



***Boot Camp* by Todd Strasser**

Lake Harmony, a camp for unruly teens, is not a nice place. When 15-year-old Garrett continues his affair with a teacher and defies his parents, they ship him off to this prison-in-disguise in hopes of getting back the perfect son. Garrett struggles to hang on to his sanity and his spirit through endless sessions of brainwashing, abuse and torture. With no end in sight and no way to contact his clueless parents, Garrett plots a risky escape with two fellow inmates.

***Genesis Alpha* by Rune Michaels**

Josh's older brother, Max, is away at college. They are close to one another and especially enjoy playing Genesis Alpha online; Josh plays from home and Max plays from somewhere on campus. One day as they are playing Max suddenly stops responding. This action puzzles Josh. Two hours later a shocking phone call is taken by the boys Mother. Max has been arrested for the particularly brutal murder of a young woman. Surely this must be a mistake. There is something sinister in this situation. Josh and his family must find out what is going on.

***Graceling* by Kristin Cashore**

Katsa is a graceling--a person born with an extreme talent. Hers is the ability to kill. On a mission for her uncle the king, she meets Po, who is in his own way her equal. But gifted as they are, Katsa and Po may not be able to save the kingdom from a secret, evil threat that could enslave them all.

***Gym Candy* by Carl Deuker**

After being tackled on a critical play that causes his football team to lose an important game, Mick Johnson decides he needs to bulk up or risk losing his spot on the varsity team. He turns to steroids, and is at first pleased with the results. Then the side effects kick in--including bursts of rage--and Mick's life begins to spiral out of control.

***Hero Type* by Barry Lyga**

When Kevin saves Leah from a serial killer, the town hails him as a hero. Little do they know of the real story of her rescue. Then, ironically, the media brands him as unpatriotic when he removes the SUPPORT OUR TROOPS magnets from his reward car. Kevin instantly slides from "Hero" to "Zero," but he has just begun to fight...for the troops and for free speech.

***Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins**

In the future, the United States has been broken into 13 Districts and renamed Panem. When the districts wage war on the Capitol, Districts One through Twelve survive and District Thirteen is annihilated. As part of their defeat, each District is required to send one teen boy and one teen girl to compete in "The Hunger Games" where the terrain, supplies and rules are dictated by the "Game Makers" in the Capitol for the entertainment of the Capital inhabitants. Participants of the game enter the unknown arena and the winner is the one who survives the longest. When Katniss and Peeta from District Twelve are chosen to play in the 74th Hunger Games, they choose to change the rules in the Kill or Be Killed competition.



***Impossible* by Nancy Werlin**

Lucy Scarborough is seventeen and pregnant when she discovers that the women of her family suffer from an ancient curse. She must complete three impossible tasks before her child is born or she will fall into madness. Will she be able to succeed where all other generations have failed?

***In Between: A Katie Parker Production* by Jenny B. Jones**

Katie's life has never been easy. Mom's in jail, again. Now Katie is being shipped to a foster home in In Between, Texas, home of the fighting Chihuahuas? James and Millie can't always be that nice and that happy. And Maxine, her foster grandma, is just crazy! All-in-all In Between isn't too bad, until Katie gets framed for vandalism at the Valiant. How was she to know it was James and Millie's pet project? She may never earn their trust back now!

***The Long Road Home* by Martha Raddatz**

What started out as a peacekeeping mission in Sadr City, in April of 2004, quickly became something else. This account of the first day of battle puts the reader directly in the line of fire to view the emotions, dilemmas, mistakes, and terror of the battlefield. *Long Road Home* showcases the unrelenting bravery of our military and their families at home.

***Mistaken Identity* by Don Van Ryn**

April 26, 2006 was a day marked in tragedy for a group of students and staff members from Taylor University in Upland, Indiana. Two students, Laura Van Ryn and Whitney Cerak were mistakenly identified at the crash scene. One survived the crash, the other was fatally injured. After being in a coma for five weeks, the true identity of the survivor was discovered. This biography describes the ordeal both families faced in the days and weeks following the crash and when coming to terms with the role reversal after the girls' true identities were revealed.



***My Life As A Rhombus* by Varian Johnson**

Rhonda Lee is a young, brilliant, African American girl who is determined to go to Virginia Tech and major in math. Boys, dating and the social pressures of high school are not part of her plan; in fact, she knows they will ruin all of her chances for a bright future. But when Rhonda is pushed into tutoring the rich and popular Sarah Gamble, she must come face to face with the memories of her painful freshman year when she fell in love and was dumped after discovering she was pregnant. Ever since the abortion, Rhonda and her father have had a tense relationship, and now it seems, things are about to get worse.

***Nightlife* by Rob Thurman**

Cal Leandros, a half-human teenager, finds himself on the run from New York's mystical criminal underworld, who want him and his half-brother, Niko, dead. While battling for their lives, they learn the key to Cal's magical secrets and his role in the fate of the human world.

***Notes from a Midnight Driver* by Jordan Sonnenblick**

Alex's life just keeps going from bad to worse. Okay, so he got drunk, took the car without permission, and ran over a lawn gnome, but still... Now he gets to spend ten

hours each week with Sol, the crankiest, grouchiest old man in the Johnson Home for the Aged. But there is more to Sol than his crusty exterior. Plus there is the issue of Sol's absent daughter, and the heartbreak she causes him.

Snitch by Allison Van Diepen

Julia Divino and her friends have made a pact to resist being involved in the gangs that permeate their Brooklyn High School. While she is not a perfect student, she is an "A" student with dreams of college. Then, Julia quickly falls in love with Eric Valiente, the hot new student who has many secrets. Before long, Eric joins the Crips, which goes against everything she believes. Before long, Julia must make tough choices that she thought she would be able to avoid. What happens if Eric isn't who he says he is?

Stealing Heaven by Elizabeth Scott

Dani and her mom are professional thieves. Dani really doesn't mind moving all of the time, figuring ways to get past security systems, but Heaven is different. For the first time, someone actually notices her, wants to be her friend, wants to spend time with her. So what's she going to do when Mom says that's the house they're targeting? And what about the cute guy, the one that's a cop, who won't stop following Dani around?

Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher

They each thought they knew why Hannah committed suicide...but they didn't know the whole story. Then the tapes were delivered, and everything changed.

Wake by Lisa McMann

Seventeen year old Janie doesn't dream...at least, she doesn't have her own dreams. Jamie is unwillingly sucked into the dreams of anyone sleeping nearby. Study hall, Spanish class or driving by an open window can be hazardous, because once Jamie is in a dream, her body shuts down until the dream is over. The nightmares and fantasies of her classmates lead her to realize that something dangerous is happening in her small Michigan town. With the help of a mysterious guy in her neighborhood and an elderly patient at the nursing home where she works, can she figure out how to make her unusual power work for her instead of against her?

Wicked Lovely by Melissa Marr

Despite the fact that she has the Sight--the rare ability to see faeries move about the mortal world--Aislinn would rather they not notice her. She's happy with her mortal life and her relationship with her best friend Seth. But Keenan the gorgeous Summer King of faery is convinced that Aislinn is destined to be his queen, regardless of what Aislinn wants.



**Eliot Rosewater
Indiana High School Book Award
Annotations for 2010-2011 Nominees**

Adoration of Jenna Fox by Mary Pearson

Jenna awakens from a year-long coma to slowly piece together not just who she was, but what she now is. The one thing of which she is certain is that she is not her parents' perfect girl anymore. The medical technology that her parents used to keep her alive after her terrible car crash is not legal, but is it ethical? Jenna sits at the intersection of science and humanity and tries to figure it all out.

The Assist: Hoops, Hope and the Game of Their Lives by Neil Swidey

Ball players in the Boston area dream of going to Charlestown High School, a stepping stone to the NBA. What makes the winning Charlestown team tick? Author Neil Swidey chronicles Charlestown's 2004-2005 basketball season, focusing on the lives of Coach Jack O'Brien and African-American players Ridley Johnson and Jason White. From this non-fiction gem, you will learn that basketball is more than a game.

Bog Child by Siobhan Dowd

Living in Northern Ireland in 1981, 18-year-old Fergus dreams of being a doctor and leaving the troubles of Northern Ireland behind, but the IRA recruited his older brother Joe and are now they are trying to recruit Fergus. Fergus must decide between loyalty to his family and loyalty to his own dreams.

Bone by Bone by Bone by Tony Johnston

In 1951, young David Church has to make the impossible decision: Obey his racist father, or keep an alliance with Malcolm, his black friend. In a rage, Dr. Church threatens to shoot Malcolm if he ever steps foot in their house and even though David tries to convince his father, his grandmother, and members of his community that the color of Malcolm's skin should not matter, violence is always boiling under the surface in their rural Tennessee town.

Bonechiller by Graham McNamee

Ever since Danny's mother died, he and his father have drifted from town to town, never staying long. Their latest move has brought them to a remote town in the Canadian wilderness just before winter sets in. Danny begins school and starts making friends. However as the temperature drops, Danny and other teens like him find themselves being hunted by an ancient predator that only kills during the dead of winter. Danny and his friends are going to have to go to extremes, including raiding the local army base for weapons, to survive the winter and kill the evil beast once and for all.