
Combining three different stories, one drawn from Chinese mythology, this graphic novel explores racism and self-hatred as a young boy struggles to come to terms with his heritage.

2007 Honor Books

Anderson, M.T. **The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation; v. 1: The Pox Party**. (CBC Fic An242p 2006)
He was raised as an experiment and considered a piece of property. Now that revolution has come to America, will Octavian find freedom?

Green, John. **An Abundance of Katherines**. (CBC Fic G8233a 2006)
After the nineteenth girl named Katherine breaks his heart, Colin and his friend Hassan hit the road. Can a mathematical formula help a former child prodigy find the new love of his life?

Hartnett, Sonya. **Surrender**. (CBC Fic H2567su 2005)
As 20-year-old Gabriel lies dying, he remembers his miserable childhood and the influence of his mysterious companion, Finnigan.

Zusak, Markus. **The Book Thief**. (CBC Fic Fic Z897b 2006)
Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

2007 Top Ten Best Books for Young Adults

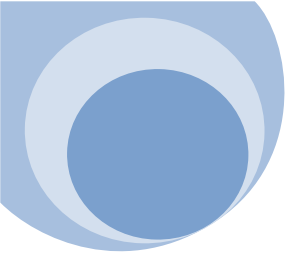
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Gratz, Alan. **Samurai Shortstop**. (on order)
In 1890 Tokyo, 16-year-old Toyo uses traditional bushido training to improve his baseball game and comes to understand the place of Samurai values in Japanese culture.

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McCormick, Patricia. **Sold**. (CBC Fic M1374s 2006)
In this startling, frank novel in free verse, a 13-year-old Nepalese girl is sold into prostitution by her stepfather after a monsoon leaves her family destitute.

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Sayres, Meghan Nuttall. **Anahita's Woven Riddle**. (on order)

In early twentieth century Iran, a headstrong girl convinces her father that she will marry the suitor who can guess the riddle woven into her wedding carpet.

Smelcer, John. **The Trap**. (on order)

In the Alaskan wilderness, Grandfather Albert attempts to escape one of his own steel-jawed traps; back in their village, Johnny worries about his grandfather's safety while pondering his own future.

Turner, Megan Whalen. **The King of Attolia**. (CBC Fic T8554k 2006)

Eugenides must convince his new queen, his court, and his subjects of his ability to rule, despite his disreputable past as a liar and a thief.

Werlin, Nancy. **The Rules of Survival**. (CBC Fic W4944r 2006)

When Matthew and his younger sisters witness a man confronting an abusive parent, they think they may have found a hero who will save them from their vicious mother.

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2007 Schneider Family Book Awards

The Schneider Family Book Awards (donated by UWEC professor emeriti Dr. Katherine Schneider) honor an author or illustrator for a book that embodies an artistic expression of the disability experience for child and adolescent audiences. The book must emphasize the artistic expression of the disability experience for children and or adolescent audiences. The book must portray some aspect of living with a disability or that of a friend or family member, whether the disability is physical, mental or emotional.

Middle School Category Winner

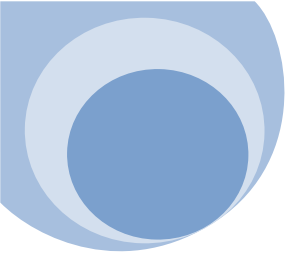
Lord, Cynthia. **Rules**. (CBC Fic L8844r 2006)

The winner in the middle school category for its realistic depiction of 12-year-old Catherine's quest to find her place in a family consumed by her autistic brother David's needs. Catherine copes by developing rules for herself and for David. She tries to adhere to these rules until she meets Jason, a non-verbal paraplegic teen, who teaches her that rules are sometimes just excuses.

Teen Category Winner

Sachar, Louis. **Small Steps**. (CBC Fic Sa142sm 2006)

Armpit's humorous adventures portray the unexpected friendship between a recently released juvenile delinquent and 10-year-old Ginny, who has cerebral palsy, as they help each other take incremental



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steps towards a brighter future. "Small Steps" shows that friendship comes in many shapes, sizes, ages, and abilities.