

Volunteer State Book Award 2016-17 Annotated Intermediate Nominees

*Barnett, Marc. **The Terrible Two** . Amulet, 2015*

AR 4.5 Pts: 4 *Genre: Humor/ Realistic Fiction*

When master prankster Miles Murphy moves to sleepy Yawnee Valley, he challenges the local, mystery prankster in an epic battle of tricks but soon the two join forces to pull off the biggest prank ever seen.

*Barnhill, Kelly. **The Witch's Boy**. Algonquin Young Readers, 2014*

AR 4.7 Pts: 13 *Genre: Fantasy/Adventure*

When a Bandit King comes to take the magic that Ned's mother, a witch, is meant to protect, the stuttering, weak boy villagers think should have drowned rather than his twin summons the strength to protect his family and community, while in the woods, the bandit's daughter puzzles over a mystery that ties her to Ned.

*Bell, CeCe. **El Deafo**. Amulet, 2014 AR 2.7 Pts: 2 *Genre: Biography**

A graphic novel memoir of author/illustrator Cece Bell, who grew up hearing impaired.

*Beil, Michael. **Lantern Sam and the Blue Streak Bandits**. Knopf, 2014*

AR 5.2 Pts: 9 *Genre: Animal Fantasy/Mystery*

In 1937, ten-year-old Henry Shipley must rely on a talking cat named Lantern Sam and a kindly conductor named Clarence to help solve the kidnapping of a young heiress aboard the Lake Erie Shoreliner passenger train.

*Burg, Ann E. **Serafina's Promise**. Scholastic Press, 2013 AR 3.6 Pts: 3*

Genre: Realistic Fiction

In a poor village outside of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Serafina works hard to help her family, but dreams of going to school and becoming a doctor--then the earthquake hits and Serafina must summon all her courage to find her father and still get medicine for her sick baby brother as she promised.

*Clements, Andrew. **The Map Trap**. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2014*

AR 5.3 Pts. 3 *Genre: Mystery/Realistic*

Sixth-grader Alton Barnes loves maps, and when his portfolio of secret maps is stolen, he begins getting notes with orders that he must obey to get the maps back but, with the help of a popular classmate, he just might succeed before his teacher, principal, or someone else learns he has been studying and mapping things about them.

*Fitzgerald, Laura Marx. **Under the Egg**. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2014*

AR 5.5 Pts: 7 *Genre: Mystery*

Her grandfather's dying words lead thirteen-year-old Theodora Tenpenny to a valuable, hidden painting she fears may be stolen, but it is her search for answers in her Greenwich Village neighborhood that brings a real treasure.

Hendrix, John. Shooting the Stars: The Christmas Truce of 1914 Abrams Books for Young Readers. AR 5.8 Pts: 0.5 *Genre: Historical Fiction*

In 1914 France, a British soldier writes to his mother about the strange events of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, when German and Allied soldiers met on neutral ground to share songs, food, and fun. Includes historical notes and glossary.

Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody. Secret of the Mountain Dog. Scholastic Press, 2014. AR 5.0 Pts: 7 *Genre: Mystery/Realistic Fiction*

Just when she needs it most, a little excitement comes to Jax's mountain in the form of a Tibetan mastiff dog. The dog leads her to a mountaintop monastery where a visiting Tibetan boy takes her on a search for a long-lost statue--a search that turns dangerous unexpectedly

Kostyal, K.M. George Washington's Rules to Live By: A Good Manners Guide from the Father of Our Country National Geographic Society, 2014.

AR not available *Genre: Nonfiction*

A modernized adaptation of more than one hundred maxims according to which the first president conducted his life shares insight into Washington's beliefs and the historical events of his time..

Larsen, Kirby. Dash. Scholastic Press. AR 3.9 Pts: 6 *Genre: Historical Fiction*

When her family is forced into an internment camp, Mitsi Kashino is separated from her home, her classmates, and her beloved dog Dash; and as her family begins to come apart around her, Mitsi clings to her one connection to the outer world--the letters from the kindly neighbor who is caring for Dash.

Lloyd, Natalie. A Snicker of Magic. Scholastic Press, 2014.

AR 4.7 Pts: 10 *Genre: Fantasy*

The Pickles are new to Midnight Gulch, Tennessee, a town which legend says was once magic--but Felicity is convinced the magic is still there, and with the help of her new friend Jonah the Beedle she hopes to bring the magic back.

Marino, Nan. Hiding Out at the Pancake Palace. Roaring Brook Press, 2013.

AR 4.0 Pts: 6 *Genre: Realistic Fiction*

When musical prodigy, Elvis Ruby, completely freezes up on television, he is forced to hide out in the Pinelands of New Jersey and try to find his way back to the music once again with the help of a new friend.

Martin, Ann. Rain, Reign. Feiwel and Friends, 2014 AR 4.3 Pts: 5

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Rose Howard is obsessed with homonyms, which is why she named her stray dog Rain, a name with two homonyms, which makes the name very special in Rose's mind. After recovering Rain from being lost in a severe thunderstorm, she discovers Rain has an implanted microchip and must face losing the dog once again.

McClure, Wendy. Wanderville. Razorbill, 2014. AR 4.8 Pts: 5.0

Genre: Historical Fiction

To escape rumored terrors in Kansas, New Yorkers Jack and Frances, eleven, and Frances's brother Harold, seven, jump off an orphan train in 1899 and help new friend Alexander to build Wanderville, a safe place for homeless children.

*Philbrick, Rodman. **Zane and the Hurricane: A Story of Karina.** The BlueSky Press, 2014. AR 5.3 Pts: 6.0 Genre: Historical/Realistic Fiction*

A twelve-year-old boy and his dog become trapped in New Orleans during the horrors of Hurricane Katrina.

*Shurtliff, Liesl. **Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin.** Knopf, 2013*

AR 4.4 Pts: 9 Genre: Fantasy/Humor

Relates the tale of Rumpelstiltskin's childhood and youth, explaining why his name is so important, how he is able to spin straw into gold, and why a first-born child is his reward for helping the miller's daughter-turned-queen.

*Turnage, Sheila. **The Ghost of Tupelo Landing.** Kathy Dawson Books, 2014*

AR 4.2 Pts: 10 Genre: Mystery

When Miss Lana accidentally buys a haunted inn at the Tupelo Landing town auction, Desperado Detectives--aka Mo LoBeau and her best friend Dale--opens up a paranormal division to solve the ghost's identity before the town's big 250th anniversary bash.

*Watson, Jude. **Loot: How to Steal a Fortune.** Scholastic Press, 2014 AR 4.2*

Pts: 8 Genre: Realistic/Adventure

When Alfie McQuinn, the notorious jewel thief, is killed on a job, his last words to his son, March, are to "find jewels" and this instruction leads the boy to Jules, the twin sister he never knew he had--and the perfect partner to carry on the family business"--Provided by publisher.

*Weston, Carol. **Ava and Pip.** Sourcebooks, Jabberwocky, 2014 AR 4.7 Pts: 5*

Genre: Realistic Fiction

When ten-year-old Ava uses her writing talents to help her older sister overcome her shyness, both girls learn the impact their words and stories can have on the world around them.