

Book Blaster Titles 2009-2010

Battle of Jericho	Sharon Draper	realistic
The Big Burn	Jeanette Gold	historical
Cheating Lessons	Nan Willard Capo	realistic
Dead Connection	Charlie Price	fantasy
Does My Head Look Big in This?	Randa Abdel-Fattah	realistic
Flipped	Wendelin Van Draanen	realistic
The Girl Who Could Fly	Victoria Foster	fantasy
Goose Girl	Shannon Hale	fairy tale
Green Glass Sea	Ellen Klages	historical
Last Book in the Universe	Rodman Philbrick	science fiction
The Looking Glass Wars	Frank Bedor	fantasy
The Magic Nation Thing	Zilpha Keatley Snyder	mystery
Memory Boy	Will Weaver	science fiction
Night Hoops	Carl Deuker	sports
Scat	Carl Hiaasen	realistic
Smiles to Go	Jerry Spinelli	realistic
Sonny's War	Valerie Hobbs	historical
Things Not Seen	Andrew Clements	science fiction
Thunder Cave	Roland Smith	adventure

Battle of Jericho by Sharon Draper

The Warriors of Distinction has been the school's most exclusive club for 50 years, so when 16-year-old Jericho is asked to pledge, he's excited--and intimidated. He is also disappointed after he realizes that he'll have to give up a music competition because he can't miss a night of the initiation week. When the ceremony turns cruel--with the one girl pledge being singled out for abuse--Jericho begins to have second thoughts. Then the affair turns deadly.

The Big Burn by Jeanette Ingold

Three teenagers battle the flames of the Big Burn of 1910, one of the century's biggest wildfires.

Cheating Lessons by Nan Willard Capo

When her team is announced as finalists in the state Classics Bowl contest, Bernadette suspects that cheating may have been involved.

Dead Connection by Charie Price

High-schooler Murray talks to dead people--and they talk back. Usually Murray finds speaking with the dead restful, a vast improvement over spending time with his prostitute mother. Lately, though, there's been a restless spirit disturbing the cemetery's peace, and Murray worries that it may be connected to a schoolmate who went missing a while back. Along with Pearl, the possessive daughter of the cemetery groundskeeper, Murray investigates the unhappy haunt.

Does My Head Look Big in This? By Randa Abdel-Fattah

Year Eleven at an exclusive prep school in the suburbs of Melbourne, Australia, would be tough enough, but it is further complicated for Amal when she decides to wear the hijab, the Muslim head scarf, full-time as a badge of her faith--without losing her identity or sense of style.

Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen

Ever since second grade, Juli and Bryce have had one thing in common: Juli's affections for Bryce are as unyielding as Bryce's efforts to evade them. Then in eighth grade, the roles are reversed, as Bryce begins to open his eyes to the truth about those around him.

The Goose Girl by Shannon Hale

Princess Anidori, on her way to marry a prince she has never met, is betrayed by her guards and her lady-in-waiting and must become a goose girl to survive until she can reveal her true identity and reclaim the crown that is rightfully hers.

The Green Glass Sea by Ellen Klagges

In November 1943, Dewey Kerrigan sets off on a cross-country train ride to be with her father, who is engaged in "war work." The mystery and tension surrounding "war work" and what Dewey knows only as "the gadget" trickles down to the kids living in the Los Alamos compound, who often do without adult supervision. Although disliked by her girl classmates, "Screwy Dewey" enjoys Los Alamos. There are lots of people to talk with about radios (including "Oppie"), and she has the wonderful opportunity to dig through the nearby dump for discarded science stuff. However, when Dewey's father leaves for Washington, she is left to fend off the biggest bully in Los Alamos.

The Last Book in the Universe by W. Rodman Philbrick

After an earthquake has destroyed much of the planet, an epileptic teenager nicknamed Spaz begins the heroic fight to bring human intelligence back to the Earth of a distant future.

The Looking Glass Wars by Frank Beddor

When she is cast out of Wonderland by her evil aunt Redd, young Alyss Heart finds herself living in Victorian Oxford as Alice Liddell and struggles to keep memories of her kingdom intact until she can return and claim her rightful throne.

Memory Boy by Will Weaver

Sixteen-year-old Miles and his family must flee their Minneapolis home and begin a new life in the wilderness after a chain of cataclysmic volcanic explosions creates dangerous conditions in their city.

Night Hoops by Carl Deuker

While trying to prove that he is good enough to play on his high school's varsity basketball team, Nick must also deal with his parents' divorce and erratic behavior of a troubled classmate who lives across the street.

Scat by Carl Hiaasen

Nick and Marta are both suspicious when their biology teacher, the feared Mrs. Bunny Starch, disappears, and try to uncover the truth despite the police and headmaster's insistence that nothing is wrong.

Smiles to Go by Jerry Spinelli (hardback)

Will Tuppence's life has always been ruled by science and common sense but in ninth grade, shaken up by the discovery that protons decay, he begins to see the entire world differently and gains new perspective on his relationships with his little sister and two closest friends.

Sonny's War by Valerie Hobbs

In the late 1960s, fourteen-year-old Cori's life is greatly changed by the sudden death of her father and her brother's tour of duty in Vietnam.

The Girl Who Could Fly by Victoria Forester (hardback)

Piper McCloud's ability to fly sets her apart from the other kids, so her mother sends her to an exclusive school for children with exceptional abilities, but even there she does not fit in with the other students.

The Magic Nation Thing by Zilpha Keatley Snyder

Although twelve-year-old Abby has always tried to deny that she has some kind of weird psychic power, she takes advantage of it to help her mother, a struggling private investigator, and, more importantly, to find her best friend's little brother when he goes missing at a ski resort.

Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements

When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend Alicia try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.

Thunder Cave by Roland Smith

Determined, after his mother's accidental death, to foil his stepfather's plans for his future, fourteen-year-old Jacob travels alone to Africa in search of his father, a biologist studying elephants in a remote area of Kenya.