



Rhode Island Middle School Book Award 2018 Nominees

** Please remember not all books
are suitable for all readers*

***All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook* by Leslie Connor**

Perry T. Cook has lived happily with his mom, an inmate at the Blue River Correctional Facility, for the last 11 years. After they are separated, Perry works to uncover the truth about her crime and show everyone the value of home and family. Realistic Fiction

***Awkward* by Svetlana Chmakova**

Trying to blend in at her new middle school, Peppi joins the art club and finds herself at war with the school's science club. Can she get past feeling Awkward and be friends with the nerds? Graphic Novel

***Beneath* by Roland Smith**

Pat has always looked up to his big brother, Coop. When Coop leaves home and completely disappears, Pat decides his hero might need some saving. He tracks down Coop's last known whereabouts and finds a secret society beneath the streets of New York. Adventure

***Blind Guide to Stinkville* by Beth Vrabel**

It's hard enough being the new kid in town but try adding blindness and albinism to the mix! Alice must learn to navigate Stinkville with her "guide dog," Tooter, by her side. Realistic Fiction

***Book Scavenger* by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman**

Emily's best friends have always been books and the online game "Book Scavenger," until she meets James, a fellow puzzle enthusiast. Together they find a hidden book, full of clues and ciphers that lead them deep into a dangerous game. Mystery

***Drowned City* by Don Brown**

The sadness of avoidable tragedy and the triumph of the human spirit come to life in this graphic novel about Hurricane Katrina, one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history. Graphic Non-Fiction

***Echo* by Pam Muñoz Ryan**

From Pre-WWII Germany, to 1935 Philadelphia, to a Southern California town reeling in the wake of Pearl Harbor, this epic novel tells the stories of three individuals whose lives are brought together by a magical harmonica. Historical Fiction

***Falling Over Sideways* by Jordan Sonnenblick**

Claire has high expectations for her last year of middle school, which are quickly dashed by a series of disappointing setbacks. Then a true tragedy occurs when her father has a stroke, and Claire struggles to find her footing in a life she no longer recognizes. Realistic Fiction

***Firefly Code* by Megan Frazer Blakemore**

Mori and her friends live in a utopian community where every kid knows he or she is genetically engineered to be better and smarter. When a strangely-perfect new girl named Ilana moves in, the friends begin to question their world. Science Fiction

***Ghost* by Jason Reynolds**

Ghost has been chosen for an middle school track team that could qualify him for the Junior Olympics. Struggling to deal with his past and present, Ghost receives help from his coach. Realistic Fiction

***I Will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka & Martin Ganda**

A riveting, true story about friendship, race, and class, told through letters exchanged between Caitlin, a girl from Pennsylvania and Martin, a boy from Zimbabwe. Biography/Memoir

***It Ain't So Awful, Falafel* by Firoozeh Dumas**

Zomorod wants to be a normal, Californian girl. She tries to blend in by changing her name and joining the Girl Scouts. When the Iranian Revolution erupts, everything becomes more difficult for "Cindy" but she navigates her shifting world with a heavy dose of humor. Historical Fiction

***Lily and Dunkin* by Donna Gephart**

This is the story of a transgender girl named Lily, a bipolar boy named Dunkin, and a tree named Bob. It's about finding out who you're meant to be and finding the people who will encourage you to reach for the sky, not chop you down. Realistic Fiction

***Nest* by Kenneth Oppel**

Steve's baby brother is sick. When Steve is stung by a wasp in his backyard, he starts having strange dreams. In one of his visions, the Queen offers to "fix" the baby. All he has to do is say "yes." Horror

***Orbiting Jupiter* by Gary D. Schmidt**

Joseph, a father at age 13, has never seen his daughter, Jupiter. He is placed in a foster home in rural Maine where he meets 12-year-old Jack. Together, they discover the true meaning of family and sacrifice. Realistic Fiction

***The Other Boy* by M.G. Hennessey**

Shane is just a regular boy but he's keeping something private. When a classmate threatens to reveal Shane's secret, will he have the strength to ignore the haters and show the world that he's the same boy he's always been? Realistic Fiction

***Scourge* by Jennifer A. Nielsen**

As a lethal plague sweeps through the land, Ani is captured, tested, and quarantined on Attic Island where victims can only expect to live out short, painful lives. With her best friend Weevil beside her, she discovers the truth of what is happening. Fantasy, Adventure

***Seventh Most Important Thing* by Shelley Pearsall**

Why are these seven "pieces of trash" so important to The Junkman? To pay for throwing a brick at the Junkman's head, Arthur is sentenced to help him collect trash. Is it possible to find something beautiful and sparkling in piles of broken garbage? Historical Fiction

***Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom* by Lynda Blackmon Lowery**

Lynda Blackmon Lowery was 15 years old when she participated in the 1965 civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery. Her strength shows how one voice is able to make a difference. Non-Fiction

***When Friendship Followed Me Home* by Paul Griffin**

Ben keeps people at a distance; as a former foster kid, he knows how quickly they can disappear. When he and his adoptive mom rescue Flip, a stray dog, Flip selects Halley to be Ben's new friend. Will her struggle with cancer make it too hard for Ben to open his heart? Realistic Fiction

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