



**May B by Caroline Starr Rose**

When a failed wheat crop nearly bankrupts the Betterly family, twelve-year-old May's father pulls her from school and hires her out to a couple new to the Kansas frontier.

Lexile: 680 ; Historical Fiction/Novel in Verse

**Shadow and Bone by Leigh Bardugo**

Orphaned by the Border Wars, Alina Starkov is taken from obscurity and her only friend, Mal, to become the protégée of the mysterious Darkling, who trains her to join the magical elite in the belief that she is the Sun Summoner, who can destroy the monsters of the Fold.

Lexile: 800 ; Fantasy



**One for the Murphys by Lynda Mullaly Hunt**

Carley uses humor and street smarts to keep her emotional walls high and thick. But the day she becomes a foster child, and moves in with the Murphys, she's blindsided. This loving, bustling family shows Carley the stable family life she never thought existed, and she feels like an alien in their cookie-cutter-perfect household.

Lexile: 520 ; Realistic Fiction



**Spy School by Stuart Gibbs**

Twelve-year-old Ben Ripley leaves his public middle school to attend the CIA's highly secretive Espionage Academy, which everyone is told is an elite science school.

Lexile: 740 ; Adventure/Humor



**The Raft by S.A. Bodeen**

Experienced traveler Robie, having decided to take a cargo plane from Honolulu to her home on Midway Atoll after a visit with her aunt, struggles to survive with the co-pilot, Max, after the plane crashes in the Pacific Ocean and they are left on a raft in shark-infested

waters with only one bag of Skittles to keep them alive.

Lexile: 680 ; Realistic Fiction

**Unchained by L.B. Tillit**

After two years in a loving foster home, TJ is sent back to his mother and the brutal life he thought he had escaped for good.

Lexile: 400 ; Realistic Fiction



**See You At Harry's by Jo Knowles**

Twelve-year-old Fern feels invisible in her family, where grumpy eighteen-year-old Sarah is working at the family restaurant, fourteen-year-old Holden is struggling with school bullies and personal issues, and adorable, three-year-old Charlie is always the center of attention. When tragedy strikes, the fragile bond holding the family together is stretched almost to the breaking point.

Lexile: 600 ; Realistic Fiction

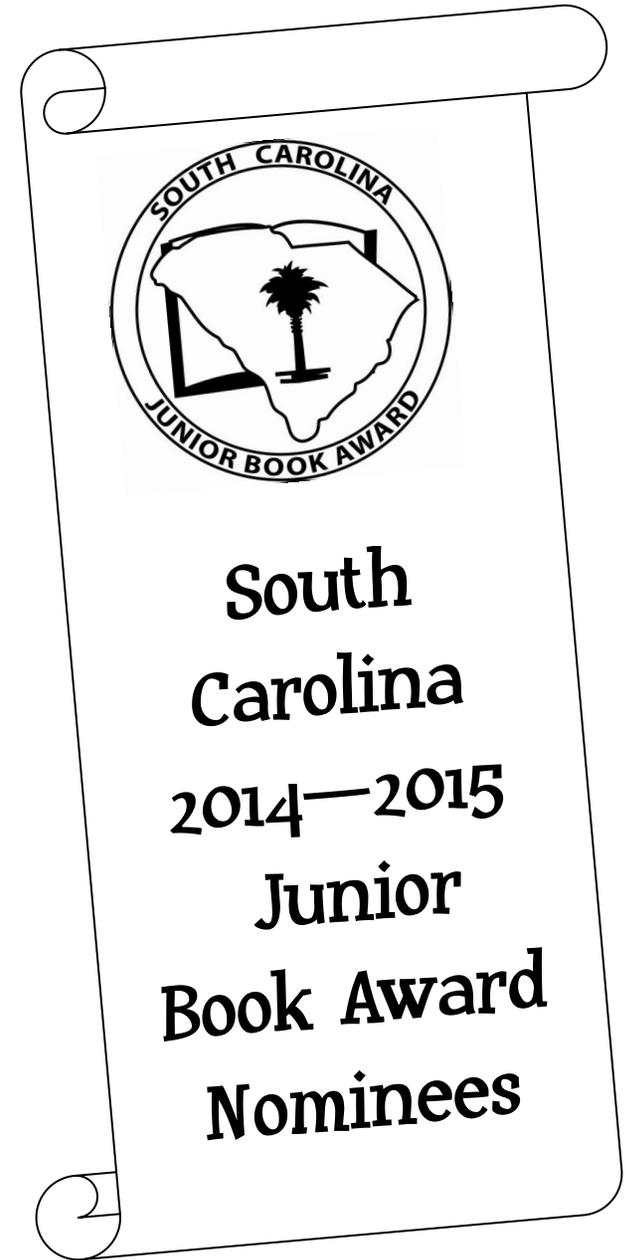


**What the Dog Said by Randi Reisfeld**

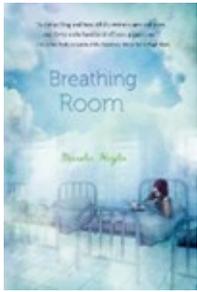
Shortly after their police officer father is killed in the line of duty, thirteen-year-old Grace's older sister decides to adopt a dog to train as a service dog for a handicapped child so that she can write about it for her college applications, but, true to form, it is the grief-stricken

Grace who ends up taking responsibility for the dog.

Lexile: 690 ; Realistic Fiction

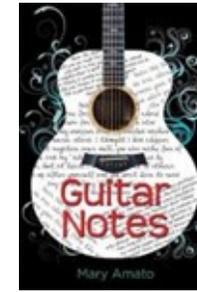


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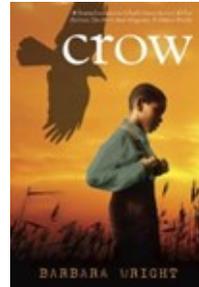
**Breathing Room by Marsha Hayles**  
 In 1940, thirteen-year-old Evvy Hoffmeister and her newfound friends struggle to get well at Loon Lake Sanatorium, where they are being treated for tuberculosis.  
 Lexile: 800 ; Historical Fiction

**Eye of the Storm by Kate Messner**  
 Jaden's summer visit with her meteorologist father, who has just returned from spending four years in Russia conducting weather experiments not permitted in the United States, fills her with apprehension and fear as she discovers that living at her father's planned community, Placid Meadows, is anything but placid.  
 Lexile: 740 ; Science Fiction/Adventure



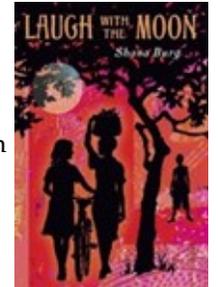
**Guitar Notes by Mary Amato**  
 Tripp, who plays guitar only for himself, and Lyla, a cellist whose talent has already made her famous but not happy, form an unlikely friendship when they are forced to share a practice room at their high school.  
 Lexile: 670 ; Realistic Fiction

**Crow by Barbara Wright**  
 Moses Thomas's summer vacation in 1898 does not go as planned, and while he deals with family problems and fickle friends, Moses comes to be more aware of the escalating tension between the African American and white communities of Wilmington, North Carolina.  
 Lexile: 800 ; Historical Fiction

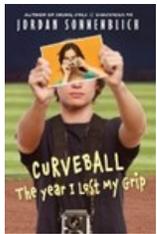


**The False Prince by Jennifer A. Nielsen**  
 In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.  
 Lexile: 710 ; Adventure

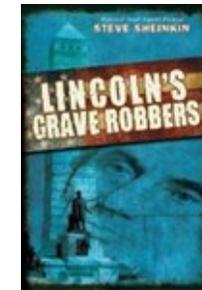
**Laugh With the Moon by Shana Burg**  
 Massachusetts thirteen-year-old Clare, grieving after her mother's recent death, reluctantly travels with her father to spend nine weeks in a remote village in Malawi, where new friends and experiences help open her mind and heart.  
 Lexile: 740 ; Realistic Fiction



**Curveball: The Year I Lost My Grip by Jordan Sonnenblick**  
 After an injury ends former star pitcher Peter Friedman's athletic dreams, he concentrates on photography, which leads him to a girlfriend, new fame as a high school sports photographer, and a deeper relationship with the beloved grandfather who, when he realizes he is becoming senile, gives Pete all of his professional camera gear.  
 Lexile: 800 ; Realistic



**Fourmile by Watt Key**  
 A mysterious stranger arrives at a boy's rundown Alabama farm home, just as a dangerous situation is unfolding for the twelve-year-old and his widowed mother.  
 Lexile: 580 ; Realistic Fiction



**Lincoln's Grave Robbers by Steve Sheinkin**  
 A true crime thriller -- the first book for teens to tell the nearly unknown tale of the brazen attempt to steal Abraham Lincoln's body!  
 Lexile: 930 ; Nonfiction/Adventure

**Deadweather and Sunrise by Geoff Rodkey**  
 Thirteen-year-old Eggbert, a planter's son on a pirate-infested Caribbean island chain, is on the run from a wealthy and powerful villain trying to kill him for his connection to a hidden treasure.  
 Lexile: 940 ; Fantasy/Adventure



**The Ghost of Graylock by Dan Poblocki**  
 Staying with their aunts over the summer, Neil Cady, his sister, Bree, and their new friends, Wesley and Eric, set out to explore Greylock Hall, an abandoned psychiatric hospital which is supposed to be haunted by the ghost of Nurse Janet.  
 Lexile: 690 ; Horror

**Losing It by Erin Fry**  
 Tired of being obese and reeling from his father's recent stroke, thirteen-year-old Bennett joins the cross country team to find out if there is more to life than French fries.  
 Lexile: Not Lexiled ; Realistic Fiction

